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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.



OUR SHIRE ON SHOW

The national media spotlight shone on Sutherland Shire late last month, with Channel 7's Sunrise weather team visiting Cronulla to show off some of the incredible performers, personalities and everyday people who make our community such an amazing place to call home.

Our Ocean Safety and Lifeguards Team Leader, Bede Elphick provided viewers with some essential life saving advice, with members of our lifeguards team demonstrating their professional skills with a live ocean rescue.

Viewers were also treated to a live performance by Australian Idol winner, Dylan Wright, a longtime local who was among the Australian music legends that took to the stage at Council's Australia Day concert this year.

The Sutherland Shire's 2024 'Citizen of the Year', Blakey Johnston was also on hand to detail his latest world record surfing attempt, as he aims to corral more than 1,000 surfers to take part in the world's



largest ever paddle out at Cronulla next month to raise funds in support of mental health.

The broadcast was a fantastic way to show off all the amazing activities we're so proud to support in our community, and to reinforce the Sutherland Shire's reputation as a great place to live, work, play and explore!

SHARE YOUR VOICE TO HELP DRIVE OUR FUTURE

We are seeking community representatives at Council to provide independent advice and expertise for the following reference groups and one board:

- Access and Inclusion reference group
- Business and Industry reference group
- Catchment and Waterways reference group
- Environment and Sustainability reference group
- Hazelhurst Arts Centre Board.

Check your eligibility and apply to join a reference group or our Hazelhurst board by **9 February 2025**.

Positions start in early March. Make your voice heard!

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/reference-groups



IN OUR COMMUNITY

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Our Cinema Under the Stars program continues in February, with free outdoor movie experiences over summer. Grab your family and friends, along with a picnic, cosy rug, or low chairs, for an enjoyable evening of cinema magic.

- **Friday 14 February** – *Over the Hedge* at Biddy Giles Park, Kirrawee.
- **Friday 21 February** – *Rio* at Oyster Bay Oval, Oyster Bay.

Pre-movie entertainment from 5.30pm, film commences at 6.30pm. Find out more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cinemaunderthestars



COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES PROGRAM + GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 10AM TO 12PM AND TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 6.30PM TO 8.30PM

Our grants program provides financial support to local not-for-profit organisations that contribute to a connected, supported and engaged community. Grants of up to \$20,000 per program are available.

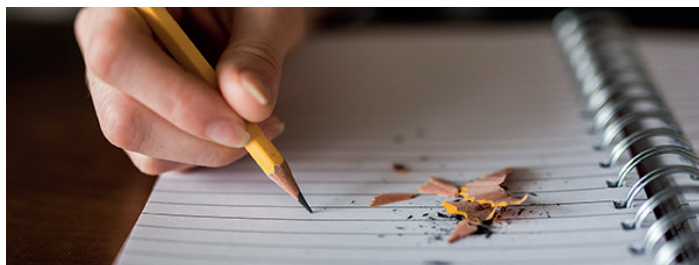
Applications for our Annual Community Grants and Subsidies Program open

Monday 24 February 2025.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/commgrants2025

To help you get started with your application, there are two Grant Writing Workshops in February. These workshops will deliver user-friendly tips and strategies will ignite your ability to craft a grant application. Find out more at

go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/2025grantwriting



OYSTER BAY VENUE REFRESH

117 COMO ROAD, OYSTER BAY

Our recently renovated Oyster Bay Community Centre is OPEN and ready for bookings. Complete with a stage, large hall, and newly renovated kitchen, this venue has everything you need for your next big event.

To book visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/venues



AUSTRALIA DAY

We had a spectacular Australia Day Long Weekend. All events were made possible with help from our sponsors. With thanks to Cronulla RSL and ANSTO.



CRONULLA R.S.L

Friends by the beach



NEW 2025 SENIORS SERVICES DIRECTORY

A new edition of our popular directory for Sutherland Shire seniors will be available in February - and it's free!

The Directory provides useful information about various services available to our senior community, from help at home through service providers, social groups to join, contact information on healthcare services, financial information, transport and advocacy services.

Pick up a copy from our libraries, leisure centres or Sutherland administration building.



SUTHERLAND SHIRE SENIORS FESTIVAL - TIME TO SHINE

MONDAY 3 TO SUNDAY 16 MARCH - BOOKINGS OPEN 28 JANUARY

Our program is available at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFest25OS or pick up a copy from our libraries, leisure centres, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, and administration building at Sutherland and administration building at Sutherland.



Bookings are required for all events unless otherwise stated.

Mon 3 Mar	Aqua Extravaganza - Sutherland Leisure Centre - 02 8536 9777
Tue 4 Mar	Papercraft Cardmaking Workshop - Sylvania Library - 02 9710 0351
Wed 5 Mar	Aboriginal Bushfood Walk - Joseph Banks Reserve - 02 9524 5672
Wed 5 Mar	Guided Tour of ARTEXPRESS - Hazelhurst Arts Centre - 02 8536 5700
Wed 5 Mar	Meet the Authors: Tania Blanchard and Belinda Alexandra - Sutherland Library - 02 9710 0351
Thu 6 Mar	Mindfulness Gardening with the Veggie Lady - Sutherland Library - 02 9710 0351
Fri 7 Mar	Art in the Gardens - Hazelhurst Arts Centre - 02 8536 5700
Mon 10 Mar	Community Nursery Tour - Sutherland Shire Community Nursery, Gymea - 02 9524 5672
Mon 10 Mar	Healthy Ageing Seminar - Sutherland Library - 02 9710 0351
Wed 12 Mar	Guided Tour of ARTEXPRESS - Hazelhurst Arts Centre - 02 8536 5700
Wed 12 Mar	Aqua Extravaganza, Engadine Leisure Centre - 02 8536 9777
Wed 12 Mar	Papercraft Cardmaking Workshop - Menai Library - 02 9710 0351
Thu 13 Mar	Taming Technology - Shiny: What's new in Technology 2025 - Sutherland Library - 02 9710 0351



MELODIES IN MARCH

MONDAY 3 MARCH 11:00AM TO 1:00PM*

Hazelhurst Arts Centre, 782 Kingsway, Gymea

Celebrate local performers at this free, musical event. Set amongst picturesque gardens, we welcome you to come along to sing, dance and have fun. Bookings not required.

*see wet weather updates at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFest2OS

SENIORS VITALITY EXPO

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 10:00AM TO 2:00PM

Tradies Gymea, 57 Manchester Road, Gymea

Bookings

- Not required for Expo.
- Bookings are required for breakout sessions - 02 9710 0892.

A FREE event showcasing the wide range of services available to support and enhance your life in our local area - whether you're looking to improve your health, discover new wellness strategies, or connect with others in the community.

Breakout sessions

(10.30am or 12.30pm - 1 hour ea)

The transition from the My Aged Care Home Care Packages to Support at Home Program.

SENIORS FESTIVAL CONCERT

**THURSDAY 27 MARCH
10:00AM OR 1:00PM SHOWTIMES**

The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre, Sutherland

Our FREE concert extravaganza is back! Join us as we celebrate the theme 'Time to Shine' with performances from local performers including Ebony Cooper, Anthony Gibara, Alexis Hutchinson, and Max Fernandez, accompanied by The New Horizons Jazz Band and special guest performances from Ev & Bow.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/seniors-concert



LIBRARIES

libraries.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au
Book online for all events

WHAT'S ON

CHRIS BAKER PRESENTS *SWIMMING SYDNEY*

Tuesday 4 February, 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Sutherland Library and Online

Dive into *Swimming Sydney: A tale of 52 swims* with author and swimmer Chris Baker to discover how swimming can help us navigate life's emotional currents.

IPAD BASICS

Thursday 6, 13, 20 and 27 February, 2:00pm to 3:00pm at Menai Library

Come along to this four-week iPad Basics course to learn the best tips and tricks to master your iPad, including surfing with Safari, emailing, security, and more.



LINDA MARGOLIN ROYAL PRESENTS *THE STAR ON THE GRAVE*

Wednesday 12 February, 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Sutherland Library and Online

Author Linda Margolin Royal discusses the family stories that inspired her debut novel and why her family owe their lives to Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara.

CALLIGRAPHY TASTER - AGES 16+

Thursday 13 February, 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Sylvania Library

The art of lettering never fades. Discover the traditional practice of calligraphy, which dates back centuries, at this workshop where you'll try your hand at the ancient lettering technique.



HEALTHY AGEING SEMINAR SUPPORT FOR CARERS

Monday 17 February, 10.30am to 12:00pm at Engadine Library

Join us for a relaxed presentation from a representative of Carer Gateway on what support and assistance is available for carers to promote wellbeing.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BOOK PUBLISHING!

Thursday 20 February, 10:30am to 12:30pm at Sutherland Library

Don't miss an opportunity to have all your burning questions answered about getting published by industry expert Benny Agius at this A-Z of publishing session.



SUSANNAH FULLERTON PRESENTS *CONTROVERSIAL CLASSICS*

Wednesday 26 February, 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Sutherland Library

Join Susannah Fullerton, leading authority on 19th and 20th Century writers, as she discusses some of the famous books that have outraged authorities and been banned from shelves worldwide.

U3A COURSES TASTER

Friday 28 February, 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Engadine Library

Are you newly retired or semi-retired and looking to expand your social circles or learn new skills? Join us for this special taster session with U3A (University of the 3rd Age) and hear all about the benefits of this educational organisation.



ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

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.ssc.nsw.gov.au/WOODCHIP2425

Where:

Council Depot, 13-15 Ethell Road, Kirrawee

Time:

9:00am to 3:00pm

Upcoming dates:

- Saturday 8 February 2025
- Saturday 8 March 2025



HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

SATURDAY 8, SUNDAY 9 AND MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY AT 9:00AM TO 3:30PM

Bellingara Netball Courts car park, Miranda

Bring your household chemicals for safe disposal. Access the event from Bellingara Road, Miranda.

Place all chemical items in the empty boot of your car and remain in your vehicle during collection. Follow instructions from staff on site.

More information at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/47e3HZI

This event is brought to you by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

Visit epa.nsw.gov.au for other chemical collection dates if our dates don't suit you.

This a free service.

REMINDER:

E-WASTE COLLECTION

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

Sutherland Shire

It's time for a
Household Chemical CleanOut

You can drop off for free:

LIBRARY RESOURCES OF THE MONTH

LINKEDIN LEARNING

Do you want to develop your personal or professional skills? With LinkedIn Learning you can choose from over 20,000 of online courses from industry experts to complete at home, free with your library card. Learn to code, get started with podcasting, improve your management skills, and more.

KIDS - LOTE4KIDS

Introduce your child to the magic of storytelling with Lote4Kids. Children can enjoy thousands of digital picture books in over 50 languages, with English translations, for free with their library card. Choose from classic tales, such as Little Red Riding Hood or The Princess and the Pea, select a language and relax!



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To book your place in our events and programs, visit bit.ly/WhatsOnHazelhurst or call 02 8536 5700.

IN THE HAZELHURST GALLERY

ARTEXPRESS 2025

10 February to 13 April 2025 - Open 10:00am to 4:00pm daily, free admission.

The annual ARTEXPRESS exhibition returns to Hazelhurst showcasing outstanding HSC Visual Arts bodies of work from 50 students from across the state, including eight from Southern Sydney schools.

Students push aesthetic, conceptual and formal boundaries, experimenting across a range of expressive forms including drawing, painting, photography, time-based forms and designed objects. Part of the HSC Showcase season, ARTEXPRESS includes artworks by some of New South Wales' most talented young artists.

ARTEXPRESS is a collaboration between NSW Department of Education and NSW Education Standards Authority.

IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

TONY COSTA: PORTRAIT OF A GUM

Friday 7 February – Tuesday 25 February

A solo exhibition of works by award-winning Sydney-based artist Tony Costa. The exhibition includes large-scale paintings based on drawings made on site at the Royal National Park, as well as earlier works that draw inspiration from mines in Western Australia. Costa's 2019 Archibald Prize winning work Lindy Lee will also be on show.

VITAL SIGNS: RECENT GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

Friday 28 February – Tuesday 18 March

A showcase of graduating artists from the University of Wollongong. The exhibition, an ongoing partnership between the School of the Arts, English and Media, University of Wollongong and Hazelhurst Arts Centre, primarily aims to support emerging artists from Southern Sydney and the Illawarra.

Images L to R: Tony Costa, *Portrait of a Gum, Audley*, 2024, oil on canvas; PhylInn Grohala, *Road Train 1 – 6:30am 28/7/2024*, 2024.

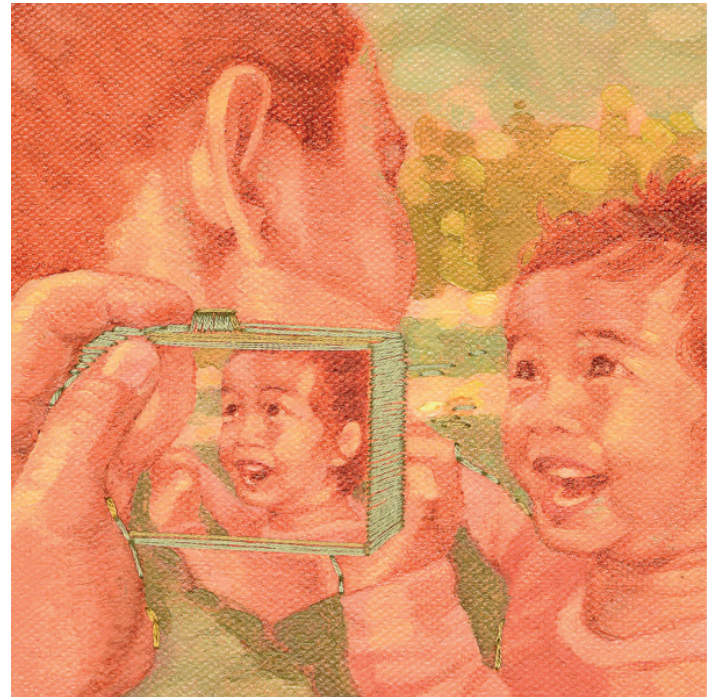


Image: Kayla Puse, Aquinas Catholic College, *The things we frame*, 2024, painting.

WHAT'S ON

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: Photographs by Flore Vallery-Radot.

LITTLE ART MAKERS

Wednesday 19 and 26 February, 9:30am to 10:30am

Introduce your pre-schooler to the world of art through discovery and creative learning! Excite their senses and develop their skills as they engage with our current exhibitions through a gallery tour, storytime and an exhibition-inspired artmaking activity. Suitable for children ages 3-5 years. \$10.00 per child. Bookings essential.



ART ENGAGE

Monday 24 February, 10:00am to 12:00pm

People living with dementia and their carers are invited to Art Engage, a program that engages participants with their world and sense of identity through art and provides opportunities for connection through conversation, artmaking and looking at art. Bookings essential.

HAZELHURST FILM CLUB

Season 1 commences Monday 3 February

Sign up now to enjoy a year of great new release, award-winning, classic, art house, foreign, and documentary films. Films are screened three times a week; Monday at 6:00pm; Thursday at 2:00pm; and Sunday at 11:00am. Annual membership \$75.00, or \$70.00 for Friends of Hazelhurst members. Join at the Hazelhurst Admin Desk or call 02 8536 5700. For ages 18+.



SUBSCRIBE TO HAZELHURST EMAIL NEWS

Receive the latest news from Hazelhurst at bit.ly/hazelhurstnews

BEACHES

BEACHES FOR EVERY BODY - BOOK A BEACH WHEELCHAIR OR TRY THE MOBI-MAT

Did you know Cronulla Beach and Gunnamatta Bay have beach wheelchairs and Mobi-mats to make the beach accessible for everybody. Book via our website to access them and experience the joy of the beach and water.

We're trialling the Mobi-mat set up on weekends and public holidays 10am to 2pm over the school holiday period. Weather and beach conditions permitting. A section of Mobi-mat will be permanently set up at Gunnamatta Bay baths during the six weeks of summer school holidays.

If you know someone that would love to get onto the beach, visit

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/accessiblebeaches



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**



BUSINESS

BUSINESS SUCCESS SERIES WEBINARS TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 12:00PM TO 1:00PM ONLINE

We're excited to host a new series of free online learning opportunities starting this February. Join us for our first session - **Navigating Economic Challenges in Business: Adapting to Economic Shifts.**

Steering your business can feel like an uphill battle – that's why we're bringing together leading experts to share strategies and insights to help you tackle challenges head-on, seize new opportunities, and future-proof your business.

Secure your spot today—spaces are limited! Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/25bss1



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER FOR BUSINESSES

Stay informed with our monthly "Business Now" newsletter, which provides updates on our latest initiatives and upcoming events. We are committed to understanding the latest trading conditions, challenges, and opportunities in Sutherland Shire so we can be responsive to what businesses need.

Subscribe at bit.ly/SSCBusinessNow



CURRENT CONSULTATIONS



We regularly talk with our community and ask for ideas and feedback to help us make decisions about Council services and projects.

For all consultations and surveys, unless otherwise stated, visit Join the Conversation at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVATION

We're developing an Events and Activation Plan for 2025 – 2030. It will provide direction for the future of great local events that connect and celebrate our community and grow our economy.

To help shape the plan, we want to hear from you about the events you love and your ideas for making them even better. Complete the online survey by 10 February for the chance to win a \$300 gift card!






SENIORS SURVEY 2025

Are you aged 60 or over and living in Sutherland Shire? We'll soon be running a survey to understand how older people in our community experience our events, activities and services. **Survey will open 24 February 2025** - more to come at:

- Seniors Festival events (see page 3)
- go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/senior-survey



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