



OUR SHIRE

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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.



YOUR COUNCIL

KIRRAWEE LIBRARY+ IS COMING

Exciting news! Work is starting on Kirrawee Library+, a brand new facility located at South Village. It will be everything you love about our libraries + so much more.

Kirrawee Library+ will offer:

- beautiful spaces to meet, study and work
- bookable spaces for events, such as conferences and film screenings
- recording and film studios to create music, stories and podcasts
- high quality books
- a bright children's space.

Expected completion is April 2025. Find out more at

go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/NewKirraweeLibrary

Proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with us and the State Library of NSW and Cleanaway.



ELECTION UPDATE

The 2024 NSW Local Government elections are less than a month away, to be held on Saturday 14 September. Postal vote applications are now open, and will close 5:00pm 9 September.

To see the full list of candidates who have nominated, visit the NSW Electoral Commission's website page at

bit.ly/LGCandidates

For all other election information, including key dates and further updates, visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/2024election

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We're searching for unsung heroes in our community and we need your help to identify them.



Each year, the Sutherland Shire Citizen of the Year Awards celebrate residents who make incredible contributions to our community. If you know someone whose selfless (and often unheralded) work helps make Sutherland Shire a more remarkable place to live, nominate them today!

Individuals and community services nominated must be residents of, or operating in, Sutherland Shire. Nominations **close 14 October 2024**.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/local-hero



Save the date

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,
14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24
or call 1300 135 736



LATEST NEWS

HUNGRY POINT RESERVE CLIFF TOP WALK STAGE 1

We're pleased to let you know that work is starting on Stage 1 of the Cliff Top Walk at Hungry Point Reserve, Cronulla. This project will give greater access to the Reserve, outstanding views via a walkway and viewing platform, and increased opportunities to appreciate the area's cultural and heritage values.

This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government.

Find out more at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/HungryPoint



ROGER SUMMERS RESERVE PLAYGROUND UNDERWAY

We're excited to let you know work is underway on a new playground at Roger Summers Reserve, Bundeena. Feedback from the community helped shape the new play space that includes tailored play equipment for a wider range of ages - and feature an iconic Bundeena ferry! The new playground will be completed in November 2024 (weather permitting).

Find out more: go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/RogerSummers



COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES PROGRAM 2024

Our 2024 program has provided \$500,000 in grants to 38 local not-for-profit groups. This funds 47 local initiatives across a diverse range of projects and activities, aimed at fostering a connected, compassionate, and inclusive Sutherland Shire.

Among the recipients are Top Blokes Foundation, which supports young men's mental health, and Engadine Community Services, offering social outings for older residents. These projects provide high-quality programs connecting and empowering our residents, and supporting local organisations.

Discover more about the incredible projects and organisations we're supporting - visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/commgrants2024



JAPANESE SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE

We were honoured to welcome a student exchange delegation from our sister city of Chuo, Japan at a Mayoral Reception at The Pavilion, Sutherland on Wednesday 31 July. Sixteen exchange students explored Sutherland Shire and took part in activities with Council's lifeguards and Bushcare teams during their stay with local host families. Plans are underway for a delegation of 11 students from participating Sutherland Shire high schools to return the visit to Chuo in September this year.

Find out more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/chuo



FRAUD AND CORRUPTION - COUNCIL'S ZERO TOLERANCE POSITION

Sutherland Shire Council is committed to a high standard of transparent, ethical and accountable conduct and maintaining trust with our community.

We have a zero tolerance position of fraud and corruption and encourage the reporting of wrongdoing. You can find out more at sutherland.nsw.gov.au/Fraud-and-Corruption

It's not just our community who we encourage to report; our Public Interest Disclosure Policy also enables Council staff and other public officials to report certain types of serious wrongdoing, classified as 'public interest disclosures' without fear of reprisal. Learn more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/PID

If you see the wrong thing, do the right thing by reporting it online, or call our Fraud and Corruption Hotline on 1800 961 389.



ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

WATCH OUT, KOALAS ABOUT!

Koala breeding season has officially begun - koalas are on the move!

Sutherland Shire has a population of over 140 koalas in our urban and natural areas, especially suburbs adjoining bushland and national parks.

The biggest risks they face are:

- crossing roads and being hit by cars, particularly at dusk and dawn
- dogs off leash which may attack them – even a dog’s presence can scare away a koala.

You can help them by being extra careful when driving, and by keeping your dog on leash, especially if you walk in or near bushland.

Report sightings of koalas via the NSW Government’s I Spy Koala app which makes the data available to researchers, land managers, other groups and the public to help with planning and decisionmaking.

Found an injured koala? Contact either:

- WIRES Rescue Line on 100 094 737 or the rescue form at wires.org.au/report-a-rescue
- Sydney Wildlife Rescue on 02 9413 4300

Discover more, including I Spy Koala, at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/koalas



COME ALONG TO THE BUSHCARE FAIR SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 10:00AM TO 2:00PM

Parc Menai

Find out how you can lend a hand to restore and maintain our urban bushland spaces.

Check out displays and demonstrations from our Community Nursery, Bushcare, as well as the Australian Plants Society, WIRES Wildlife Rescue and more.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/bushcarefair

More about other Bushcare events at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/BushcareEvents



BIRD SWOOPING SEASON

Native birds are usually great neighbours, but during breeding season, some Australian species can become aggressive.

For safety tips and more info on swooping season, visit: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/swoop

If you find an injured bird, call WIRES: 1300 094 737.



WASTE WISE WORKSHOPS

FREE workshops for Sutherland Shire residents only. **Bookings are essential.** Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste for more information.

BALCONY AND VEGETABLE GARDENING IN POTS

Tuesday 3 September 2024, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Sutherland Library

Have you ever wanted to grow your own vegetables but don’t think you have enough space? Learn how to grow vegetables in pots and reduce the waste you bring home from the supermarket.

Visit bit.ly/Gardening03Sep

COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING

Saturday 21 September 2024, 9:00am to 11:00am, online via Zoom

If you are interested in learning more and setting up your own compost bin or worm farm, this online workshop will give you the opportunity to learn how easy it can be.

Visit bit.ly/Compost21Sep (an access link will be emailed to you one day prior to this event).

IN THE BIN – SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 2 October 2024, 10:30am to 11:30am at Menai Library

Children aged 4 to 8 are invited to discover the benefits of avoiding waste, recycling, composting, reusing and sharing. They’ll be introduced to our area’s waste services, and the concept of a circular economy and how it can help minimise waste and emissions from landfill. Visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/KBW24



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LIBRARIES

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

WHAT'S ON

BALCONY GARDENING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 3 September, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Sutherland Library

See Waste Wise Workshops on page 3.

PETRONELLA MCGOVERN PRESENTS *THE LAST TRACE*

Thursday 5 September, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Sutherland Library

Join us for an evening of suspense and intrigue with author Petronella McGovern. In conversation with fellow crime writer, Dinuka McKenzie, the pair will sit down to discuss her gripping thriller about siblings and secrets, *The Last Trace*.



PLEASURE GROUNDS ON THE GEORGES RIVER - HISTORY WEEK

Monday 9 September, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Sutherland Library

This History Week, Maritime Museum volunteer speaker, Greg Jackson reveals the little-known secrets of how the Georges River became an iconic leisure and holiday destination, where people could relax, enjoy and escape the everyday.

TEEN TAMING TECH TALK: AI

Tuesday 10 September, 4:30pm to 5:30pm, Sutherland Library and Online

In this Taming Technology talk for teens, their parents/guardians and educators, we will explain how AI works and explore the good and bad aspects of this new technology that has seemingly exploded into public consciousness.



BRUCE HOWELL IN CONVERSATION ABOUT THE MATSON COLLECTION

Thursday 12 September, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Sutherland Library

Join local author, Bruce Howell, as he discusses his process of cataloguing and photographing the Aboriginal artefacts in the Matson Collection. The collection was recently donated to Sutherland Library and is on display for residents and visitors to enjoy.

TAMING TECHNOLOGY SMART HOMES TALK

Thursday 12 September, 10:30am to 11:30am at Sutherland Library and Online

At this Taming Technology talk we'll explain everything you need to know about Smart Homes. We will explain what they are, the various smart home technologies available and how to get the most out of the technology while avoiding the pitfalls.



HEALTHY AGEING SEMINAR

Monday 16 September, 10:30am to 12:00pm at Sutherland Library

At this Healthy Ageing Seminar, Joanna Stathopoulos from NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service will discuss the importance of organ and tissue donation for saving lives, offer advice for having open discussions on the subject, and answer any questions.

GREAT BOOK SWAP

Monday 16 to Monday 23 September at various libraries

Great news kids! The Great Book Swap is on again and we need your help to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Just pop into our participating libraries to bag yourself a pre-loved book or two to take home for a small donation.



LIZ FOSTER AND AMBER JAKEMAN IN CONVERSATION

Monday 16 September, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Sutherland Library

Liz Foster, author of *The Good Woman's Guide to Making Better Choices*, chats with author of *Midnight Beach*, Amber Jakeman. They will discuss their latest books, their writing process, the pros and cons of independent and traditional publishing, and more.

TIM AYLIFFE PRESENTS THE WRONG MAN WITH HAYLEY SCRIVENOR

Wednesday 25 September, 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Sutherland Library and Online

Fans of crime novels rejoice, because local authors Tim Ayliffe and Hayley Scrivenor will sit down to discuss their latest novels, *The Wrong Man* and *Girl Falling*, that will have you on the edge of your seat.



RESOURCES OF THE MONTH

NEWSBANK GLOBAL

Start spreading the news! You can now stay informed on the latest local, national and global news across areas such as business, health, environment and politics with Newsbank. Explore articles from thousands of credible, trusted news sources, including Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian 24/7 on any device.

KIDS RESOURCE OF THE MONTH - STEM KITS

Kids – grab your lab coats and dive into the exciting world of STEM science kits, which are now available to borrow from the library! With STEM kits, children will learn to code in an unplugged environment by using tiles and wooden blocks to build robots and develop their programming and logic skills.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Receive the latest news and events from Libraries at bit.ly/SubscribeNewsletter

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FREE: HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

SATURDAY 14, SUNDAY 15 AND MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM TO 3:30PM

Bellingen Netball Courts car park, Miranda (access from Bellingen Road)

Paint, cleaning products, batteries, pesticides and more...

Bring your household chemicals for safe disposal. When disposed of incorrectly, chemical waste can pose a serious risk to you and the community.

Put the items in your boot and remember to stay in your car and follow staff instructions. We will have traffic management on-site, if needed, to minimise inconvenience for neighbours. For the full list of what's accepted and more information, visit

go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/HCC

For more dates and locations visit epa.nsw.gov.au

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

REMINDER: E-WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October at 9:00am to 3:00pm



SAVE THE DATE - COMMUNITY NURSERY OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER, 8:00AM TO 2:00PM

345 The Boulevard, Gympie

You're invited to browse the extensive range of local plant species that are perfect for local gardens and for planting projects around Sutherland Shire. Learn more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/nurseryopenday



HAZELHURST

hazelhurst.com.au

IN THE HAZELHURST GALLERY

LOGOS / ΛΟΓΟΤΥΠΑ

Saturday 21 September – Sunday 17 November, 10.00am to 4.00pm daily - free admission

Logos / Λογότυπα is an exhibition exploring Greek identity and culture in Australian art.

Crossing six decades from the 1960s to the 2020s, *Logos / Λογότυπα* embraces Hellenism and the idea of permanency as an illusion in Australian art and culture. For many of the exhibiting artists this will be the first time their works will be positioned in a Greek context.

Curated by Kon Gouriotis OAM, the exhibition is presented in collaboration with Hazelhurst Art Centre's neighbour Fr. Constantine Varipatis of Saint Stylianos Greek Orthodox Parish.

Image: Andrew Christofides, *Byzantium II* (detail), 2010, acrylic on canvas.



IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

TRAILBLAZERS: BUNDEENA MAIANBAR ART TRAIL INC

Until Tuesday 10 September

The Bundeena Maianbar Art Trail Inc presents an exhibition showcasing a diverse selection of artists working across a range of mediums. The exhibiting artists are the pioneering members of the Bundeena Maianbar Art Trail, an initiative that has inspired numerous other art trails across Australia.

BRUNO MOTA: ENDLESS SUMMER

Friday 13 September to Tuesday 1 October

Endless Summer is a celebration of the artist's encounters with the natural world. His observation and deep emotional connection to the places he has visited are translated onto canvas, creating a visual symphony of colours, light and texture. The exhibition is a testament to the everlasting beauty of summer, capturing the essence of places where the sun forever graces the horizon.

Images L to R: Peter Solness, *The Shed* (detail); Bruno Mota, *Wanda Beach* (detail), 2024.



To book your place for Hazelhurst Arts Centre's events and programs visit bit.ly/WhatsOnHazelhurst or call 02 8536 5700

WHAT'S ON

HAZELHURST GREEK FESTIVAL

Sunday 22 September, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Join us as we collaborate with our neighbours at Saint Stylianos Greek Orthodox Parish to celebrate our new exhibition *Logos / Λογότυπα*. Enjoy a day of artist talks, gallery tours, Greek food, Greek dancing, market stalls, live music, and special tours of Saint Stylianos Greek Orthodox Parish.



SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 30 September to Friday 11 October

Get creative with us this school holidays! We offer great programs for children and teens, including clay work, painting, mixed media and more. Enrolments open Monday 2 September from 6:00am online and from 9:00am by phone.

TERM 4 ART CLASSES

Monday 14 October to Saturday 21 December

We offer a range of creative learning experiences for adults, children, and teens in Term 4, all led by qualified teachers who are also practicing artists. Choose from printmaking, drawing, painting, mixed media, collage, mosaics, sculpture, life drawing, jewellery, illustration and more. Enrolments open Monday 16 September from 6:00am online and from 9:00am by phone. Images L to R: Hazelhurst image; Photograph by Flore Vallery-Radot.

LITTLE ART MAKERS

Wednesdays, 9:30am to 10:30am during school term

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. Cost \$10.00 per child. Bookings essential.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

CUT SHORT FILM COMPETITION 2024

Lights, camera, action! Cut Short is back to share the unique experiences of people, places, and cultures across Australia through the art of cinema.

Proudly presented by Sutherland Shire Council, Cut Short 2024 offers a stage for emerging talent and established filmmakers from Sydney and beyond to share their diverse stories through film. We encourage filmmakers of all ages and experience levels to tell their unique stories, filmed within Sutherland Shire, on Dharawal Country. Entries close Friday 1 November, with a festive film screening and awards night in late November.

Categories include Adult Major Prize (\$2,000), Junior Major Prize (\$2,000), Adult Local Resident (\$1,000), and Junior Local Resident (\$1,000).

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/CutShort



REMINDER: BIKE TO THE BEACH 2024

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM-12:30PM

Taren Point Shorebird Reserve to Don Lucas Reserve, Cronulla

Don't miss our favourite family event of the year, a fun 7km bike ride with bikes, helmets, and your loved ones. It's the perfect mix of fun, fitness and fabulous views! For registration details and cycle route visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/B2B24SP



ART ENGAGE

Monday 30 September 2024, 10:00am to 12:00pm

People living with dementia and their carers are invited to Art Engage. The program 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.



CHILDREN

COOPER STREET FUN DAY

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 10:00AM TO 1:00PM

Cooper Street Reserve, Engadine

- We're celebrating the launch of Cooper St Reserve All Abilities Playground and Active Youth Precinct!
- Enjoy a day with fun activities including a live DJ and sausage sizzle. Pre-register for the 'paint your board' workshop, and meet local community service providers. Bring the sunscreen and good vibes!
- Visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/CooperStFunday



SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- Check out our fun-filled activities to help keep kids entertained this spring - an exciting mix of free and paid activities facilitated by Council's specialist staff, industry professionals or partnering organisations.
- Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays



CHILDCARE OPTIONS - FREE WEBINAR

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER, 1:30PM

- Discover the best childcare options for your family. Expert tips and learn about local demand, how to find a quality service and preparing for care. Plus, get your questions answered by our early childhood experts.
- Bookings essential: bit.ly/childcarewebinar2024

HAZELHURST FILM CLUB

Enjoy a year of great new release, award-winning, classic, art house, foreign, and documentary films. Films screened three times a week: Monday 6:00pm, Thursday 2:00pm and Sunday 11:00am. Annual membership \$75.00 (Friends of Hazelhurst \$70.00). Join at the Hazelhurst admin desk or by phone. You must be aged 18+ to join.

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

SUBSCRIBE TO HAZELHURST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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

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 PROPOSAL FOR 78 PORT HACKING ROAD, SYLVANIA

We are proposing to rezone a parcel of land from SP2 Classified Road to R2 Low Density Residential to facilitate its sale.

Consultation closes **Monday 2 September**.



DRAFT SPORT FIELD ALLOCATION POLICY

We have drafted a Sport Field Allocation Policy that will help to manage the demand for Council-owned and/or managed sport fields across sports clubs/associations and the wider community.

Provide your feedback by **Sunday 8 September**.



DRAFT TREE AND BUSHLAND STRATEGY

Help shape the future of our natural environment by sharing your thoughts on our Draft Tree and Bushland Strategy

Open until **Wednesday 18 September**.



YOUTH

BATTLE OF THE BRIDGES IS BACK!

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER, 6:30PM TO 10:30PM

Marana Auditorium, Hurstville

We're showcasing the brightest young musicians from Sutherland Shire and Georges River areas! Last year's event/competition at the Sutherland Arts Theatre was a full house, and this year promises to be even bigger. Join us as the top acts from Battle of the Bands come together to compete and represent their regions with pride.

This FREE all-ages event will have free pizza for the first 200 attendees. For tickets, visit

go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/BattleoftheBridges24

Brought to you by Georges River and Sutherland Shire Councils and 3Bridges Community.



DRAFT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE (CX) STRATEGY

We've developed a Draft CX Strategy to guide the way we engage with, and deliver services for, our community. It outlines our vision, goals, initiatives, actions and measures to transform our customer interactions and continue to build trust with our community. Share your feedback by **13 October**.



WHAT'S THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP)?

The CSP is the long-term plan for Sutherland Shire's future. It sets out the community's vision and goals, along with strategies for achieving them. It's reviewed every term of council (i.e. usually every 4 years).

The priorities identified in the CSP, such as an active community or a protected and healthy environment, guide the initiatives and projects we plan for the community. The next review of the CSP will start later this year when we will consult our community to find out your priorities. Keep an eye out for your chance to have your say! View the current CSP at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/csp

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