



Elsa Atkin, Michael Snape and Jenny Thurston

## Sculpture at Sawmillers

Sawmillers Reserve at McMahons Point will be transformed into a sculpture park on 18 and 19 September when 53 sculptures are installed for a free exhibition, *Sculpture at Sawmillers*.

The exhibition, which has been coordinated by local residents with the support of Council, will be opened by the Governor General, Quentin Bryce AC. It will feature works by renowned Australian sculptors such as Richard Goodwin, Paul Selwood, Peter Kingston, Anne Ferguson, Stephen Coburn, Ray Bolotin, Jan King, Denese Oates, Michael Snape and Vince Vozzo, as well as works by emerging artists.

Event coordinator Elsa Atkin said the beautiful harbourside reserve lends itself to an exhibition of this kind. "Sawmillers Reserve is such an intimate place, it is like its own outdoor museum."

The exhibition is the realisation of Ms Atkin dream to give a sculpture exhibition to the community. She has worked with a small group of McMahons Point residents, including Sandra Blackburn, Penny Morris and co-organisers Jenny Thurston and Kara Lee Young, as well as the selection panel - Sculptor Michael Snape, Gallery Director Jane Watters and Curator Nick Vickers - to bring the dream to reality.

Ms Atkin says she hopes the exhibition will create a sense of cohesion within the community. "It's so important for the community to have art. The more art you see, the more differently you see the world. Artists present the world to us in such a myriad of ways."

Sculptor Michael Snape said the exhibition would bring a sense of industry back to Sawmillers Reserve, which was originally a sawmill. "There is a diversity of sculpture [being exhibited] - from traditional carvings, to bronze, multimedia construction and installation work."

A \$10,000 prize will be awarded to the best sculpture and there will be an emerging artist prize of \$2,500. Sculptures will be offered for sale. For more information visit [www.sculptureatsawmillers.squarespace.com](http://www.sculptureatsawmillers.squarespace.com)



# From the Mayor



One of the many factors that contributed to the Great Fire of London in 1666 was the inability of water carts to get up laneways that had been narrowed by the unauthorised creep of houses into the public domain.

King Charles II appointed a commission to rebuild the city in an orderly way and planning law became entrenched into western thinking. Over the centuries, we have refined the process, allowing communities to have a say in how their area is developed and ensuring that planning rules are applied equitably to all.

Sadly, the lessons learnt the hard way in the 17th century seem to have been lost in the 21st. The NSW Government's approach to planning is to ignore all existing local environment plans and masterplans, then refuse to answer any questions on the process.

We saw this in North Sydney with the development of Luna Park and we're now experiencing a repeat for the Berrys Bay marina. There is an existing masterplan and planning controls for the marina site which allow for a working waterfront and related development.

Yet the State Government is leasing the site to a company that is proposing to build four times the commercial and retail space

permitted by the planning controls and buildings that exceed height limits.

The same process is happening across the harbour at Barangaroo. The current proposal for that site includes high rise to the edge of the foreshore and a hotel built on the water. I've asked several times for a comparison of public open space for each of the three Barangaroo plans but have yet to receive the information.

I have been assured, however, that harbour water counts as open space to the State Government, which clearly thinks it can walk on water!

The NSW Government's planning process is not orderly, it is not democratic and it is not equitable. While Sydney may not face the same fate as London, as a city we are becoming increasingly ugly and dysfunctional.

I'm sure planning in Sydney will be an important factor in the next State election. In the meantime, the Council with Waverton Precinct is gearing up to fight the Berrys Bay proposal. You'll find details of our campaign on Council's website. I urge you to give us your support.

Mayor	<b>Genia McCaffery</b>	H: 9955 1560	W: 9936 8113	mayor@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
Cremorne Ward	<b>Sarah Burke</b>	M: 0403 551 153		sarah.burke@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
	<b>Craig Carland</b>	H: 9953 4834		ccarland@bigpond.net.au
	<b>Richard Pearson</b>	H: 9953 5766	M: 0405 193 555	rrp@walkerdouglas.com
Tunks Ward	<b>Stephen Barbour</b>	M: 0411 105 760		stephen.barbour@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
	<b>Véronique Marchandau</b>	H: 9955 3348	M: 0414 683 185	marver2060@gmail.com
	<b>Caroline Raymond</b>	M: 0412 754 860		ceraymondau@gmail.com
Victoria Ward	<b>Jillian Christie</b>	H: 9955 2489	M: 0412 995 858	jillian.christie@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
	<b>Jilly Gibson</b>		M: 0412 456 842	jillygibson@hotmail.com
	<b>Michel Reymond</b>	H: 9955 4330		
Wollstonecraft Ward	<b>Zoë Baker</b>	M: 0438 857 547		zoe.baker@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
	<b>Andrew Robjohns</b>	H: 9438 4258	M: 0428 187 047	andrew_robjohns@yahoo.com
	<b>Trent Zimmerman</b>	H: 9460 1175	M: 0419 690 617	trentzimmerman@hotmail.com

# Light the Night



Hundreds of people will gather at North Sydney Oval on Wednesday 1 September to support or remember friends and family affected by blood cancer. The event is the Leukaemia Foundation's annual Light the Night, which includes entertainment, inspirational stories and a gentle walk around St Leonards Park.

Participants "light the night" with coloured balloons containing a tiny light – gold for people remembering

loved ones, white for blood cancer survivors to celebrate life and blue for supporters to give hope.

Christine Campbell, NSW Marketing and Communications Manager for the Leukaemia Foundation, said the walk was a visually stunning and moving event that brought hope and comfort to people whose lives had been impacted by blood cancer.

"Around 40,000 Australians live with a blood cancer or blood

disorder and 1380 people are expected to be diagnosed in greater Sydney this year, so this is a disease that affects many of us.

"The Leukaemia Foundation supports research to improve survival rates and provides a range of support services, including free family accommodation units in Waverton and Westmead and a patient transport service. Light the Night raises money for these important services and brings people together for a night of celebration and inspiration."

Light the Night will be held on 1 September from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. To register, visit [www.lightthenight.org.au](http://www.lightthenight.org.au) or phone 1800 500 088.

## Celebrations for a saint

Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney will be the focal point of national celebrations on Sunday 17 October when Mary MacKillop becomes a universal saint of the Catholic Church. The canonisation, conducted by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome, will be broadcast live on three large outdoor screens at Mary MacKillop Place. A number of events will be held in the lead up to the canonisation.

### *Reaching the People: Mary MacKillop in Sydney Cove*

A special exhibition celebrating the work and achievements of the Sisters of St Joseph in the Rocks area between 1881 and 1901 will be held at Mary MacKillop Place Museum from 28 August until 26 September. The exhibition will be open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm. Entry to the exhibition is included in the museum entry fee.

Mary MacKillop Chapel will be open for extended hours between Friday 8 October and Sunday 17 October. Special prayer sessions will be held each day.

A Musical Tribute to Mary MacKillop will be held in the Isabel Menton Theatre in Mount Street, North Sydney on Sunday 10 October. The concert will feature mainly non-religious music performed by the singers and instrumentalists who perform each month in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, including jazz, classical music and musical theatre. Tickets are \$60 per person and include pre-concert drinks and canapés.

An evening Vigil will be held at Mary MacKillop Place on 17 October. This will be a free ticketed event; there will be no entry after 6pm without a ticket.

For more information and to register your interest or purchase a ticket for these events visit: [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au) or phone 8912 4885.

# Road rules you need to know

If you've been driving for decades, you'll probably remember the days when it was easy to get a park, there were few road signs and no roundabouts or traffic calming devices. As Sydney has changed, so has life on the road and the rules that govern it.

If you hold a current driver's licence, you are responsible for staying up to date with the Australian Road Rules. Here are some of the rules that people commonly tell us they didn't know. To update yourself on all the Australian Road Rules go to [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au) then select rules and regulations.

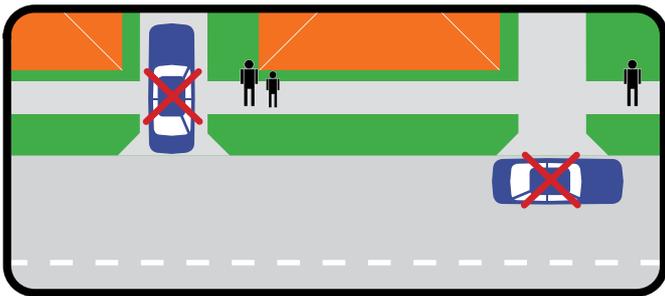
## Parking across driveways

It is illegal to park across a driveway or a pram ramp as these facilities provide access to private property as well as access for pedestrians who may be in a wheelchair or pushing a pram.

You must assume that a driveway will be in use at any time and is always clear. However, you may stop in a driveway for up to two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers, provided you do not leave your vehicle.

This rule also applies to your own driveway. For privacy reasons, addresses are not listed on Council's resident parking permits, so rangers and parking officers do not know who owns a car parked across a driveway and will issue a fine for this offence.

You may not park on the footpath or verge between the curb and private property. You must be parked either wholly on the road or wholly on private property.



## Parking on footpaths

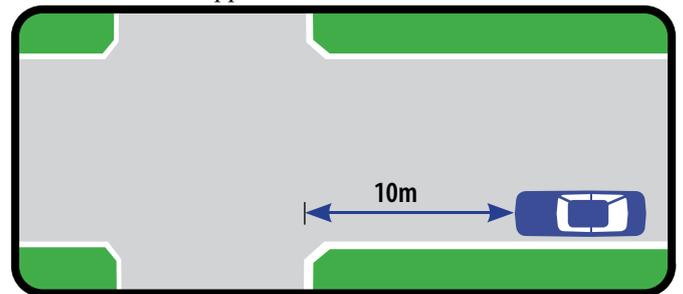
In narrow streets, many people think it is helpful to partially park their car on the footpath. However, it is illegal to park on a footpath or verge unless permission to do so is specifically signposted.

## Stopping at crossing

You may not stop on a pedestrian crossing (that is not at an intersection) and you may not park within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing. This rule ensures that vehicles approaching the crossing can see people approaching the crossing or waiting to cross.

## Parking near an intersection

You may not stop or park within 20 metres of an intersection with traffic lights and you may not stop or park within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic lights, unless otherwise signposted. However, you may park on the continuous road opposite a T-intersection.



## Stopping in a No Stopping zone

No stopping signs mean no stopping. You may not stop the car in a no-stopping zone, even for a very short period to let a passenger out or pick one up. You may stop for traffic lights or congestion, but passengers may not get out of the vehicle.

## Double parking

You may not stop on a two-way road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked on the side of the road. On a one-way road, you may not stop between a parked vehicle and the far side of the road.

## Overstaying timed parking

You must comply with the time limit marked on signs in both metered and un-metered spaces. At the end of the time limit, you must leave the parking zone. The zone is defined by the two inward facing arrows. You may not return to the same space or another space within the zone.





## Success through sustainability

small to medium-sized businesses to save money by reducing their energy and water bills.

Vestcor, a voicemail call forwarding and custom answering service at 53 Walker St, North Sydney, was one of the first businesses to join the BBP. Managing Director, Brett Sterling-Levis (pictured) says: "We are now working closely with the Better Building Partnership to encourage sustainability in all businesses and offices at 53 Walker Street. Saving energy will reduce our carbon

footprint and we are looking forward to saving on our energy bills as well."

Keep an eye out for the Better Business Partnership sticker on the front window of your local shop or service business. The sticker showcases the sustainable actions being undertaken by the business. Alternatively, you can search for participating businesses on the project website [www.betterbusinesspartnership.com.au](http://www.betterbusinesspartnership.com.au)

The Better Business Partnership is run in partnership with Ku-ring-gai and Willoughby City Councils and assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust and Sydney Water's Every Drop Counts Business Program.

North Sydney Council has joined forces with Ku-ring-gai and Willoughby Councils and NSW government agencies to help local businesses improve their sustainability. The Better Business Partnership (BBP) project helps

## Rates unravelled

The Minister for Local Government's announcement that North Sydney is receiving a 10.54% rate increase this year has caused some confusion.

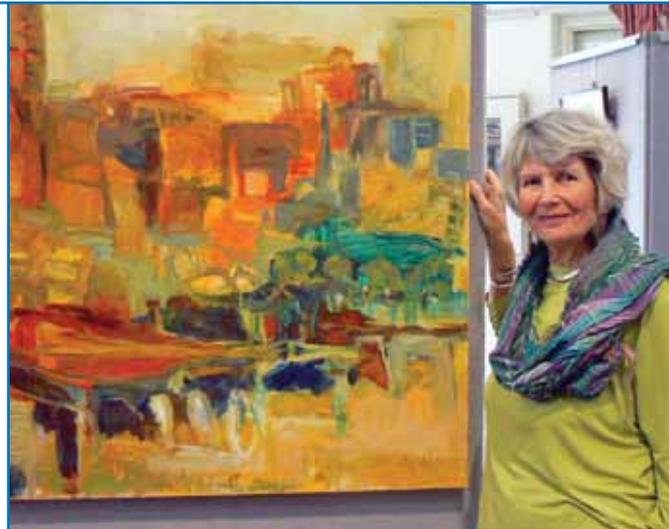
The State Government's figures are based on the fact that both the Environmental Levy and Crows Nest Mainstreet Levy terms had ended. In approving their continuation for a further three years, it included the whole of these levies as additional rates.

However, as ratepayers were already paying these levies, this is a theoretical increase, rather than a significant change in the dollar amount ratepayers will pay. Council has received the 2.6% increase awarded to all NSW Councils and approval to increase the average Environmental Levy from \$34.45 to \$50. This is an average overall increase in rates of 4.2%.

For more details about the changes to rates and domestic waste charges for the 2010/11 financial year, visit [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au) or call 9936 8100.

## Energy meters for loan

A device that allows people to measure how much power their appliances use is proving popular among Stanton Library members. Five Power Mate Lite energy meters are available for members to borrow for up to one week. The meters measure the electricity costs of appliances while in use and standby mode.



## Art Prize

Mosman artist June Spiers won this year's North Sydney Art Prize for her oil painting *Diversity of North Sydney*. Ms Spiers said she had felt satisfied with her artwork when she finished it, but was "surprised and overjoyed" to win. Judge Sandro Nocentini said: "It's happening, busy, crowded alive. The choice of colours warms you up, its perspective draws you in."

The Tenix Waterfront Prize went to Catherine Harry for her mixed media *North Sydney Skyline*. The Joan's Ridge Street Gallery Open Prize went to Pamela Fairburn for her watercolour *Rainy Sunday Afternoon* while nine-year old Lola Coles' *Walkies in St Leonards Park* took out first prize in the Hilton Hordern children's category.



## USERS HAPPY WITH POOL

The feedback from the 2010 pool customer satisfaction survey is very positive, with satisfaction improving across most service areas from the 2009 survey. Two areas of concern were the 50m pool heritage changerooms and the quality and range of food at the café. Council is identifying ways to improve the amenity of the pool and will work with the lessee of the café to address the concerns raised in the survey.





# Coal Loader steams ahead

Work on the next stage of the Coal Loader parkland, including the adaptive re-use of the heritage buildings, will begin soon thanks to \$1.872 million in funding from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

The works will include creating a main pedestrian entry from Waterhen Drive and replacing large expanses of bitumen with garden areas featuring indigenous bush-food plantings. A community plant nursery will be created and the former caretaker's cottage will be refurbished as the main visitor centre. The former mechanics workshop will find new life as a café and the existing amenities block will be upgraded.

The Coal Loader site will showcase an extensive range of sustainable technologies and be used as a base for sustainability education workshops and community meetings.

Council is currently completing \$1.8 million of work on other areas of the parkland, including installing lighting, pathways, stairs and balustrades to make the site

accessible and link it to Balls Head Reserve.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said the Council and community were delighted to receive the Commonwealth Government funding. "Council recognises that the Coal Loader is an important local and regional community asset that opens the foreshore to public access.

"We have been progressively working to achieve our plans for the site, however, without this significant grant funding, we were still some years out from being able to complete the eastern entry. With the completion of the access works and the heritage building precinct, the Coal Loader will be able to function as a significant recreational area and centre for North Sydney's sustainability initiatives."

The works are expected to be completed in mid 2011. Council will then continue planning for the remaining areas of the site, including the extensive Coal Loader platform and the remaining tunnels.



# spring fever

Spring is here and as the weather warms up there are wonderful things to do in North Sydney and its surrounds.



## SPRING INTO JAZZ

Spring into Jazz, our popular festival of free Springtime jazz concerts, is on again. A number of North Sydney parks and reserves will be transformed into live music venues during September and October. Details of bands and locations will be available on Council's website closer to the date.

## Children's festival



Council's annual Children's Festival will be held on Saturday 23 October from 10am to 2pm in Civic Park. The theme for this year's event is World of Fun and free multicultural entertainment and activities will be on throughout the day including a baby animal farm, reptile display, jumping castles, plaster art, sand art, face painters and balloon sculptors.



## Get GARDENING

Spring is the perfect time to get out into the garden, so why not make yours a haven for native animals? Council's Native Havens program provides residents with free local native plants, a free on-site consultation and ongoing support and advice. Apart from looking good and being environmentally friendly, native plants provide food, shelter and nesting materials for our native fauna.

If you're thinking of creating a native garden and would like to see what others have achieved, join our free native gardens tour on Saturday 16 October. The tour runs from 9am to 1pm and showcases some stunning native gardens. Bookings are essential. To book your place on the tour or for more information about the Native Havens program phone 9936 8100.

## Through others eyes

Council's historical services team will offer a glimpse of life in North Sydney through the eyes of its early inhabitants during History Week.

The *Henry Lawson's North Sydney* walking tour, led by Council's historian Dr Ian Hoskins, explores the streets and waterfronts that the poet loved and knew so well. Lawson penned some of the most intimate portraits of the working people of Sydney Harbour.

A walk led by Local Studies Librarian Susan Shaw will bring the old St Leonards Township (now North Sydney) to life with stories of its local characters such as landowner and politician Alexander Berry and the area's first doctor Robert Dalzell Ward.

*Henry Lawson's North Sydney* tour will be held on Sunday 5 September and Friday 10 September, from 10am to 12.30pm. Meet at McMahons Point Ferry Wharf,

Henry Lawson Drive, McMahons Point.

*All The Conveniences of Town* tour will be held on Tuesday 7 September and Thursday 9 September, from 10am to 12.30pm. Meet at Don Bank Museum, 6 Napier Street, North Sydney.

Both walks are free, but bookings are essential. Participants are asked to bring a hat, comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen and water. To book or for more information, phone 9936 8400.

# a place to play

North Sydney has some fantastic playgrounds, thanks to Council's ongoing program of playground improvements. Since 1996, we have upgraded 29 of our 30 playgrounds to provide a network of unique, custom-designed play spaces, evenly distributed throughout the Council area. Here are some great examples that will help spark the kids' imagination.

**Bradfield Park** playground is a fully fenced modern playground that offers a shady haven for parents and carers as well as a challenging play environment for children of all ages. The senior cable landscape has flat areas, sloped areas, prisms and vertical climbs as well as overhead strength and lower level balance activities. Younger children can enjoy the smaller-scale cable activities, an interesting combination unit and a family-sized seesaw. Accessible by bus, train or ferry and on-street metered parking nearby.



**St Leonards Park** playground is set beneath the branches of mature Fig trees and surrounded by heritage masonry walling. A large landscaped sandpit has diggers and conveyor belts for the construction-minded, while an array of instruments in the 'music room' tempt more musical children. A rubber pathway, incorporating a colourful over-sized Snakes and Ladders game, meanders through the play space connecting the swings, the junior and senior structures and the central roundabout. With barbecues and toilets nearby this is a great venue for a longer visit. Bus stops close by and on-street metered parking.

**Blues Point Reserve's** subtle, maritime-themed playground has a variety of equipment that caters to a broad age range. This section of the reserve is fully fenced with lots of open lawn for picnics and informal play. There are public toilets and McMahons Point ferry wharf is close by. The reserve can also be accessed by bus or car with street parking adjacent. It's tucked against the base of a tall cliff, which provides great shelter from westerly winds and good afternoon shade.



**Merret Playground** is set beneath two fabulous native trees, on the upper tier of Waverton Park, offering visitors lovely views across Sydney Harbour. The playground has a 'service station' theme and caters to children of all ages and abilities. There is a bus stop close by, Waverton train station is a short walk or there is free on-street parking.

More information about playgrounds in the North Sydney local government area can be found at [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au) or pick up one of Council's playground brochures from Customer Service.

# Hayberry Precinct in profile

Hayberry Precinct is known for its community initiatives, including its Giant Recycle and Sale Day. This year, more than 30 combined households sold their wares to around 300 visitors and buyers from all over Sydney. The torrential rain couldn't dampen the community spirit that prevailed and many new friendships were formed on the day. *North Sydney News* spoke to Precinct Chair Rachelle Tulloch (pictured above).

## Why did you move here?

We fell in love with the village atmosphere of Crows Nest and the convenience of having so many restaurants at our doorstep. We also love our terrace house on Hayberry Street and hope to never have to move!

## Why did you become involved in Hayberry Precinct?

My husband and I had no friends or family living near us, so when we found out about the Precinct, we thought it would be a great way to meet our neighbours and build friendships.

We started off as regular attendees and my husband then served a few years as Secretary. Three years ago, I put my hand up for Chairperson, continuing and building upon the work of the progressive Chairpersons before me.

## What's in a name?

Wheatleigh Street took its name from the subdivision of the magnificent Wheatleigh estate, which included a mansion with stained glass windows depicting Australian plants and animals, as well as a tennis lawn, fernery and fountain. The house was used as flats and a private hospital before it was demolished in 1979.



It took a while for Hayberry Precinct to become the innovative Precinct that it is now. A few years ago we set out to have a business plan and to operate the Precinct across two core themes: fitness, health and being green, and social inclusion.

## Why do you think Precinct committees are important?

Precincts serve different purposes depending on their area – they can be a platform for giving feedback, serve as a mouthpiece for residents' sentiments on an issue, be a space to mediate between neighbours and a hub of social activity and projects that bring people together.

## What do you like about North Sydney?

We love being so close to the harbour (walking distance to the water!) and the CBD. I swim and go to the gym at the North Sydney Olympic Pool – you just cannot beat that view!

## What would you change about the area?

Not much, although I do worry about Crows Nest changing to accommodate higher and bigger buildings. We'd hate to lose the lovely village feel that drew us here 10 years ago.

## What is North Sydney's best kept secret?

The supportive and friendly doggie networks in St Thomas and St Leonards Parks. We never thought that we would gain such rich friendships from walking our dogs in the parks every day. We even have doggie Christmas parties!

## What makes a good neighbour?

Someone you can trust to leave a spare set of keys to your house, for those occasions when you lock yourself out!



*North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery joined staff, parents and children for the official re-opening of McMahon's Point Preschool and Early Learning Centre, following an extensive refurbishment.*

# What's on in North Sydney this Spring

## Community events

- 26 Aug Picnic in Stanton Library 9936 8400
- 
- 28 Aug - 26 Sept Mary MacKillop Place Museum exhibition 8912 4878 or [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)
- 
- 1 Sept Light the Night, North Sydney Oval 1800 500 088
- 
- 10-16 Oct Mental Health Week events, Stanton Library 9936 8400 and Crows Nest Centre 9439 5122
- 
- 13 Oct Ride to Work Day breakfast 9936 8246
- 
- 17 Oct Crows Nest Fair Willoughby Rd, Crows Nest 9439 8220
- 
- 18-22 Oct Carers' Week events, Bradfield Park Community Centre 8920 0675
- 
- 23 Oct Children's Festival, Civic Park, North Sydney 9936 8187
- 
- 28 Oct Children's Halloween Party, Stanton Library, 6pm-7pm, Bookings essential 9936 8400
- 
- 25 Nov - 10 Dec 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence Against Women, various events 9936 8193
- 
- 1 Dec World Aids Day activities, Stanton Library 9936 8400
- 
- 3 Dec Community Carols, Civic Park 9936 8187

## Eco events

### September

- 18 Sept Wildlife Watch Training, 9am-1pm. Learn skills to identify and record the fauna in North Sydney. Bookings essential 9936 8258

Other events, dates to be confirmed:  
Wormfarming, Bike Maintenance Skills

### October

- 16 Oct Native Havens Garden Tour, 9am-1pm. Bookings essential 9936 8258
- 
- 30 Oct Indian Mynah community information day and trap-building workshop, 9am-1pm 9936 8252

Other events, dates to be confirmed:  
Balcony Gardening and Eco Choices for Renters

### November

- 14 Nov Propagating Natives, 9am-1pm. Learn how to grow natives easily through division, cuttings and seeds for your backyard, Bushcare or Streets Alive site. Bookings essential 9936 8258

Other events, dates to be confirmed:  
Green Apartments, Organic Pest & Disease Control, BikeSmart North Sydney

For dates, times & bookings go to [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/greenevents](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/greenevents)

## Markets

### 2nd Sat every month

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

### 3rd Sat every month

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

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 Kirribilli Fashion Market, Bradfield Park, Milsons Point 9922 4428

Every Friday 6pm - 10pm (weather permitting)  
Twilight Food Fair, Civic Park, North Sydney starts 5 November until daylight savings ends



*This beautiful photo was taken by Michael Dennett in Berry Island Reserve for Snapped in North Sydney on Council's website. Email your photo of North Sydney to [photos@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:photos@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)*

## Arts/Music/Literature

- 10 Sept Creating Wellbeing: 3D Painting, North Sydney Community Centre 2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
- 
- 18,19 Sept Sculpture at Sawmillers Reserve
- 
- Sept - Oct *A Natural History of North Sydney* exhibition, Heritage Centre 9936 8400
- 
- Oct - Dec Black & Light III photography exhibition, Don Bank Museum 9936 8400
- 
- Oct Spring into Jazz concert series 9936 8585
- 
- 8 Oct Creating Wellbeing: Walking with Cameras around Balmain, 11am-3pm (free event) 9936 8411
- 
- 5 Nov Creating Wellbeing: Printmaking, North Sydney Community Centre 2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
- 
- 21-28 Nov Primrose Park Art & Craft exhibition, Hutley Hall 9936 8189
- 
- 1 Dec Stanton Library's Summer Reading Club starts
- 
- 10 Dec Creating Wellbeing: Potting with Pim, North Sydney Community Centre 2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
- 
- 11-17 Dec Primrose Park Gallery exhibition by studio artists 9936 8192

## Museums & other places of interest

### Don Bank Museum

The oldest timber cottage in North Sydney, 6 Napier Street, North Sydney 9936 8400

### St Thomas Rest Park & Sextons Cottage Museum

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

### May Gibbs' Nutcote

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

### North Sydney Heritage Centre

History exhibitions, research and collections, Stanton Library 9936 8400

## The fine art of domesticity

An exhibition on the history and tradition of domestic arts from the 1880s to 1950s will be held in the Heritage Centre from Monday 15 November. The *Home Work* exhibition will explore the productive role of women in the home before modern mass production and consumerism.

"Before the 1950s, the home was a major production site where nothing was wasted," said Council's historian Dr Ian Hoskins. "Women were extraordinarily resourceful, creative and innovative. Food, toys, clothing and household goods were all produced by women in the home and their work ranged from exquisite needlework on significant garments such as wedding dresses through to practical everyday items such as milk jug covers and tea cosies."

The exhibition will explore how the traditional role of women was reshaped by their participation in the workforce and the shift to consumerism as it became cheaper to replace than repair. It will also include a section on the modern revival of these lost arts.

*Home Work* will run until April 2011 in the Heritage Centre, Level 1, Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, North Sydney.

