



Take a walk on the art side

North Sydney's residents are invited to take a walk around the art side of North Sydney on Sunday 17 June. Art along the Boardwalk, a new fixture on North Sydney Council's events calendar, is a celebration of local artwork and artists.

You can participate in the event by taking a leisurely stroll along the waterfront from Milsons Point to Lavender Bay to see both iconic and little-known artwork.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said while the waterfront walk was one of the most beautiful and popular in Sydney, many people had yet to discover all the creative treasures along the way.

"The walk includes the stunning art deco wall at North Sydney Olympic Pool, some of the superb historic art at Luna Park, Peter Kingston's endearing sculptures on Lavender Bay foreshore and the wonders of Wendy Whiteley's secret garden near Clark Park."

The self-guided walk begins at the start of the boardwalk outside North Sydney Olympic Pool. Information guides will be available from 10am until 4pm. The guide contains a map and suggested itinerary for your walk. It will also tell you about the artworks you will see and the artists who have worked and currently work in this beautiful part of Sydney.

Several local artists will be working at their easels along the boardwalk and people are welcome to stop and watch them work or have a chat.

There will be coffee and snacks available, as well as some truly creative surprises, along the way. The event is free.



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From the Mayor



Over the years, North Sydney Council has sometimes been criticised for being anti-development. In property circles, I guess that's an insult, but in local government, our community might view this quite differently.

Our job is to create well-managed sustainable communities that take into account the needs of everyone, not just special interest groups. Sometimes that means making a hard or unpopular decision to get a better result in the long term.

In the North Sydney CBD, for instance, we delayed finalising our planning controls until we could get a commitment from the State Government to upgrade North Sydney station. The upgrade is now underway and is due to be completed by next year.

North Sydney is the fourth busiest railway station in Sydney so I don't think anyone would argue that we didn't need a more efficient station with better access. I am sure that the tens of thousands of people who travel to North Sydney by train each day will be pleased we held the line.

Indeed, we have had to negotiate every aspect of our plans for the CBD with our business and residential communities and other levels of government. Council has long understood that

consulting our stakeholders produces better results, even if it does sometimes take a long time.

Our vision for the centre includes adding 250,000 square metres of commercial floor space and making it sustainable, more pedestrian friendly and re-invigorating the lane ways. Developers have got behind these ideas and each new development that comes to Council takes us further along the path. For example, the new Leightons building at 100 Pacific Highway created attractive open space and pedestrian access through to our heritage treasure, the Don Bank Museum.

Innovation Place in Arthur Street is environmentally state-of-the-art, while Ferrero has dramatically improved the energy efficiency of 168 Walker Street – no mean feat when you operate a chocolate cool room! Each new development or upgrade that comes to Council is making a significant contribution to the sustainability and liveability of our CBD.

A new, smarter CBD is emerging – with all the growth the centre needs, but no loss of amenity for the people who work there each day or our residents who live nearby. It may have taken time to reach this point, but I believe it will prove to be worth the wait.

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Winging it in McLaren Street



Photo: Wilf Faulkner

With their habitat disappearing, Powerful Owls (*Ninox strenua*) are now listed as one of our vulnerable species. We'd heard reports of sightings in Cremorne Point and were delighted to eyeball this youngster when it spent the day in a Plane Tree in McLaren Street, North Sydney. Powerful Owls grow to 55cm in length and can eat up to 350 possums a year, as well as mice, insects and other birds.

New Deadline for DA Lodgement

The new deadline for lodging development applications (DAs) at our Customer Service Centre is 5pm. The lodgement of DAs is a lengthy process requiring additional behind-the-scenes administration before it can be passed on for assessment at 8.30am the next day. To allow adequate time for processing, DAs will no longer be accepted after 5pm each weekday.

Rain, rain don't go away

In these drought-stricken times we've all watched water gushing down stormwater drains and wished we could capture it for later use. A rainwater tank does just that, storing water for use on gardens or to flush toilets.

If you are thinking of installing a rainwater tank and need more information to make the decision, come to our free rainwater tank seminar on Tuesday 26 June from 7pm-9pm in the Hutley Hall, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney.

Rainwater tanks are no longer just large, round and ugly. They come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours to complement the urban home. Experts from the Master Plumbers Association NSW will provide an overview of tank types and sizes and will explain legal requirements, approvals, rebates and plumbing connections.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and take a close look at a variety of different tanks and accessories that will be on display. Places are limited so please RSVP on 9936 8100.



Prepare for storms

The North Sydney State Emergency Services (SES) is urging residents to be prepared for storms, which can hit unexpectedly at any time of the year. North Sydney SES Controller Tim Kitching said that while severe storms may cause major damage there are some simple things that can be done before and during a storm to minimise the risk to people and property.

To be prepared, the SES advises homeowners to clean out their drains and gutters and to remove any loose objects from gardens and balconies. When the storm hits, residents are encouraged to stay indoors, away from windows.

If outdoors, people are advised to find shelter and stay clear of stormwater drains and trees. Motorists should pull over, preferably away from trees.

During storms, North Sydney SES volunteers are on hand to manage storm debris, to provide safe access to homes and businesses, to make temporary repairs to storm-damaged property and to assist people who are trapped or injured.



Vlad Kotlyar, Team Leader at North Sydney SES, taking part in an abseiling exercise.

If you need assistance during a storm phone the SES on 132 500.

The SES website www.northsydneyeses.com.au has good advice for developing a home emergency plan and a home emergency kit that will help you to think clearly and take everything you need if you have to evacuate your home.

Playtime at Bradfield Park



One of North Sydney's most popular parks has a new playground. Set in the shade of two magnificent ficus trees, the playground caters for children of all ages.

In acknowledgement of the nearby Harbour Bridge, which dominates Bradfield Park, the playground incorporates equipment with an 'industrial sculpture' theme, designed in a way that has minimum impact on surrounding views. For older children, there is a large cable structure supporting lots of climbing activities, while for youngsters there are twister games and stepping stones, plus traditional slides and a see-saw.

Project coordinator Melissa McManus said the playground's design had been well received since it opened. "The playground can cater for children ranging from toddlers to teenagers, but in a way that separates the different age groups. It also holds a large number of children in a relatively small space."

Adopt a Plot: help preserve our bush reserve



Council's successful Adopt A Plot program has been introduced in Wollstonecraft. Several residents and a strata title unit block have already 'adopted' a patch of bushland in Harry Howard Reserve.

The program invites residents to contribute their time and labour or make a financial donation towards the cost of the site being regenerated back to a native plant community. The donation is

matched by an equal donation from Council's Environmental Levy fund. With community involvement, the Harry Howard Reserve will be restored to a healthy and biodiverse plant community, with complex and multi-layered vegetation that will help it to remain weed free.

Local resident John McGregor said the program was a win-win for residents because the bushland

would be cleaned up and surrounding properties would increase in value.

"Our unit building chose to contribute funds to cleaning up our patch of bushland rather than doing the physical work ourselves," he said. "The contribution for our strata building worked out as a very small amount for each unit owner. I'd really recommend it to property owners as a cost-effective way of beautifying the local environment and adding value to their surroundings."

Hilary Walker (pictured) is choosing to do the work herself. "My neighbour and I are getting involved so that we can regenerate the native plants together, with a professional guiding us. The reserve will look much better from our balconies too!"

Adopt A Plot began as a joint initiative of Council and residents of Cremorne Point. Since 2005, Cremorne Point residents have adopted 26 bush plots and contributed 340 hours of weeding time. Their financial partnership with Council has seen 1200 native plants established in bushland where once only weeds flourished.

"There are literally hundreds of potential plot sites in bushland across North Sydney," said Bushcare Officer Megan Hughes. "By encouraging residents to participate in the care of bushland, we are able to stretch Council's resources and together work on creating better habitat for our native fauna and flora."

More Go Get Cars

Four more Go Get car share vehicles are coming to North Sydney this month. Go Get provides residents with a range of vehicles, available on demand and on a pay-as-you-go basis. Council will allocate four more 'pods' for the cars to be parked: one in Miller Street, near McKenzie Street, one on Kirribilli Avenue, one in Ben Boyd Road and one in Emmett

Street. There are already seven cars located in North Sydney at Kirribilli, McMahons Point, Neutral Bay and St Leonards.

Residents who join the scheme will be able to book a car, via phone or internet, for as little as half an hour or as long as several days. For more information phone 1300 769 389 or visit www.goget.com.au



Wollstonecraft Precinct Reactivates

Wollstonecraft Precinct is meeting again, after being out of operation for about 18 months. For details of the date and venue, please see Council's website, under Meetings > Precincts.

Precincts are established in neighbourhoods across the North Sydney local government area and their monthly meetings are open to anyone who lives, works, studies or owns property in the area. Precincts provide Council with suggestions, ideas and opinions on local issues; they also run their own community-building projects such as street parties and giant garage sales.



Cammeray Dam tees off



Work is starting on Cammeray Dam, thanks to a generous State Government grant.

North Sydney's largest sporting and recreational area will soon be irrigated using recycled water. An extensive irrigation system is being installed for St Leonards Park, North Sydney Oval and the Bon Andrews Oval.

The North Sydney Stormwater Re-use Scheme, informally known as the Cammeray Dam, will allow stormwater from a 94-hectare catchment area to be pumped back to St Leonards Park for watering the grass and playing fields.

St Leonards Park is well-used by both residents and the business community for recreation, including touch footy games, and the turf is suffering under the current Level 3 water restrictions. Portions of the

park are regularly closed off to the public because the damaged grass cannot be sufficiently watered using town water for it to recover.

The innovative project was initiated by the Cammeray Golf Club in 2002, when it sought Council support for a water recycling project to keep the links well watered. A feasibility study showed that a storage dam on the golf course could not only be used to irrigate the course, but also St Leonards, Primrose, Tunks and Forsyth Parks.

Since then the scheme has been refined to allow a gross pollutant trap (GPT) on the golf course to clean and store water for St Leonards Park, while a dam provides water for the golf course and Primrose Park.

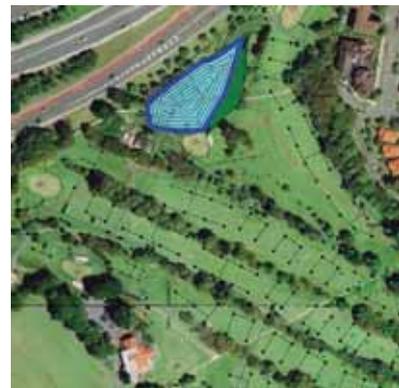
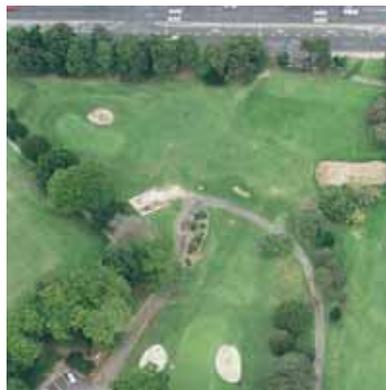
The GPT has been installed using funding from Council, the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) and the RTA. Stages two and three of the project - the irrigation systems for St Leonards Park and the golf course,

and the construction of the dam - are now underway thanks to further significant grants from DEUS (now the Department of Water and Energy) and the NSW Environmental Trust.

Design Engineer Rob Lenferna said the decision to use the GPT as a storage tank was made because the existing stormwater culvert flows at two litres per second, even during dry weather.

"A CCTV check of the box culvert [underground stormwater drain] showed it is in sound condition and is suitable for installing the piping to pump recycled water from the GPT to St Leonards Park. This stage of the work also includes installing water treatment equipment and additional storage capacity in the park.

"The irrigation system will allow the curator of St Leonards Park to customise irrigation to separate parts of the park and ovals as required."



Mr Lenferna said drawing water from the stormwater would not significantly affect the flow further downstream at Willoughby Falls, which are heritage listed.

“We will be taking just 4% of the annual water flow from the falls. With the urbanisation of the catchment, much more water flows through the falls than would have in the past, so if anything, we will be returning the falls to their more natural state. We hope the reduced

flow will help reduce weed growth in the bushland at Primrose Park.”

Construction of the dam, which will also serve as a water feature for the golf course, and the golf course irrigation system, will begin in the next financial year. The dam will be approximately 45m by 35m in size, and three metres at its greatest depth. It is hoped that it will become habitat to wildlife such as ducks.

Stage four of the project will involve extending the irrigation from the dam to Primrose Park, while local GPTs are now planned as the water source for irrigating Tunks and Forsyth Parks.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said the project was an outstanding example of what could be achieved when government and community groups worked together. “This project will save 90 million litres of potable water each year. Although it is expensive installing such infrastructure in built areas, we expect the project to pay for itself within 20 years. I am delighted that DEUS has been able to provide significant funding to allow the project to go ahead.”

Water quality

Is stormwater safe for the grass and human contact? While the quality of stormwater varies widely over time, our tests showed the only contaminants of real concern were high turbidity (ie it was dirty) and a high faecal coliform levels. The water also had high levels of calcium and sodium, which would build up and adversely affect the grass over time.

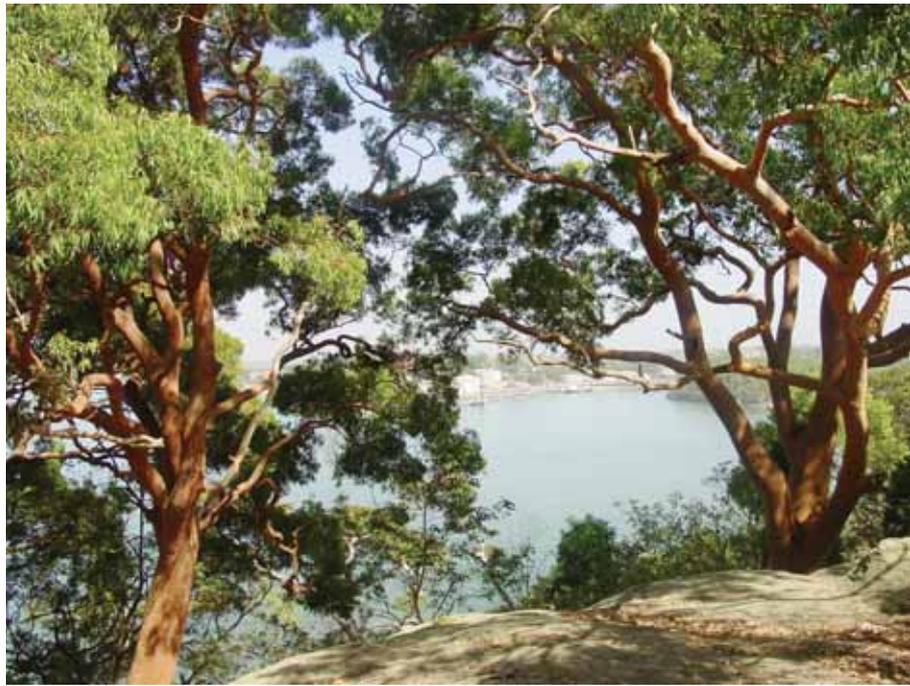
The irrigation system being installed will filter the water to remove the dirt then pass it slowly through UV light to kill any bacteria. The scheme also includes a system that will allow us to deactivate excess minerals in water. While the water will not be safe to drink, it will be safe for human and turf health.

How we will pay

funding sources for our water re-use scheme

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| DEUS Round 1 grant funding | \$200,000 |
| *excludes \$100,000 already spent in 2005/2006 | |
| DEUS Round 3 grant funding | \$1,200,000 |
| NSW Environmental Trust | \$240,000 |
| NSC Environmental Levy funding | \$120,000 |
| NSC Section 94 developer contributions | \$175,000 |
| NSC Capital Reserves | \$450,599 |
| Cammeray Golf Club | \$150,000 |

The trouble with trees



Trees are a source of delight for many and play a valuable role in off-setting the environmental damage created by our modern lifestyles. So why do they become a target of vandalism and fights between neighbours?

In harbourside suburbs, the bone of contention is almost always the views. However, loss of light is also a common concern, as are overhanging branches, dead or rotten trees, unsuitable plantings, drainage blocked by root systems and cracking fences and pathways.

The State Government recently passed a new law aimed at reducing conflict over trees where they have caused, are causing or are likely to cause damage to property or an injury to a person.

The new legislation, known as the Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Bill 2006, allows disputes over trees to be resolved through the Land and Environment Court. Under the Trees Bill, the court is now able to make orders on trees that are causing damage or danger to adjoining properties, or have the potential to do so.

Orders made by the court may include payment of costs and compensation for damage; replacement of trees and authorising entry to a property to remove trees. The Act does not apply to disputes between neighbours regarding light access or views.

While the Act is a safety net for residents at financial or personal risk from a neighbour's tree, it states that all reasonable steps must be taken to resolve the dispute before resorting to the court.

If the tree is on a neighbour's property...

If you are concerned about a neighbour's tree, the first step should be to discuss the matter directly with the neighbour. Your neighbour may simply not be aware of the adverse impact the tree is having on you or your property.

If you cannot reach a resolution, contact Council. We may be able to provide advice and can issue an order if the tree is dead or unhealthy and there is a risk that

falling branches may cause an injury to someone.

If the matter remains unresolved, the next step is to seek formal mediation through a Community Justice Centre, which allows neighbours to meet voluntarily with an impartial third party as mediator.

The emphasis is on allowing people to work it out between them, but with a binding agreement on paper to ensure the problem is resolved. The service is free.

For more information, visit www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au or phone 1800 671 964

If you are unable to reach an agreed resolution, you can then refer the matter to the Land and Environment Court for an order under the Act.

If the tree is on public land....

Of course, sometimes the tree that causes grief is on public land. In this instance, you should contact Council and advise us of your concerns. A trained arborist will make a free appointment to visit you to discuss the issues.

Each tree dispute is dealt with on a case-by-case basis. In most instances, we will seek to resolve concerns by pruning rather than removing a tree.

In instances of blocked sewer lines, for example, trees will only be removed where there are no permanent repair alternatives. As a general rule, we will approve pruning of street trees for views and solar access, but not trees in bushland reserves.

Tree Vandalism

When it comes to destroying trees on public land, North Sydney takes a tough stance. The Council recently adopted a policy to erect a large 2.5 x 2.5 metre sign near any poisoned tree and leave it there until the tree either recovers or a replacement tree grows to the same size.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said that while she is aware that this policy will affect innocent people who live near poisoned trees, she believes the Council has no other option if it is to protect its foreshore reserves.

“The Council regrets the impact that the signs have on innocent members of the community. However, the incidence of tree poisoning is increasing in North Sydney and we have to make a strong stand to protect our trees.

“If we don’t there won’t be any trees on any foreshore reserve in North Sydney. This won’t be good for our environment and I don’t believe it is what the wider community wants for our Harbour. One of the things that sets Sydney apart from other cities is our beautiful green foreshore and this foreshore belongs to all of Sydney, not just those of us privileged to live near it.”

The new signs were recently erected in Wonga Road, Cremorne where five trees were poisoned: four *Eucalyptus sieberi* (Silvertop Ash) and one *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum). Four are still alive, however, at the time of writing, one of the Silvertop Ash trees appeared to be dying.

Council is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the successful prosecution of the person responsible. People found guilty of tree poisoning can face fines of up to \$1.2 million.

Trees on your property – what you can do

There are strict guidelines for pruning and removing trees in North Sydney. If in doubt, contact Council on 9936 8100 before taking action.

You must have written permission from Council to:

- Prune or remove trees listed on Council’s significant tree register
- Prune or remove trees more than 5m tall on a heritage-listed property
- Prune or remove Port Jackson and Moreton Bay Figs, or Sydney Red Gums more than 5m tall or wide
- Prune or remove any other tree taller or wider than 10m

You do not need Council permission to:

- Remove trees declared dead by an arborist
- Prune deadwood
- Remove trees declared noxious, including African Olives and Cocos Palms

- Remove trees as part of a development approval, after a construction certificate is obtained



News in brief

Save Graythwaite – campaign update

The final Supreme Court hearing on the future of the Graythwaite estate will be held on 10, 11 and 12 July. The community group Friends of Graythwaite is urging residents to attend the hearings; to assist coordination of community attendance please email info@graythwaite.org.au

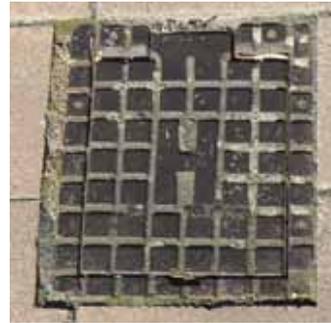
“Graythwaite is a vitally important part of our ANZAC and North Sydney heritage and must be retained in public ownership,” said Tim Hughes, chairperson of Friends of Graythwaite. “Now is the time the community needs to step up and show their support for preserving this unique part of our history.”

Graythwaite was given to the people of NSW as a convalescent home in the aftermath of Gallipoli in 1915 and is still being used for aged care. However, NSW Health is seeking to break the trust and sell the estate. North Sydney Council believes the terms of the trust can still be fulfilled on the site and has joined the fight to keep the estate intact.

While the Graythwaite mansion is closed, the estate’s extensive gardens are open to the public. To showcase this heritage jewel, Friends of Graythwaite volunteers will conduct free, guided tours around the gardens from 9.30am to 1.30pm on Sunday 24 June. Enter from 50 Union Street, North Sydney. For more information visit www.graythwaite.org.au or www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

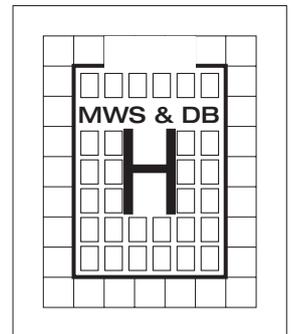
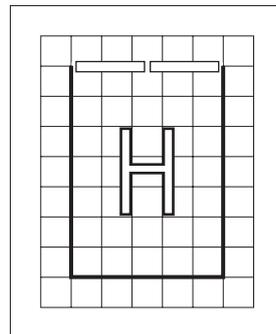


Don't hide your hydrant



The Fire Brigade is appealing to North Sydney residents to keep fire hydrants clear. A hydrant is a valve connected to the water main that gives the Fire Brigade direct access to the water supply in an emergency.

Fire hydrants are positioned along the street at about 90 metre intervals. If you have a hydrant on the verge near you, please check that it is not accidentally covered with soil or overgrown with grass. You can recognise a hydrant by its cast iron lid with an H symbol.



Sparks fly at Energy Forum

An occasionally feisty, full house of more than 220 people attended the Council’s Energy Forum in April, which was moderated by the ABC *Stateline* presenter Quentin Dempster and attended by a panel of energy experts.

Plenty of debate on alternative sources of electricity and potential solutions to the problem of greenhouse gas emissions emerged, with Dr Mark Diesendorf and Ric Brazzale putting the case for renewable energy, Dr John Harries speaking on behalf of the nuclear power industry and Barry Hooper explaining the ‘clean coal’ option.

If you missed the forum, you can download copies of the presentations from our website www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

What's on in North Sydney in Autumn

Arts/Music/Literature

- Now – 30 June Royal Art Society pastel paintings exhibition, Don Bank Museum, Wednesdays & Sundays 1pm-4pm, 9936 8400
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- 6 June Bill Coppel Young Writers Award – winners presentation night 7pm, Stanton Library, 9936 8400
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- 15 June Creating Wellbeing painting workshop at Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre, 1pm-3pm, 9922 4428 or info@kncsydney.org
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- 17 June Art on the Boardwalk – an outdoor exhibition and celebration of North Sydney art. Milsons Point to Lavender Bay, 10am-4pm, 9936 8585
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- 17 June Page to Stage auditions at The Independent Theatre, 9am-4pm. Open to young dramatists aged 13-18 years. For details visit www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au or 9519 5295
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- 8 – 15 July Naidoc Week: Display of Artwork by school students. Commonwealth Bank, Military Road, Neutral Bay, 9909 0203
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- 22 – 30 July North Sydney Art Prize – exhibition of entries at Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council, 10am-4pm Mon-Fri; 12-4pm weekends 9936 8100
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- 23 August Children's Book Week Picnic Tea, 6pm-7.30pm Stanton Library 9936 8400
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Community events

- 1 June – 7 July Celebrate Indigenous culture at the Guringai Festival. Activities at various locations throughout North Sydney; download a program of events at www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au
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- 12 June Free workshop for parents and supervisors of young drivers. Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council, 6.30pm, 9936 8100
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- 30 June Guringai Festival Family Fun Day, Stanton Library, 11am-1pm, 9936 8400. Free.
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Guringai Festival Family Fun Day

Corroboree, Culture, and Community will be celebrated through stories, displays, painting activities and bush tucker to taste at Stanton Library on Saturday 30 June. A special guest at the event, held in the children's section on the lower ground floor of Stanton Library, will be Allan Vousden the Bush Tucker Fella, guaranteed to enchant with his Aboriginal tales. The fun day is part of the Guringai Festival, a Northern Sydney celebration of Aboriginal history and culture. For more information, phone 9936 8400.

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



Eco events

- 4-8 June E-waste round up – free collection of your old computer and electronic equipment. Bookings essential 1300 799 019
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- 26 June Rainwater Tank Seminar – information about installation, types of tanks, and approval processes. Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council, 7pm-9pm. Free, but bookings essential 9936 8100
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- 16 July Field trip to Blue Gum High Forest, Pymble. Discover the natural wonders of this rare and endangered forest, 9.30am-1.30pm. Meet at North Sydney Council, limited places available. Bookings 9936 8100
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- 18 July Trees in North Sydney – all you need to know at this free presentation. Hutley Hall, Council Chambers, 6pm-8pm 9936 8100
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- 29 July Plant a tree for our environment on National Tree Day at Hamilton Reserve, Cammeray (cnr Vale St & Bridgeview Ave) and join us for a BBQ afterwards! 9am-12 noon. For more information, phone Council's Bushcare staff on 9936 8100.
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- 4 August Gain deeper insights into Aboriginal culture, including participating in an archeological dig. Lunch provided, 9am-4pm. To book, phone Council's Bushcare department on 9936 8100.
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- 8 & 9 Sept Join the annual Bridges to Boorowa in the Lachlan Valley to plant habitat for endangered wildlife and help combat salinity. For more information and bookings phone Council's Bushcare team on 9936 8100.



Sport

- 2, 16, 30 June Enjoy first grade rugby union action at North Sydney Oval in the Toohey's Shute Shield. For ticket information and full details phone 9936 8585 or visit www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/recreation
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- 9, 23 June 21 July 18 Aug Watch the North Sydney Bears go round in the NRL Premier League and Jersey Flegg competitions. For full details 9936 8585 or visit www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Museums & other places of interest

- Sextons Cottage Museum & St Thomas Rest Park
Site of the first burial ground on the North Shore 9957 1557
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- North Sydney Heritage Centre
A new centre at Stanton Library dedicated to exhibitions, research and collections of North Sydney's early history 9936 8400
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- Nutcote
Home of children's author & 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 McKillop Place
Tombsite and museum dedicated to the life of Mary McKillop, 7 Mount Street, North Sydney 8912 4878

Talking Books If you're a book lover and live or work in North Sydney, you need to keep an eye out for the Writers at Stanton program. It features Australian and international talks by authors of newly published books. See Council's website for details of talks.