



Catch a Match of the Women's World Cup

North Sydney Oval is the official broadcast venue of the ICC Women's World Cup Australia 2009. Eight matches will be hosted there in March, including the final. Australia will defend the title it won after defeating India in the final in South Africa in 2005.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said she hopes residents will flock to the venue to watch history unfold. "This is a great opportunity to see our Australian women in action against New Zealand, India and England. It is going to be really exciting to see our Australian team defending their world title.

"The organisers are making it a family-friendly event. Family tickets are available from \$10 and there will be face-painting and other activities for children."

The 25-match tournament will be played at six venues in Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle and Bowral from 7-22 March 2009. The first match at North Sydney Oval will be Australia vs New Zealand on Sunday 8 March, which is International Women's Day.

Australia and India are the tournament's two top seeds, with New Zealand and England viewed as the other two main chances for the title. The other teams taking part are Sri Lanka, West Indies, South Africa and Pakistan.

The Women's World Cup has been running for longer than the men's version and was first staged in England in 1973, when it was won by the hosts, who beat Australia by 118 runs in the final at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Tickets available from www.cricket.com.au/wwctickets



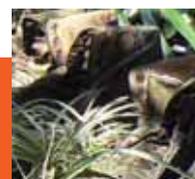
Dates for the diary

Preliminary Series matches at North Sydney Oval

Sunday 8 March	Australia vs New Zealand
Tuesday 10 March	India vs England
Thursday 12 March	England vs Pakistan

Final Series matches at North Sydney Oval

Saturday 14 March	Thursday 19 March
Tuesday 17 March	Sunday 22 March (final)



From the Mayor



North Sydney lost one of its living treasures last month with the passing of Ruby Graham. She will be sadly missed by her many North Sydney friends.

But Ruby leaves a legacy that will be enjoyed by generations to come. Ruby, with her late husband Lex, transformed the eastern side of Cremorne Point Reserve from a lantana-infested dump into a beautiful garden.

It started in 1959 when Lex found a bulb from an elephant ear plant washed up in a rock pool. He planted it and, when it began to shoot, Ruby added cuttings. So began a labour of love that would last for more than four decades.

Ruby and Lex worked for hours in the reserve, removing dumped rubbish and creating terraces and pathways. The result is a garden of mixed natives and exotics that is breathtakingly beautiful. It is a magical place for children to play and perfect for a moment of quiet reflection. Not surprisingly, the garden attracts visitors from around the world.



But Ruby's legacy goes beyond her immediate garden. Ruby and Lex demonstrated what could happen if residents took care of public land.

Since their garden started, many other residents have started to care for reserves and areas of public open space near their home, including Wendy Whiteley who has created an extraordinary garden in Lavender Bay and Alan Baldry who has transformed a bushland reserve in Cammeray.

Council now has thriving Bushcare and Streets Alive programs with teams of wonderful volunteers. What a fantastic gift our volunteers give to our community. Like Ruby, they are also building a legacy that will be enjoyed by generations to come.

I encourage you to attend one of the women's cricket matches to be played at North Sydney Oval this month. The Oval is a beautiful venue, and the teams are expected to play some lively cricket, so you're sure to have a wonderful day.

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Pigeon Pests



While pigeons may seem benign, large populations can spread disease, damage buildings and affect Australian wildlife.

Feral pigeons attract vermin such as cockroaches and rats, and they spread fleas and lice.

Their droppings can transmit diseases to humans, such as salmonellosis, which affects the lower respiratory system. Pigeons also harbour protozoan disease,

which damages the central nervous system and eyes.

Pigeon droppings are also highly corrosive and damage buildings, structures, roofs and air-conditioning units. Finally, pigeons increase the risk of passing on parasites to the domestic and seabird populations.

There are a number of ways we can control the pigeon population in North Sydney.

1. Do not feed the pigeons

Do not feed pigeons in public places. At home, remove all sources of food and water ie outdoor pet bowls, bird feeders and bird baths. Firmly close and cover rubbish bins.

2. Prevent nests

Block gutters and any other possible nest locations. Install roosting barriers where appropriate.

3. Pigeon-proof your place

Install automatic doors and fly screens to prevent birds entering your home or office. Use knitted wire mesh to keep birds out of outdoor living areas.

Street Lighting Cost Review

Thirty-four Sydney, Central Coast and Hunter Valley councils have won a stay of execution on a proposed 67% increase in street lighting costs by Energy Australia. The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) accepted the councils' argument that the pricing schedule needs to be overhauled.

Energy Australia's proposed 67% price hike for 2009-2014 follows cost increases of 40% over the past four years. Energy Australia's price last year was 84% higher than that of Integral Energy, which

supplies power to Western Sydney and the Illawarra. The AER is now undertaking a comprehensive review of the pricing schedules and will release its findings on 9 March for comment.

The 34 councils, including North Sydney, have also raised concerns about the level of service provided by Energy Australia and the poor-performing and obsolete lighting technology being used.

Energy Australia has now agreed to establish a joint technical working

group to advise on technology and to trial some of the next generation technologies such as LED and off-peak dimming systems.

Council's Director of Property and Engineering Services Greg Cooper said the price review was a significant win in the battle to improve street lighting. "Unfortunately, street lighting is a monopoly service and for several years we have been asked to accept poor service and out-of-date technology at exorbitant prices.

"We now appear to be getting broad consensus on the lighting choices for main and residential roads and Energy Australia has expressed a willingness to continue discussions on other lighting options."

Take the Climate Challenge



Jonathan Boys, from NCC and North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery with Dom Dowling, the first North Sydney resident to take up the challenge

The North Sydney Climate Challenge is a simple and fun way to reduce your household's greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint. All residents are invited to sign up for the free program which includes interesting events and great prizes.

"The Challenge makes it easy to reduce your greenhouse pollution by providing one-on-one support, interesting community events and step-by-step energy saving actions," said Jonathan Boys from the Nature Conservation Council, which is coordinating the project in partnership with Council.

The first to sign up for the North Sydney Climate Challenge are Dom and Simone Dowling. The Wollstonecraft couple already endeavour to reduce, reuse and recycle, but say they want to do more. "We'll be using the Challenge to get ideas, motivate us and encourage others to be involved," said Dom.

"We already use energy efficient globes and instant gas hot water, we opt for natural light to save electricity and we open windows and doors instead of turning on the fan, but we know there are other options. Because we live in a rented apartment, we're looking for simple and practical things we can do that don't involve major renovations."

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said participants who complete the Challenge can win some excellent prizes for reducing their own household emissions. "The Challenge booklet has

a list of suggestions, such as switching appliances off at the wall and purchasing GreenPower through an accredited green energy supplier as well as car pooling with neighbours and friends or better still, taking public transport or walking," said Mayor McCaffery.

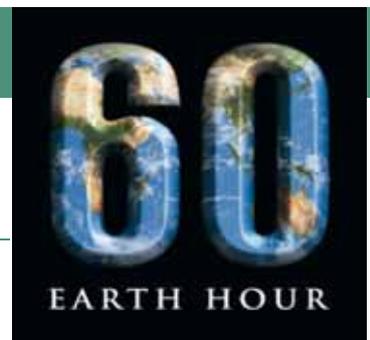
"Many of us know we should do more to reduce our household emissions but it is hard to get started. This program provides advice and encouragement and lets everyone choose changes appropriate for their family and lifestyle."

So what are you waiting for North Sydney? Take up the Climate Challenge today. Register at www.climatechallenge.org.au or call 9279 2633.

Earth Hour 2009

Switch off in support of Earth Hour

8.30pm Saturday
28 March



Earth Hour began two years ago, when more than two million people and 2100 Sydney businesses turned off their lights for one hour, reducing Sydney's energy consumption by 10.2% for that hour.

Last year, Earth Hour went global as millions of people in cities across the world sent a silent message to their governments and leaders that they wanted the threat of climate change to be taken seriously. To be involved in this year's Earth Hour, register at www.earthhour.org

Small business, large savings

Council's new Green Business Energy Saving Program is helping small and medium-sized businesses reduce their energy bills and minimise their greenhouse gas emissions.

The program, being run in partnership with Global Sustainability Initiatives, provides low-cost, simple energy audits for local businesses. The results of each audit are used to recommend energy-saving measures, which are provided at discounted rates.

With energy bills expected to rise next year to cover infrastructure renewal and again in 2010 to support the Federal Government's carbon pollution reduction scheme, businesses are facing significant increases in their electricity and gas



bills. As lighting accounts for more than 65% of commercial tenancy energy costs, simple measures such as replacing inefficient globes can make a significant difference to energy bills.

Local businesses that register with the program may also be eligible for

a grant from the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change to offset the cost of energy-efficient equipment.

For more information, or to register for the program, phone Larissa Miller, Sustainable Business Coordinator, on 9936 8363 or email larissa.miller@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Bush Windfall



Council has secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in State government grants for much-needed bushland rehabilitation projects.

The NSW Environmental Trust has awarded a \$250,000 grant, over three years, to address some causes of bushland degradation such as leaking sewers, tree vandalism, rubbish dumping and domestic pets. The project will also update information on species diversity in local bushland.

A \$130,000 grant from the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access program will be used to upgrade and repair bushland walking tracks in Gore Cove and Balls Head. New sandstone steps, raised boardwalks, timber handrails and viewing platforms will be built, and interpretive signage installed.

Our outstanding citizens

Citizen of the Year – Sandra Bates

Sandra Bates has received the Citizen of the Year award for her 30-year involvement with Kirribilli's Ensemble Theatre. The Ensemble celebrated its 50th anniversary last year and the tireless work and dedication of Ms Bates has contributed greatly to its longevity and success.

Ms Bates took on the role of artistic director at the Ensemble Theatre 22 years ago, on the retirement of the theatre's founder Hayes Gordon.

"We receive very little funding so we must rely on



the box office to keep us afloat... that keeps us honest though, which is good. We're dependent on selling

tickets so we must put on plays that people want to see," said Ms Bates.

Young Citizens of the Year – Ariana Ladopoulos and Jaya Keaney



Two students from North Sydney Girls High School, Ariana Ladopoulos and Jaya Keaney, have jointly received the Young Citizen of the Year Award in recognition of their fundraising efforts for charities including Oxfam, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Beacon Foundation, Stewart House and Canteen among others.

"I believe it is important to get to the grass roots, which is why we started the Hands On Aid program where we do more than raise money

and awareness – we volunteer. That way we can help people in our own community who are less fortunate than ourselves," said Jaya Keaney, who is the president of North Sydney Girls' Charities Council.

"The three causes most important to me are Human Rights, Animal Welfare and the Environment – and I don't think you can separate them. I'm starting up an Animal Welfare group at school this year," said 14-year-old Ariana Ladopoulos.

Community Event of the Year – North Shore Historical Society



Winners of the Community Event of the Year award are the members of the North Shore Historical Society. The award was received by Brian Evesson and Geoff Huntington for the Society's latest project: indexing and digitising the North Shore Historical Society Journal and placing it on the internet, as part of the Stanton Library Heritage

Centre's database on the North Sydney Council website.

"It was 12 solid months of typing, checking and re-checking," said Mr Huntington, whose computer and web expertise was greatly appreciated by the Society. Mr Evesson added: "Now we're looking at expanding the project, starting with the Society's minutes."

Testing our 2020 Vision



Council wants your help in planning for the future of North Sydney. We're currently reviewing our strategic plan, known as 2020 Vision, and we want you to have your say.

The 2020 Vision was developed in 2004 after extensive community consultation. But communities don't remain static, so it's time to review the plan and ensure its directions still reflect the aspirations of our community today.

We'll be using the answers you provide to refine our plan so that it continues to reflect your priorities for the future. We'll also use your feedback to develop indicators to measure North Sydney's progress towards a sustainable future. We're working towards quadruple bottom line sustainability - in social equity, environmental quality, economic prosperity and good governance.

The first phase of the consultation includes a series of community workshops for residents and businesses. If you are unable to attend a workshop, you can complete an on-line survey on Council's website or fill out a feedback form, available from Stanton Library or Council's Customer Service Centre.

We'll evaluate the initial feedback, then run a second series of workshops to validate the priorities. A draft of the new 2020 Vision will be placed on exhibition for public comment in July.

The current 2020 Vision is available at www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Workshop dates

Stage 1

Business Community - Friday 6 March, 8.30am to 1.30pm

Residential Community - Saturday 7 March, 9am to 1pm

Stage 2

Business Community - Friday 3 April, 8.30am to 1.30pm

Residential Community - Saturday 4 April, 9am to 1pm

All workshops will be held in the Hutley Hall at the Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney. To register and for more information please phone 9936 8463 or email council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Our Directions

Our 2020 Vision sets directions for 10 different areas of Council activities and services. They are:

Environmental Sustainability

Neighbourhoods and Streetscapes

Transport and Parking

North Sydney Central Business District

Open Space and Recreation

A Sense of Community

Community Services and Facilities

Local Infrastructure

Governance and Organisation

Finance

New CBD Sculpture

North Sydney's newest public artwork has been installed on the corner of Miller and Berry Streets, North Sydney.

Created by sculptor Richard Byrnes, *Harbour Cycles* is cast in aluminium and stands just over six metres in height (including plinth). The sculpture was inspired by neighbouring architecture and the natural environment.

"The sculpture references the complexity, vibrancy and ambition of the North Sydney locality," said Mr Byrnes.

The work was commissioned by Council as part of the Public Domain Strategy to incorporate more public art works within the North Sydney central business district.

Richard Byrnes's work is currently held in private and public galleries including the National Gallery, the University of NSW, Newcastle and Manning Regional Galleries. His dog sculptures can be seen in Newtown and his work has featured in *Sculpture by the Sea*.



Migrant Employment Expo

The Northern Sydney Region Migrant Employment Expo is targeted at migrants, including skilled migrants, refugees, humanitarian migrants, and those who have moved to Australia to be with their family.

The Expo aims to:

- promote employment, training and volunteering opportunities
- build relationships between job seekers, employers and employment agencies

This year's Expo will focus on the retail, tourism and hospitality, and transport sectors. Activities will include information stalls, seminars and one-to-one sessions with industry experts.

For more information, please contact James Marshall, Council's Community Worker – Social Planning, on 9936 8193.

Northern Sydney Region Migrant Employment Expo

Retail, Tourism & Hospitality and Transport

Date: Wednesday 6 May

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: North Sydney Council, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney



Seniors Week



North Sydney's seniors are encouraged to explore a new area of activity during Seniors Week, 15–22 March. This year's program is packed with activities to entertain, challenge, inspire and reward our seniors.

At Stanton Library there's a focus on computer and internet skills, with a number of classes for all abilities, from beginner to advanced. The library's highlight will be a bush ballad bonanza on Thursday 19 March by Warren Fahey and his larrikin mates, with afternoon tea provided.

For the energetic, the North Sydney Olympic Pool is offering aqua aerobics on Monday 16 and Thursday 19 March, while Cammeray Croquet Club is inviting seniors to 'come and try' on Wednesday 18 March.

On Friday 20 March there will be a computer open day at Neutral Bay Community Centre and a lunch with entertainment at the Crows Nest Centre. The Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre will hold a barbecue on Wednesday 18 March.

The Seniors Moments Photographic Exhibition opens on 17 March in the Hutley Hall. The exhibition runs until Friday 20 March. For more information on any Seniors Week activities phone 9936 8100.

Putting walking on the map

If you're planning to walk the streets and bushland of North Sydney, there's a series of brochures that not only use detailed maps to tell you how to get from A to B, but also suggest places of interest and attractions in between.

Walking North Sydney Circle Walks is a set of six brochures that covers Milsons Point to Waverton, Waverton to Wollstonecraft, Wollstonecraft to Northbridge, Northbridge to Cremorne Junction, Cremorne Junction to Shell Cove, and Shell Cove to Milsons Point.

Neutral Bay resident Bill Orme began plotting his *Walking* maps for North Sydney in 2000, when he was exploring the area with his grandson in the hope of finding some endangered frogs. A few years later, after much perseverance, the help of a few like-minded individuals known as the Walking Volunteers, and North Sydney Council funding, Mr Orme published his first brochure *Walking North Sydney 2005*.

The *Walking* maps now cover not only North Sydney and surrounds, but also Lane Cove, Willoughby, Mosman, Hunters Hill, Manly and around Sydney Harbour. The most recent brochure stretches from Palm Beach to Cronulla. Nineteen Sydney councils and NSW Planning jointly fund the project

"It has just taken off to almost a staggering extent," said Mr Orme, whose home overlooks much of the area covered by his first brochure.

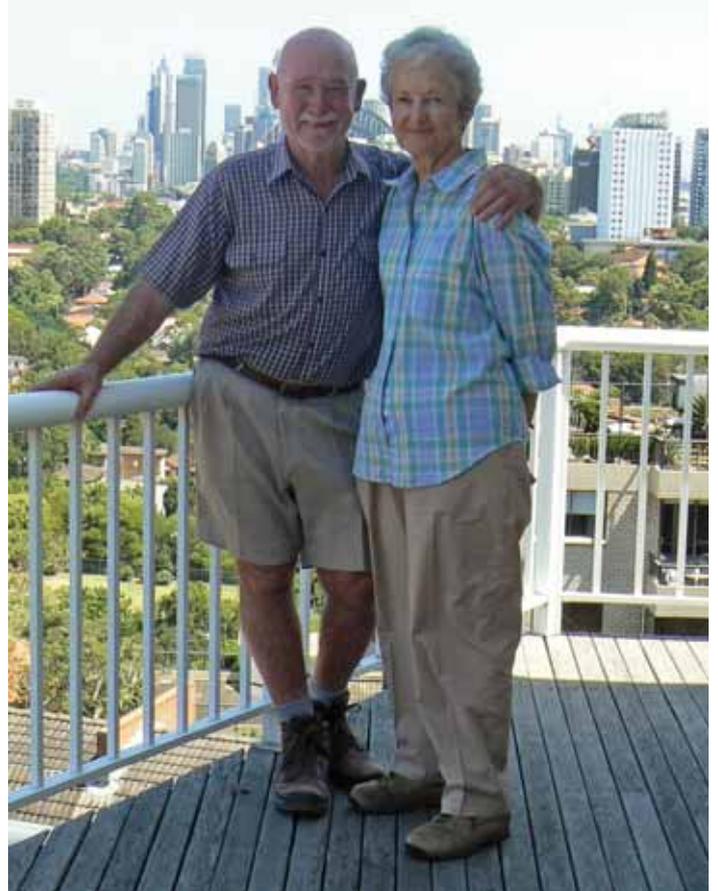
The *Walking* brochures have proved extremely popular with tourists, with the two largest Sydney visitor centres regularly running out of copies. QANTAS also promotes the *Walking* brochures in a special in-flight newspaper given to all passengers on international flights landing in Sydney.

Mr Orme, who with his wife Nedra spends half of every year pounding the pavement in overseas destinations such as Italy and France, says he has been influenced by European walking maps. "The French walking network is the best in the world. Their brochures are also made solely by volunteers and cover thousands of kilometres.

"Every time we tackle the French terrain, someone tells us about a spot we haven't seen or heard of and that's great because we never walk the same road twice."

Mr Orme hopes that his *Walking* brochures 'down under' will encourage residents and visitors alike to explore new areas, while boosting their fitness and health.

Hard copies of the various brochures can be picked up from Stanton Library or Council's Customer Service Centre. Copies can also be downloaded from the North Sydney Council website and the walking coastal Sydney website www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au



Bill and Nedra Orme (top) have turned their old boots into a garden feature (above)

Precincts pushing 40

North Sydney Council pioneered the concept of forming resident groups to provide feedback to Council. Precincts were first introduced in North Sydney in the early 1970s to assist Council with the development of the 1972 Residential Flat Code.

Until 1988, North Sydney was the only council with such an extensive community consultation program. Since then, many metropolitan and rural councils across Australia have followed the model, introducing their own groups or forums to facilitate neighbourhood consultation.

In North Sydney, Precinct Committees meet regularly to discuss issues affecting their local area. While they continue to operate under the auspice of Council, they are independent in their activities and decision making.

As you'll see from some of the stories included on this page, Precinct Committees don't limit their activities to talking. The Committees are keen to build community within their local area and most run social activities or projects during the year that bring people together. The activities of each Precinct reflect the interests, priorities and needs of each different neighbourhood.

For more information about the Precinct Committee nearest you visit www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/precincts or contact Council's Community Engagement Coordinator on 9936 8463.



Cremorne Ward Forum

Residents living in Cremorne Ward are invited to a community forum on Tuesday 31 March from 6pm to 8pm at Council's Hutley Hall, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney.

The forum will give residents in Cremorne, Cremorne Point and Neutral Bay the chance to find out about changes in their area and what is planned for 2009. There will also be the opportunity to share information with other residents and meet the Cremorne Ward councillors.



Plateau Easter Egg Hunt

Plateau Precinct will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 5 April in Green Park Cammeray. The hunt is back by popular demand, following the enormous success of last year's inaugural egg hunt. For more information, email Plateau Precinct at plateau.precinct@gmail.com

Hayberry Street Picnic

Hayberry Precinct is hosting a street party for local residents on Sunday 5 April in Emmett Street, Crows Nest. The street party builds on the success and goodwill generated by the giant recycle and sale day held by the precinct in September last year.

Hayberry's theme is Social Inclusion: Bringing Local People Together and the party is being centrally located to allow easy access for all Hayberry residents including the less mobile and elderly people.

Shirley goes bush

Shirley Colless, a former councillor and recent chair of the Combined Precincts Committee, has moved to Dubbo. Ms Colless served as a councillor for five terms, representing the Wollstonecraft Ward. Since 2004, she has been active in Union Precinct and for the past three years served as Chair of the Combined Precincts Committee. Ms Colless said it was with some sadness that she was returning to her home town as she had enjoyed her long connection with North Sydney Council.



Precinct presents

Union and Edward Precincts bought a collection of books as Christmas gifts for the children in the children's ward at Royal North Shore Hospital. A spokesperson for the hospital said the books were greatly appreciated as RNSH had no budget for gifts for children who spent Christmas in hospital.

What's on in North Sydney this Autumn

Markets

2nd Sat every month

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

3rd Sat every month

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

3rd Sat every month

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

4th Sat every month

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

2nd Sun every month

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

Every Friday 5pm - 10pm (weather permitting)

Noodle Market, Civic Park, North Sydney
0412 335 660 Until daylight saving ends

Eco events

7 March

Worm Farming, 11am-1pm Hutley Hall,
Hutley Hall, Council Chambers 9936 8100

16-20
March

E-waste collection (collecting computers,
laptops, mice, CD & DVD players, scanners,
TVs, keyboards, printers, mobile phones,
monitors) 1300 799 019

21 March

Espaliering Made Easy, 9am-11am, Coal
Loader Sustainability Centre 9936 8100

18 April

Introduction to Permaculture, 11am-1pm,
Hutley Hall, Council Chambers 9936 8100

30 May

Composting & Worm Farming, Hutley Hall,
Council Chambers 9936 8100

13 June

Natural Cleaning, 11am-1pm, Hutley Hall,
Council Chambers 9936 8100



Heritage Festival 4 - 19 April

The Heritage Festival is a state-wide event promoted by the National Trust of Australia (NSW). This year's theme is "Our Place in Space - Under the Southern Cross".

From Luna to Lunar - A Walking Tour

Sunday 5 April and Tuesday 7 April,
10am - 12.30pm

Milsons Point Railway Station Entrance,
Alfred Street, North Sydney

Tour the Luna Park precinct to discover how and why it was created, then head over the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Sydney Observatory to see the serious side of astronomy. Fee includes entry and telescope tour and 3D movie show at the Observatory. Walk includes stairs to and from the Bridge.

Suitable walking attire is essential and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

\$7 adults, \$5 concession. Bookings essential, phone 9936 8400 or email infodesk@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

From Bushland to Parkland - a Walking Tour of Cammeray

Wednesday 8 April 9.30am - 12.30pm

Meeting place: the Suspension Bridge

Join us for a walking tour of the suburb which takes its name from the Cammeraygal people. We will explore the early history of the area and visit well-known landmarks such as the Suspension Bridge. Visit Willoughby Falls, a favourite picnic spot in the early years of settlement, and learn about the development of Cammeray's parks.

This tour is free. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water. Bookings essential, phone 9936 8413 or email susan.shaw@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Seniors Week

- 16 March Aqua Aerobics at North Sydney Olympic Pool 9am-10.30am bookings essential 9936 8368
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- 16 March Internet for absolute beginners, Computer Club, Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 17 March Crows Nest Centre health and wellbeing expo with free self-defence class 10am-12.30pm 9439 5122
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- 17 March Computers for beginners, social software for seniors, searching the catalogue, Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 17-20 March Seniors Week Photographic Exhibition launch 12noon-2pm at Hutley Hall, lunch provided 9936 8187
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- 18 March BBQ at Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre 9922 6360
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- 18 March Internet intermediate, Computer Club, computers for beginners, Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 18 March Cammeray Croquet Club open day, morning tea provided 9936 8187
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- 19 March Social software for seniors, Bush Songs, Ballads, Poems & Yarns Concert, Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 19 March Aqua Aerobics at North Sydney Olympic Pool 9am-10.30am morning tea provided after class, bookings essential 9936 8368
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- 20 March Internet for beginners, Computer Club, Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 20 March Crows Nest Centre lunch with special guest speakers 11am-3pm, bookings essential 9439 5122
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- 20 March Computer open day at Neutral Bay Community Centre 10am-12noon 9953 6447

Arts/Music/Literature

- 9 March Bill Coppell Young Writers' Award open for entries 9936 8400

10 May *The Art of Berrys Bay*, works from the North Sydney Heritage Centre collections, Don Bank Museum 9936 8400

14 May *Panorama of North Sydney*, a photographic history, Heritage Centre, Stanton Library 9936 8400

16-24 May Mosman Art Society Exhibition, Hutley Hall 9936 8187

17 May Art Along the Boardwalk, Luna Park boardwalk, Quiberie and Clark Parks, Lavender Bay 9936 8585

Community events

7-15 March Sydney Harbour Week www.sydneyharbourweek.com

8-22 March ICC Women's World Cup Cricket eight matches, including the final at North Sydney Oval. Tickets available from www.cricket.com.au/wwctickets

21 March Harmony Day Crows Nest Centre 9439 5122

28 March-5 April National Youth Week, North Sydney events to be confirmed 9936 8190

4-19 April National Trust Heritage Festival Week *Our Place in Space - Under the Southern Cross*, walking tours and historical talks conducted by Historical Services, Stanton Library 9936 8400

19 April ANZAC Memorial Service at 2.30pm, North Sydney ANZAC Club 9923 1942

24 April ANZAC Day Remembrance Luncheon Crows Nest Centre 9439 5122

6 May Northern Sydney Region Migrant Employment Expo 9.30am-12.30pm Hutley Hall 9936 8193

27 May-12 July Guringai Festival - brochure available in May 9936 8417