



**JANUARY 2025**

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Sutherland Shire Council acknowledges the Dharawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the land within Sutherland Shire. We value and celebrate Dharawal culture and language, and acknowledge Dharawal people's continuing connection to the land, the sea and community. We pay respect to the Elders and their families, past, present and emerging, and through them, to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



## AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND



Find all the details of our Australia Day weekend events program at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ausday25](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ausday25)

### SUNSET CULTURAL CEREMONY

**SATURDAY 25 JANUARY, 4PM - 7PM**

**Burnum Burnum Sanctuary, Woronora**

You're invited to listen and learn about First Nations culture and storytelling at our Sunset Cultural Ceremony. Come along and take part in an evening of reflection: join a yarning circle, support First Nations stallholders and enjoy a delicious Sutherland Rotary BBQ. We're looking forward to sharing the opportunity to have important conversations, learn and celebrate culture together. See you there!.

### CRONULLA VIBES CONCERT

**SATURDAY 25 JANUARY, 4PM - 9PM**

**Cronulla Park, Cronulla**

Kick back at the beach and feel the good vibes flow this Australia Day Long Weekend as you're entertained by artists at our Cronulla Vibes Concert. Bring your friends and family and experience great music against the backdrop of a spectacular Cronulla Beach sunset. Featuring performances from indie-folk duo Hollow Coves, the dynamic and energetic Caravana Sun, smart and soulful Odette, local two-piece Ryan Leigh & Georgia Zoe, and the honeyed vocals of Grace Fuller.

### AUSTRALIA DAY CONCERT

**SUNDAY 26 JANUARY, 4PM - 9.15PM**

**Cronulla Park, Cronulla**

Come together to reflect, respect and celebrate our community. Experience an amazing line up of performers at beautiful Cronulla Beach. Join us to hear from Aussie icon Daryl Braithwaite, rock legends Baby Animals, Australian Idol 2024 winner Dylan Wright, the Royal Australian Navy Band and Battle of the Bridges 2024 winners Beanstalk. Come along for the free performances and to enjoy the spectacular fireworks display.

### LEISURE CENTRE POOL PARTIES

**SUNDAY 26 JANUARY, 10AM TO 2PM**

**All Sutherland Shire Leisure Centres and Como Pool**

Make a splash at one of our Leisure Centres' pool parties! Fun for the whole family - with DJs playing at Caringbah, Engadine and Sutherland Leisure Centres (free swim entry between 10am and 2pm).

### CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

**26 January** at Engadine - *Kung Fu Panda*, **27 January** at Cronulla - *Migration*. See more Cinema events and details on page 2.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

#### VARIOUS DATES

##### Various locations

Enjoy FREE movie magic under the stars with an awesome line up of family friendly films showing across January and February. Bring a picnic too for a great night out.

- 26 January, 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
**Kung Fu Panda**  
at Cooper Street Reserve, Engadine
- 27 January, 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
**Migration**  
at Cronulla Park, Cronulla
- 14 February, 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
**Over the Hedge**  
at Biddy Giles Reserve, Kirrawee
- 21 February, 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
**Rio**  
at Oyster Bay Oval Netball Courts, Oyster Bay

For more details visit

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cinemaunderthestars](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cinemaunderthestars)



### KEEP WATCH!

Owning a pool is a great way to enjoy the summer, but it comes with serious responsibilities and it's a peak time for water safety incidents.

Always stay alert and actively supervise kids around water. Regularly check your pool fence and gate and make sure you're ready to do CPR. Remember, kids can't help themselves around water, so it's up to you.

Fine out more at

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/pool-safety](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/pool-safety)



### SUTHERLAND SHIRE SENIORS FESTIVAL - TIME TO SHINE

#### MONDAY 3 TO SUNDAY 16 MARCH

Mark your calendar - the Seniors Festival will run between 3 March to 16 March.

Our popular **Seniors Expo** will be held on Saturday 15 March at Tradies Gympie.

The full program will be available in early February. Pick one up from our libraries, leisure centres, Hazelhurst Arts Centre or our administration building at Sutherland. You will also find it on our website.



### GET READY FOR SUMMER HEAT

Sydney is expected to experience a hot summer, and it's important to take proactive steps to stay safe and cool. Learn how at [health.nsw.gov.au/beattheheat](http://health.nsw.gov.au/beattheheat)

You can also find out about preparing for heatwaves at the NSW Government's Heatwaves in NSW web page (go to [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) and search "Heatwaves in NSW").

Other things you can do include:

- prepare an emergency kit
- download and use the Australian Red Cross Get Prepared app and the Hazards Near Me apps (from your mobile phone apps store) to stay up to date including about local emergencies
- utilise the refreshed Get Ready NSW Resource Hub at [nsw.gov.au/get-ready](http://nsw.gov.au/get-ready)
- know the warning signs - visit [australianwarningsystem.com.au](http://australianwarningsystem.com.au)

Follow the SES's preparedness tips at [ses.nsw.gov.au/emergency-kit](http://ses.nsw.gov.au/emergency-kit) by maintaining your yard and balcony, cleaning gutters and drains, trimming trees, checking insurance policies, and listening to local weather warnings.



## YOUTH

### K2024 CUT SHORT FILM COMPETITION - WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our 2024 Cut Short Film Competition!

We were blown away with the calibre of entries we received and the talented people we have in our community.

- Junior Major Prize – *Teddy* – Jasmine Guy
- Adult Major Prize – *MYTH* – Oliver Whitehouse
- Junior Local Artist Prize – *Seven Days* – Millicent Evie Malone
- Adult Local Artist Prize – *Liz* – Matthew WF Wells

Thank you to all who entered, our judging panel including Robert Sinnerbrink, Russell Kilbey, Sebastian Goldspink, and the friends and family that made the award ceremony so special.



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY UPCOMING SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL EVENTS?

We are calling for all local solo performers, vocal groups, bands, MCs, and dance groups to feature in our 2025/2026 events, concerts, citizenship ceremonies and more.

To register your interest in upcoming opportunities, please complete the form at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/EOI-performers](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/EOI-performers)



### SUMMER SKILLS

MONDAY 13 JANUARY – FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

Various locations

Don't miss your last chance to secure your spot in our 2025 Youth Summer Skills program. Learn from industry experts and passionate educators who are dedicated to your success. You will have the opportunity to gain practical skills and certifications towards your future career pursuits.

Choose from one of 2 courses:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid (18 to 25 years)
- White Card (14 to 25 years) certifications.

Limited spaces available per course and full attendance is required to receive certification. Must be between 14 and 25 to register.

Find out more at

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/summer-skills](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/summer-skills)



### YOU CAN CONTACT COUNCIL ONLINE 24/7



It's quick, easy and there are no queues!

- Arrange/change or cancel a Council clean up.
- Make payments for rates, tax invoices, applications, animal registrations and more.
- Tell us if your bin wasn't collected.
- Report an issue or something that requires maintenance.

You can do all this and more in just a few minutes, anywhere, any time!

Visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au)

# LIBRARIES

[libraries.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au)  
Book online for all events

## READING CHALLENGES FOR ALL AGES

**OPEN UNTIL 31 JANUARY 2025**

Do you have the need for speed (reading)? Kids, teens and adults can challenge themselves to read books and enter the draw to win prizes! Find a challenge and register on Beanstack now.

## KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**VARIOUS DATES AND LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

The library is buzzing with exciting activities for kids these school holidays. Join us for mini beast storytimes and crafts, or read to the cats at the animal shelter. Be quick – spots are booking fast!



## TEENS SUMMER BOARD GAME BONANZA

**THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2025, 2:00PM TO 3:30PM AT SUTHERLAND LIBRARY**

Fancy yourself a board gamer? Teens are invited to the library to challenge their peers or a librarian to a board game (or two). Break the ice with *Uno*, try your hand at *Settlers of Catan*, or explore a haunted house in at *Betrayal at House on the Hill*.

## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS FOR TEENS

**FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2025, 1:00PM TO 4:00PM AT SUTHERLAND LIBRARY**

Embark on a mythical quest with this teen-only, immersive Dungeons and Dragons experience run in partnership with the dungeon masters from Awakened Fables. Delve into a narrative that's beyond the ordinary and book your spot today.



## NEW OPENING HOURS FROM 6 JANUARY 2025

**ALL LIBRARIES**

Ahead of the opening of the much-anticipated Kirrawee Library+ in mid-2025 and following public consultation in 2024, we've made changes to the opening hours across all Sutherland Shire Libraries. These new opening hours will take effect from **Monday 6 January 2025**.



## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

**INDYREADS**

Whether you're a fan of modern classics, gripping Australian crime fiction or uplifting memoirs, Indyreads™ is your go-to online reading platform. With the app, you'll enjoy free access to a diverse collection of eBooks and audiobooks from independent Australian and international publishers, in various languages.

**KIDS- IN2ERA HOME READERS ONLINE**

Nurture a lifelong love of reading from birth with In2Era Home Readers Online. Free with your library card, your child can enjoy access to a collection of guided books. They're sorted by reading levels to read or listen to as they follow along, including traditional tales such as *The Little Mermaid*, *The Gingerbread Man* and *Little Red Riding Hood*.



## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Receive the latest news and events from Libraries at [bit.ly/SubscribeNewsletter](http://bit.ly/SubscribeNewsletter)

# ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

## YOU DON'T RECYCLE? YIKES!

We're looking for eco-curious trailblazers to take on our 6-Week Waste-Busting Challenge. This isn't just for the Eco Warriors among us – this challenge has been designed for busy, everyday families and households to learn about how amending their day-to-day waste habits can make a huge impact.

Our 6-week toolkit, full of tips, tricks, games and fun challenges is designed to help you make lasting changes to your waste habits at home.

Interested in becoming a Zero Waste Hero? Sign up now at [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/WCOS25](http://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/WCOS25)

## REMINDER - GETTING STARTED WITH SOLAR?

We've subscribed to SunSPOT, a solar and battery calculator, to help residents work out the best solar system for your household, business, or school. Visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/solar](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/solar)



## SUMMER WOODCHIPPING SERVICE

Council offers a domestic woodchipping service for Sutherland Shire residents during daylight saving months each year. This service turns bulky tree branches and trunks into woodchips. You must be a resident and produce proof of identification on the day. This service is not available for use by commercial operators or commercial vehicles.

You're welcome to take a load of mulch home with you. Bring buckets to fill (not bags). The woodchipper will not be onsite on the day. For more information on what is acceptable and requirements for attending this event go to

[go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/WOODCHIP2425](http://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/WOODCHIP2425)

**Where:** Council Depot, 13- 15 Ethell Road, Kirrawee

**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm

**Upcoming dates:** 11 January, 8 February and 8 March.



## AVOID ANY PRICKLY PROBLEMS

Summer means garden clean up time. Cut thorns from bushes before putting them out for Council Clean-up. The sharp thorns can cause injury to Clean-up staff. Alternatively place any thorny garden stems in your Green lid bin to be picked up as garden waste.

## WASTE WISE WORKSHOPS

FREE workshops for Sutherland Shire residents only. **Bookings essential.** Visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste) for more information.

### NATURAL SKINCARE

Thursday 20 February, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Caringbah Library

Learn how to reduce waste while making your own skincare products from simple and natural ingredients. Bookings open 20 January. Visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/wastewise](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/wastewise)



## WASTE WISE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

It takes an average of 2 months to create a habit, so take some time in the New Year to revisit your waste wise behaviours and make some positive changes for 2025. Here are some simple ways to resolutions that help you reduce waste:

1. reduce your household food waste. Plan your weekly meals and shop to a list discard your soft plastics responsibly by signing up to the RecycleSmart program at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/recyclesmart](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/recyclesmart)
2. take a keep cup everyday to work or school
3. reduce the amount of chemicals in your home (Learn how at the Natural Skincare workshop help at Sutherland Library this February - see above).

## SAVE THE DATES

### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

9:00am to 3:30pm,  
Saturday 8 to Monday 10 February 2025

- [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Chemicalwaste](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Chemicalwaste)

### E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

9:00am to 3:00pm  
Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 March 2025

- [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ewaste](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ewaste)

# HAZELHURST

[hazelhurst.com.au](http://hazelhurst.com.au)

To book your place in our events and programs, visit [bit.ly/WhatsOnHazelhurst](https://bit.ly/WhatsOnHazelhurst) or call 02 8536 5700.



## IN THE HAZELHURST GALLERY

### *SIXTY: THE JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIAN CERAMICS 60TH ANNIVERSARY 1962-2022 + CONDUIT*

Until Saturday 25 January

Open 10:00am to 4:00pm daily, free admission. See [hazelhurst.com.au](http://hazelhurst.com.au) for opening hours over the holiday period.

Celebrate ceramics at Hazelhurst Arts Centre in January with two exhibitions honouring the artform.

*SIXTY: The Journal of Australian Ceramics 60th Anniversary 1962-2022*, on tour from Australian Design Centre acknowledges this significant anniversary for the Australian ceramics community. The 22 ceramic artists selected for this exhibition represent their contemporary peers and those who came before them throughout the history of Australian ceramics. All have a strong and enduring connection to *The Journal of Australian Ceramics*.

Appearing alongside *SIXTY* is *Conduit*, presented in partnership with the TAFE NSW Ceramic Design Studio Gymea. The exhibition celebrates the rich tradition of inherited knowledge passed down through the medium of ceramics. *Conduit* brings together 27 ceramic artists and features ceramics educators from Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Gymea TAFE's Ceramic Design Studio and TAFE ceramics studios from across Sydney. Each Hazelhurst teacher has selected an exceptional student from their classes to exhibit beside them.

Image: Glenn Barkley, *thatisnocountry4oldmen (sailing2byzantium)* (detail), 2022. Photograph by Greg Piper; Image: Bridget Willis, *Gathering*, 2023. Photograph by Greg Piper.

## IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

### *CONNECTIVITY*

Until Tuesday 14 January

A vibrant exhibition showcasing works by students from our popular ceramics classes, led by ceramic artist and Hazelhurst teacher Claudia Citton. For the students, Hazelhurst is the place where connections are made, and where creative journeys begin, end, and flourish.

### *CLASS OF 24*

Friday 17 January to Tuesday 4 February

Hazelhurst's much-loved annual HSC showcase returns to highlight the artistic talents of visual arts students from schools across southern Sydney and recognise the hard work they have put in this year.

Images L to R: Valerie Giammarco, *Obsolescence*, 2024, Hazelhurst image.



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**WHAT'S ON**

**AUSLAN TOUR | SIXTY + CONDUIT**

Sunday 12 January, 11:00am

Join us for an Auslan interpreted exhibition tour of our summer exhibitions *SIXTY: The Journal of Australian Ceramics 60th Anniversary 1962-2022* and *Conduit* with Hazelhurst Arts Centre Curator Dr Victoria Wynne-Jones. This tour will be Auslan interpreted. D/deaf, hard of hearing and hearing visitors welcome. Free event, booking required.

**CURATOR TOUR | SIXTY + CONDUIT**

Friday 17 January, 11:00am

Join us for a curator tour of our summer ceramics exhibitions, *SIXTY: The Journal of Australian Ceramics 60th Anniversary 1962-2022* and *Conduit*, with *SIXTY* Curator Anna Grigson and Hazelhurst Arts Centre Curator Dr Victoria Wynne-Jones. Gain insights into the stories, techniques, and inspirations behind the works on display.

Free event, booking required.

Images L to R: *SIXTY*, ADC Exhibition View 7, 2022. Photo: Greg Piper: Hazelhurst image.



**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Monday 6 January to Friday 17 January

Our January school holiday program is filled with exciting creative workshops for families, children and teens! From clay and painting to drawing and mixed-media, Little Holiday Makers and more, there's something fun for everyone to enjoy. Enrol from 6:00am online or from 9:00 by phone and in person.

**TERM 1 ART CLASSES**

Classes commence 3 February

Start the new year by learning a new skill, return to a previous pastime or develop your creative practice. Choose from painting, pottery, drawing, illustration, sculpture, mosaics, and more. Enrol now!

Images L to R: Photograph by Flore Vallery-Radot; Hazelhurst image.



**CURRENT CONSULTATIONS**



We love engaging with our community and value your ideas and feedback. Your input continues to help us shape and improve Council services and projects.

For all consultations and surveys, unless otherwise stated, visit Join the Conversation at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc)

**REMINDER - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE AND PUBLIC FORUM POLICY**

The Code of Meeting Practice provides a framework that supports the principles of transparent and accountable decision making.

Our Public Forum Policy has also been revised to provide increased opportunities for community participation.

We are seeking your feedback on these important changes until **Saturday 18 January 2025**.



**YOUR SAY, OUR THANKS**

In 2024 we consulted on **45 projects** and initiatives and received over **5,250** valuable contributions. Your feedback helped inform Council decision-making - thank you!



## CHILDREN

### WE'RE PART WAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, AND THE FUN'S JUST HEATING UP!

Boredom? Not here! From free to affordable activities, there's **no slowing down** - just non-stop smiles, good vibes, and unforgettable moments. Get ready for more creative workshops, places to hang out, and outdoor adventures!

See what's coming up and join in on the action - visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays)



### EXPLORE OUR REFRESHED PLAYGROUNDS THESE HOLIDAYS

There's a bunch of refreshed and fun playgrounds waiting for you and your little adventurers. These renewed play spaces are all open to enjoy over the holiday period:

- Hawkesbury Reserve, Sylvania Waters (pictured)
- Karda Place Reserve, Gymea
- Kiah Place Reserve, Miranda
- Australia Road Bushland Reserve, Barden Ridge
- Hagger Park, Woolooware
- Third Avenue Reserve, Loftus
- Ward Crescent Reserve, Oyster Bay
- Cambrai Avenue Reserve, Engadine.

More about our playgrounds at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/playgrounds](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/playgrounds)



### POSITIONS AVAILABLE - EARLY EDUCATION CENTRES

Join our preschool program and be school ready! Positions available for children aged 2-5 years at some of our Early Education Centres. Call us on 02 9710 0466 to arrange a tour or apply online at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare)



### NEW ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND IS COMING TO WARATAH PARK

We've kickstarted construction on an exciting new playground at Waratah Park, Sutherland that will cater to all abilities and ages.

The playground is due for completion in mid-2025, and will include a flying fox with accessible seat, accessible carousel and slides, swings with a variety of seating options, a junior bike path and musical and nature play features. Stay up-to-date at [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/WaratahPlay](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/WaratahPlay)



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