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with COVID-19**

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Road to recovery

When we published the last issue of Scene Magazine, which focussed on water conservation, we were navigating our way through various levels of water restrictions.

We had no idea that, globally, we were about to face restrictions of a new and entirely unforeseen nature! At the time of writing, the COVID-19 restrictions have loosened substantially and I hope they safely remain so. But who knows? 2020 has proven itself to be an unpredictable year, so by the time you read this we could be battenning down the hatches to protect ourselves from hordes of rampaging pelicans. Anything goes!

One thing I am sure of is that the response of the Randwick City community to these sorts of challenges is always admirable. We gathered together the thoughts and experiences of some residents, which you can read on page 6. You may see yourself reflected in some of these comments, or you may gain a greater understanding of what others went through.

We've outlined our budget for the coming financial year as well as the ways we will support our community on the road to recovery (see pages 8-10). The draft Operational Plan and Budget will be on display for your comments and feedback.

As a result of the pandemic, we do things a little differently now. Whether that's take a virtual tour through a museum (page 14) or replace overseas trips with ones up the street (page 12-13), we've all made adjustments.

I hope you, your family and your friends are healthy and safe. Thank you so much for picking up Scene and reading it.

Danny Said
Mayor of Randwick

Green waste kerbside clean-ups

Randwick City Council is now offering free kerbside collections for green waste as part of our COVID-19 support program.

The service provides a contact-free way of recycling larger quantities of garden waste such as clippings and branches too big for your green bin.

Step 1 Call 1300 722 542 or visit randwick.nsw.gov.au/bookmycleanup

Step 2 Enter your details and choose your preferred pick up date.

Step 3 Put your material out on the kerb the day before collection.

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Mayor Danny Said is opposed to an incinerator.

Council joins community opposition to incinerator

A plan to build a waste-to-energy facility at a Matraville papermill near residential properties has been strongly criticised by Council. The plan by Opal Paper Mill (previously Orora) and waste company Suez is to truck in processed material for incineration to produce energy to help power the papermill. There are serious concerns about the environmental and health impacts of the proposal and Council will now work with the local community to oppose the plan. More details and join the community campaign: nomoreincinerators.com

Planning to commence for Coral Sea Park Playground

A \$200,000 grant awarded to Randwick Council by the NSW Government will be used to create a new inclusive playspace at Coral Sea Park in Maroubra. The new playspace will be designed so that it is accessible for people in wheelchairs or people who may have mobility, sensory, sight or hearing issues. "Play can profoundly shape and influence children's growth and development, and inclusive playspaces give kids of different ages and abilities the chance to play and grow together," stated Randwick Mayor Danny Said. Randwick Council will match the funding, dollar for dollar, and will aim to have the new playspace ready for play in 18 months' time. Community consultation will commence soon.



Beach pollution website scores Webby nomination

Randwick Council's Beach Pollution Ends Here website was nominated for an international Webby Award – the internet's most prestigious award! The interactive website explores how beach pollution occurs and what we can all do to make our beaches cleaner. The website helps you find drains near your home and shows which bay or beach they flow to. You can even adopt a local drain and pledge to keep it clean. Check out the website at endbeachpollution.sydney

Native wildflower plan for Coogee park

A small park in Coogee is being planted with native wildflower garden beds around the perimeter as part of a beautification plan. Leete Park is a small, triangular-shaped park on Dudley Street opposite Baker Park and was dedicated to Council as a public reserve in 1924.



The new outdoor gym at Clovelly.

Bigger, better and now open

A new and improved outdoor gym is now available for use at Burrows Park in Clovelly. The popular gym was closed in December 2019 when it was found that rust had caused extensive damage to the previous equipment and needed to be replaced. "Exercising outdoors provides a mental boost that can't be replicated indoors," stated Mayor Said. "Studies have indicated that it helps to lift people's mood and reduce depression, which I know is very important for a lot of people right now." Along with a new multipurpose gym station, the 17 new pieces of equipment will include Chest Press, Seated Row, Lateral Pull Down, Shoulder Press, Bench, Leg Press, Hand Bike, Spinning Bike, Cross Trainer and Recumbent Bike among others. Outdoor gyms are also located at Chifley Reserve, Kensington Park, Maroubra Beach and Frenchmans Bay Beach.



Mayor Danny Said at the start of construction.

Masterplan adopted for Clovelly Road

After many years of work and community consultation, a streetscape masterplan and vision for Clovelly Road from Centennial Park to Clovelly Beach has been adopted by Council. This plan will guide future improvements and streetscape upgrades to the precinct over the coming decade. The plan proposes to enhance the area's village character, encourage walking and cycling, increase tree canopy coverage by 30 per cent, activate the street frontages and increase safety. The plan also proposes making the Clovelly Beach car park area more people focused with increased greenery, tree plantings and outdoor gym equipment.

An artist impression of improvements to the Clovelly Beach end of Clovelly Road.



New playground under construction at La Perouse

A new children's playground at Frenchmans Bay is under construction. The new playground has been designed to encourage social interaction, imagination and participation, while developing balance and coordination. To do this, the play activities include a central mound with pull up ropes, a large embankment slide and a theme play tug boat. A climbing pyramid, swings and a maze (perfect for games of hide and seek) have also been included. "Play is a great way for children to develop their imagination, their physical confidence and their cognitive strengths, so when we develop concepts for our playgrounds we explore all the different play elements that will help kids to tap into these abilities," stated Randwick Mayor Danny Said. Work is expected to be complete in August 2020.

Council fast-tracks additional parking in Kingsford

One hundred and fifty new parking spaces are under construction in Kingsford as an interim measure to support local businesses recovering from the impacts of light rail construction and COVID-19. The new spaces are located on a former light rail construction compound at the corner of Anzac Parade and Rainbow Street. The site was purchased by Council in 2017 and is earmarked for future development. Work to formalise the interim car park commenced in June and will be completed by August 2020.



Thumbs up

Bread baking

More family time

Binge-worthy TV shows

Toilet paper is back on shelves

Hot chocolate and slow cooking weather



Cold feet while soft sand running

Cancelled travel

Businesses struggling

Feeling isolated

Iso hair

Thumbs down

Extra clean-up services

Randwick City households have been given an additional two free clean-up services this year to help get through the COVID-19 pandemic. With more people staying home, there has been an increase in the amount of material put out for kerbside clean-ups as well as an increase in dumped rubbish. Booked clean-ups increased from 400 tonnes in April 2019 to over 500 tonnes in April 2020, while reports of illegally dumped rubbish increased by 20 per cent to 5,450 reports for the first four months of 2020. The extra services mean each household is now entitled to seven free on-call clean-ups and one free scheduled collection. Clean-ups can be booked online at randwick.nsw.gov.au/bookmycleanup or by calling 1300 722 542.

By the numbers
Autumn 2020

4,544
(up 26%)
clean-ups booked

29,242
(up 6%)
calls to our Customer Service Centre

5,450
(up 23%)
reports of illegally dumped rubbish

How you coped with COVID-19...

The last few months have been an experience for all of us. As the world contended with COVID-19, we were all asked to stay home, work from home, and practice social distancing.

We conducted an open-ended, anonymous survey giving Randwick City residents the chance to tell us how they coped during the restrictions.

While some people thrived under the isolation, others in the community struggled. Here's what you told us about your experiences.

Across the community there was a wide range of experiences as a result of the lockdown.

"I can see a lot of positives – working from home being the main one. I don't want to go back to commuting!"

"I've loved saving money, walking more and having more quality time to spend with the kids."

"I live in a block of units where there are children being home schooled, adults are working from home and tensions have escalated."

"I live alone and I've lost my job. Centrelink doesn't give enough support to cover my rent. I can't imagine a way through this without becoming a burden on society. Surely I'm not the only person feeling like this?"

"I'm missing the fun stuff – cultural events, theatre, live music. But I hope we can hold onto some elements of shut down – the calmer streets, less pollution, a more sustainable life."

How hard was it to follow the guidelines?

41% of respondents said it was easy to stay home and follow social distancing while **48%** said it had its ups and downs. Others said:

"It's been hard for teenagers."

"I've been fine, but it's frustrating going out for walks or to the shops as others ignore social distancing."

"It's been tough – I live at home alone and I haven't broken the rules."

"Getting out for exercise is hard because of the inconsiderate attitude of some people who hog the footpaths. It means we have to step onto the road to protect them and ourselves from infection."

Talking jobs...

40% of respondents continued to do the same job they did before isolation, but from home.

8% of respondents lost their job due to COVID-19.

11% kept working in the same job.

For many people, their whole lives changed when COVID hit:

"My business was hit badly – I'm not sure it will recover."

"I've had to close my beauty salon. It has devastated me."

"I worked at the airport and had to find new work at a supermarket."

"I was casually employed and lost all income."

Talking homeschool...

32% of respondents had children homeschooling.

"Homeschool is a bit tough. Not the work just getting the youngest to concentrate and get on with it!"

"My daughter missed socialising with friends – it was hard for kids."

"Juggling work and monitoring home school was hard."

"Homeschooling and having extended working hours made monitoring my teenager a challenge."



The hardest part of isolation has been:



"My husband is in essential services and has worked 12 hour night shifts since this nightmare began. Trying to tiptoe with the children inside all day so he can sleep has been incredibly stressful for all of us."

"Homeschooling!"

"Needing to go out to medical appointments, due to being heavily pregnant. It was stressful and lonely. Now that my baby has been born, it's sad to not be able to share the joy with friends."

"Not being able to go for a swim."

"Not getting to see my parents, both in their 80s and live in regional NSW. It doesn't matter how old you are you still need hugs from your mum."

"Telling people I was pregnant and not having hugs or being able to tell them in-person. Then, having a late miscarriage, trying to make medical decisions over the phone and going through surgery alone (my husband wasn't allowed in the hospital)."

"Not seeing my grandkids."

"As a sole trader and casual worker - I'm a musician - I've had all my work cancelled or postponed indefinitely. The arts sector was already struggling and fragile and now faces a long road back to recovery. On a personal level, I feel 'non-essential' and undervalued."

The best parts of isolation were:



"My husband working from home has made my life nicer and easier. We get more sleep-ins because the kids don't have to wake so early to get to school. And we are saving money because we are not going out (shopping, movies, restaurants, activities)."

"More time with family - my partner is home more from work."

"More time to enjoy the surrounds we live in....read the books I've been too busy to read and sit in the autumn sun and just relax."

"The slowing down of life."

"Seeing the world become more connected even though

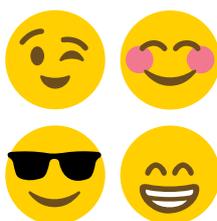
we are apart. More time to cook and eat healthily. More jigsaw puzzle time. And the surprising one is, I like the lack of choices of things to do or places to go. Too many options overwhelm me and having them limited has been freeing."

"I loved not having to commute so I could spend more time with family, exercising and just being. Also the closed carpark at Mahon Pool is the best thing that ever happened to us. We have a 4-year-old son and he has learned to ride his bike there, now he is trying to skateboard - best of all he has met lots of new local friends and so have we. Please consider keeping the space for bringing the community together. So much more important than car parks."

Do you need help?

The pandemic has had an impact on all of our lives. If you have questions or need help, our Community Development team can put you in touch with a range of services and resources. Call 1300 722 542 or visit our website.

Coming out of isolation, you told us you want to maintain:



"Walking across the street to the Mahon Pool carpark and meeting all of my neighbours and their kids. Making new friends and suddenly feeling like we belong."

"Cooking more and meal planning."

"Online catch ups with friends who live far away."

"A slower pace of life."

"Sunday board games and take-away dinner night with the family."

"Virtual barre classes!"

"Having everyone at home in the evenings, including the teenagers!"

"Spending less."

"The skate/bike park in the Clovelly beach car park has been incredible. So good for the kids to have all that space and not have to worry about cars. It should be made a regular feature of the off season - keep some as parking for the beach and surf club and allow the kids to take over the rest."

"Working from home."

"The sense that everyone is in the same boat & that our government is actually trying to help, noticing a much more caring attitude in the general community."

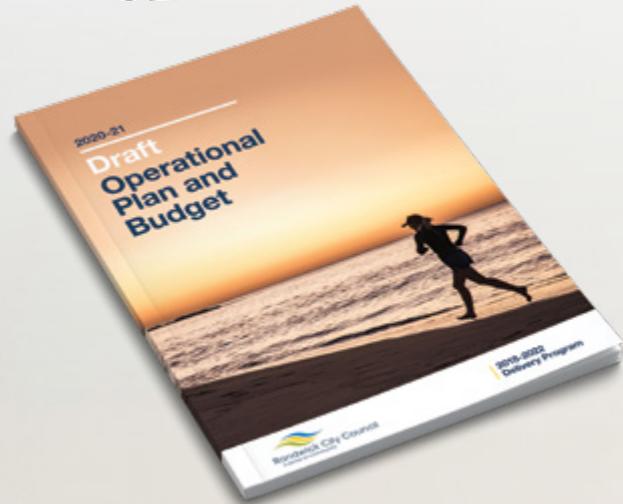
"Being kinder to one another."

"Having a less-packed schedule."

"Kitchen music Sundays with my friends, we all jump on a Zoom for 4-5hrs, cook some delicious food, pick songs on rotation to a theme and have a great time."

Towards recovery and resilience

When crafting our draft Operational Plan and Budget, we focused on how we can support our residents and local businesses as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19.



This year has been a year unlike any other. The extraordinary circumstances created by the global COVID-19 pandemic has meant we've needed to create a Budget and Operational Plan for 2020-21 that adapts to the changes we've seen in our community.

The restrictions put in place by Federal and State Governments were effective at slowing the spread of the coronavirus, but it came at a financial cost for many residents and businesses. More than 10 per cent of our residents are unemployed and many local businesses have been forced to close or change the way they operated.

As a result of this upheaval, we have reviewed our income and expenditure for the coming year and adjusted our draft Operational Plan and Budget in order to help affected residents and businesses get back on their feet.

Resilience

There are four key areas that we have identified as being crucial to creating a resilient Randwick City.

1. We'll create more than 3,000 jobs through our \$48.6M capital works program;
2. Invest more than \$2.8M into initiatives purely focussed on local business support;
3. Provide funding to help local community service providers support those who have felt the emotional and mental impacts of the pandemic; and
4. Work with ratepayers suffering financial hardship to find suitable repayment plans.

Read more about how we'll create a Resilient Randwick on page 10.

Playground upgrade focus

Almost \$1M will be invested in upgrading and renewing six playgrounds in Randwick City: Kokoda Park playground in Kensington, Coral Sea Park playground in Maroubra, Coast Hospital Memorial Park playground in Little Bay, Ingram Street Reserve playground in Kensington, Rabaul Reserve playground in Matraville and Gollan Park playground in South Coogee.



Budget – considered and responsible

Through a balanced and well-considered long-term strategy, we'll target our investment into areas that need it most to help stimulate recovery. This strategy includes reducing expenditure, increasing borrowings by \$6.5M to \$14.5M and continuing with our 5.52% Special Rate Variation to fund the Our Community Our Future program.

Randwick Council is not immune to the impacts of COVID-19 and we are forecasting a decrease in income of about \$11M. We believe the responsible approach is to invest in our local community. We are planning to take advantage of record-low interest rates to maintain our works program which will create jobs and inject funds into the economy.

We will also be supporting ratepayers experiencing financial hardship. We will offer flexible payment arrangements and extend the interest free period on rates and charges until 31 December 2020 for those in need.

At the heart of these decisions is the desire to see our community recover and thrive through business support, economic stimulus and support for those who are most in need. It also means that we can continue to meet our service levels and deliver the capital works program that we promised to you, the ratepayer.

Have your say

The 2020-21 Draft Operational Plan and Budget is on public exhibition for community comment from Wednesday 10 June to Thursday 9 July 2020. We encourage you to review it online at yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au or in person at Council's Customer Service Centre (8.30am-5pm) and Randwick City Libraries to share your feedback with us.

Projects coming to your neighbourhood

In the coming year we'll implement a number of projects to improve our current services and upgrade or build new facilities for you to use. Here's what we've got planned:

- Randwick Town Centre upgrade
- South Maroubra Beach Surf Club Amenities and Car Park
- Meeks Street Plaza, Kingsford
- Coogee Oval Grandstand Amenities
- Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall
- Synthetic field at Coral Sea Park, Maroubra
- Outdoor gym near Malabar Beach
- Refurbishment of Yarra Bay Bicentennial Park Toilets
- Upgrade Randwick Environment Park
- Improved lighting at Maroubra Beach
- Facility upgrades at McIver's Ladies Baths
- Design and consult on Waratah Avenue Street Plaza, Randwick
- St Spyridon Anzac Parade Car Park, Maroubra
- Plant more native trees city-wide

Town centre improvements

We'll develop new public domain plans for town centres including The Spot, Maroubra Junction, and Clovelly Road that supports restaurant, café and theatre, retail and recreation clusters.

Smoothing the way

This coming year we'll continue with our Local Roads Rehabilitation Program and Footpath Construction Program, ensuring we keep up our current maintenance levels for the 277kms of roads and 827,000 square metres of footpaths in our City.

What it costs you

Rates: Council's overall rates income will increase by 5.52% as part of the third and final year of our approved Special Rate Variation (Our Community Our Future). We are using new land values for calculating your rates in 2020-21, so the actual increase for individual ratepayers will vary based on your land value. For the average ratepayer paying rates of about \$1,435, the increase will be about \$75.

Waste fee: The domestic waste management fee will increase by \$18.75 to \$604.75. This increase will help fund the introduction of a food and organics recycling service in 2021.

Budget in focus



Roads
\$7.6M



Buildings
\$12.6M



Open spaces
\$7.7M



Cycleways
\$1.8M



Drainage
\$1.4M



Trees
\$430k

Resilient Randwick

This support package of initiatives, which is part of the draft Operational Plan and Budget, aims to develop job creation, provide community and business support and assist business recovery.

We are working to make Randwick City more resilient so that our community and our local businesses can survive not only the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic but any future stresses that may come our way.

Our aim is to ensure businesses, neighbourhoods and the whole community can not only bounce back but bounce forward to an improved environment and enjoy social and economic health and wellbeing.



JOB CREATION

- ✓ Our \$48.6M capital works program has been developed to stimulate the economy with the creation of more than 3,000 jobs.
- ✓ Upcoming works include new community and cultural centres, amenities buildings, streetscape upgrades, pop-up bicycle paths, sporting facilities and public domain improvements.
- ✓ Our valued workforce is being retained, with redeployment opportunities created through the creation of temporary positions designed to support our community.
- ✓ Support for local sporting groups by the waiving of ground hire fees for a period of 6 months.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- ✓ Support those facing hardship by providing interest-free options for rates and annual charges.
- ✓ Provide up to 100% rental subsidy for 6 months for childcare organisations leasing council properties.
- ✓ Provide up to 100% rental subsidy for 6 months for not-for-profit organisations leasing council properties.
- ✓ Explore opportunities to fast track our affordable housing programme.
- ✓ Support early intervention domestic and family violence initiatives as well as mental health and suicide awareness initiatives.
- ✓ Help for seniors to combat social isolation.
- ✓ Explore opportunities to support our local Aboriginal community through the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ 100% subsidy for 12 months on business DA fees, footway dining, A-frame signage fees and food safety inspection fees.
- ✓ Up to 50% subsidy for local small business tenants of Council for a period of 6 months.
- ✓ \$200K towards initiatives that support short-term expansion of commercial space to allow for social distancing by extending into local laneways, reserves etc.
- ✓ \$100K towards the activation of public places and spaces within 900m of town centres.
- ✓ \$170K in grant funding to support the arts industry, stimulating creativity and culture.



RECOVERY PLANNING

- ✓ We are establishing a new team within Council whose purpose is to work with local business to support resilience and plan for recovery.
- ✓ We will develop a destination management plan to build and expand the visitor economy.
- ✓ Public domain planning will create a vision for town centres.
- ✓ We will work with business to explore and progress opportunities within the night-time economy study.
- ✓ Our town centres will be supported as we work with local businesses on main street planning.



Local heroes

Our local businesses need our support more now than ever. Even though restrictions are easing, there's still a long road ahead for some. Here's what you can do.



Cafes still face some restrictions.

Local businesses are not just a source of daily essentials – they're also a place of connection. A café where good friends catch up. A butcher who can teach you the perfect way to cook a roast. A florist who can help you brighten someone's day. Local businesses aren't run on algorithms or stockholders. Just friendly people who care about what they do. They are the heart and soul of our community, but they are hurting right now. So what can we do to support them?

2. Buy a gift card

Throw a lifeline to your favourite business by purchasing a gift card. This will provide them with the cashflow they so desperately need, while giving you a little treat to look forward to in the near future.

3. Join our Facebook Group

Customers: meet your new favourite business. Businesses: meet your new favourite customer. We know it's a trying time for many businesses,

4. Spark joy in your home

After spending so much time at home, you might have an urge to spruce things up. Before you head to a department store, see what's on offer



Spruce up your home.

in your neighbourhood. Randwick City boasts a wide variety of homeware stores, with shop attendants who have an eye for design. Take some pictures of your home with you so that they know what they're working with.

5. Treat your loved ones

Got a birthday coming up? Impress your loved one with a gift from a local business. When you shop local, you're likely to get a more unique product, and your loved one will feel extra special.

6. Influence

You might know that your favourite café makes the best smashed avo, but what about the rest of us? Shout it out! Share a photo on Instagram and tag the cafe. Tell a stranger on the street. While it may seem small, your opinion can matter a lot to those around you. Unleash the social media influencer within you.



Order meals from your favourite local.

1. Order in

With social distancing restrictions still in place, local venues will need our help over the coming months to make back some losses. This is your official calling to keep your Ugg boots on and order your favourite dishes in! See what's on offer through a food delivery app, or just give the venue a good old-fashioned call.

so we created a Facebook Group to bring businesses and residents of Randwick City together. Check out some deals, give a business a great recommendation or promote your own services. Just type Shop local: connecting customers and businesses in Randwick City into the Facebook search bar.

Plan your staycation

Restrictions have loosened and life is regaining a sense of normality but international travel is still not on the cards. Good thing we live in a place that tens of thousands of people travel to every year! Here's how to spend 48 hours in the 'hood, like a tourist.

Friday night

It's Friday night and the feeling's alright. Randwick's bustling dining and entertainment hub, The Spot, is a great place to drink some socially distanced cocktails, indulge in people watching and enjoy a meal. The heritage conservation area has a mix of eating establishments – Spanish tapas, French crepes, vegan burgers, pizza, patisseries and great pub grub. No matter the type of evening you're looking for, The Spot will provide the atmosphere. If you can, catch a movie at the heritage listed Ritz Cinema, it's one of only two Art Deco cinemas left in Sydney.

Cocktails at The Spot.



Snorkel at Clovelly Beach.



Saturday morning

Who needs a trip to the Great Barrier Reef when you've got Gordon's Bay and Clovelly's gentle protected beach to explore? If this is your first time donning a mask, snorkel and fins, Clovelly is your best bet as the concrete platform provides easy access to the water. Bluey the groper is a famous resident, so keep an eye out for him. Just around the corner, heading north, is Gordon's Bay, which features an underwater nature trail. Enter the water by the rocks close to Victory Street and look for concrete-filled drums linked by a chain with information about local marine life.

Saturday afternoon

A morning of snorkelling will work up an appetite, so grab some lunch on Clovelly Road before heading off on your next adventure. For this you'll need a bike, helmet and energy to burn. If you've got kids with you, the Heffron Pedal Park in Maroubra is a fun, miniature road network for kids to ride bicycles and scooters, and helps them develop road safety skills. More experienced cyclists should head to Centennial Park to ride the one-way loop that stretches for 3.7km. Head to the corner of Clovelly Road and Earl Street to enjoy an afternoon coffee and cake. You've earned it!

Cycle Clovelly Road to Centennial Park.





Fred Hollows Reserve.

Guriwal Bush Tucker Trail.



Saturday night

About an hour before the sun sets, pull into the car park at Kooringai Ave and take a walk through the Guriwal Bush Tucker Trail. La Perouse is rich in Aboriginal history and this trail, with its access to abundant seafood and bush tucker, was a traditional camping area for Indigenous families. The trail will take you to Yarra Point then on to Frenchman's Beach. Head to Endeavour Ave and Anzac Parade to grab some fish and chips or takeaway food and watch the sun set over the water from the grassy knoll near the La Perouse Museum.

Sunday morning

It's time to take it easy like Sunday morning. Start your day with a gentle stroll through the Fred Hollows Reserve. You can access

the boardwalk via Alison Road near Glen Ave or Bligh Place. Whichever entry point you choose, you'll be immediately immersed in greenery and trees that muffle the sound of the city. For a magic 20 to 30 minutes, you'll enjoy the rainforest sounds of frogs, birds and the breeze in the tree canopy. There are plenty of benches along the boardwalk to sit and immerse yourself in the experience.

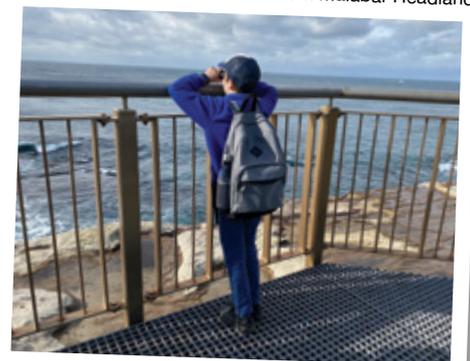
Sunday noon

A long lazy lunch is the hallmark of a Sunday afternoon well spent. This is particularly the case if authentic Asian cuisine is your thing. The Kingsford Light Rail stop will drop you right in the heart of our very own Asian food lover's paradise. Along Anzac Pde you'll find Chinese, Indonesian, Thai, Korean, Malaysian and Japanese restaurants lining both sides of the road. A quick Google search will uncover endless top 5 and top 10 lists, noting people's favourite restaurants but every list is different, which means you can't go wrong. Pick one restaurant and explore their menu or pick five and have a progressive lunch. Once you've finished, head towards Gardeners Road and take in the Charles Kingsford Smith art alley, commemorating the famous aviator.

Sunday afternoon

Now it's time to head to the coast to walk the Western Walking Track in the Malabar Headland National Park. This 1.15km walkway connects Pioneers Park in Malabar, with Arthur Byrne Reserve in South Maroubra. It offers stunning views across the beach, the headland and Botany Bay and because it runs behind the rifle range it is open seven days a week. If the rifle range is closed the 3km long Boora Point Walking Track will also be open, creating a 4km round trip which allows you to circumnavigate Malabar Headland. Whale watching season in Sydney runs from June to November, and there is no better place to keep an eye out for the gentle giants than the Malabar Headland.

Whale watch from Malabar Headland.



The Dale Family at Happy Valley, c.1933-1934. Happy Valley houses belonging to the Colvins, Chittens and the Suttons can be seen behind the Dale's home. Courtesy John Cann Collection.

Museum's modern messages



The La Perouse Museum is open to visitors once again and has two great exhibitions currently on show. If you're not quite ready to leave lockdown mode, you can always take a virtual tour of the exhibitions from the comfort of your own home.

There is something powerful that we can learn from La Perouse residents of the 1930s. Though they were living through the Depression and many were unemployed, there was a strong feeling of support and togetherness within the community that helped many families get through an incredibly difficult period of time.

The current exhibition at La Perouse Museum, Happy Valley: La Perouse in the Depression features stories of hardships but also mateship. It provides a glimpse at the life of a community created as a refuge for families impacted by the Depression.

"People sought a place to live and a sense of community at a time of great duress and hardship," says La Perouse Museum curator Roxanne Fea. "The exhibition is about camaraderie, bigotry but also

community support at a time when people were under great pressure."

Local resident Jenny Baird Sutton helped the Museum identify photos of her family who lived in Happy Valley. "People had nothing and nowhere to go, but Mum said in retrospect it was the happiest time of her life. At Happy Valley she had the freedom to make friends and talk to other women and swim in the beautiful waters of La Perouse."

The exhibition is full of objects, stories and treasures that bring this period of time to life and serves as a timely reminder that coming together as a community and showing each other support is the best way to get through hard times.

In the Instrument room is another exhibition with a timely message for us. Beach Couture: A Haute Mess!

is a collection of images and fashion created by artist and "trashion" designer Marina De Bris from plastic items that she has collected along coastlines. "It reminds us that what we carelessly throw away, usually ends up in our most precious resource, the ocean," says Roxanne. "Marina has fashioned the most amazing garments that highlight classic art history periods from Rococo, Gothic all the way to Carnaby Street."

Beach Couture now runs until 30 October 2020 and Happy Valley until 29 November 2020, or you can visit our website to take the virtual tour.

Happy Valley – Shanty installation.



Beach Couture:
A Haute Mess!

What's online

July to September 2020

COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

When: 5 July 2020

Time: 10am – 12pm

Where: Zoom

Bookings: Registration is required at enrol@cec.edu.au or 9387 7400



BASTILLE DAY

CELEBRATIONS AND CREPE COOKING CLASS WITH GASTON SOUFFLE

When: 14 July 2020

Time: 11am – 4pm

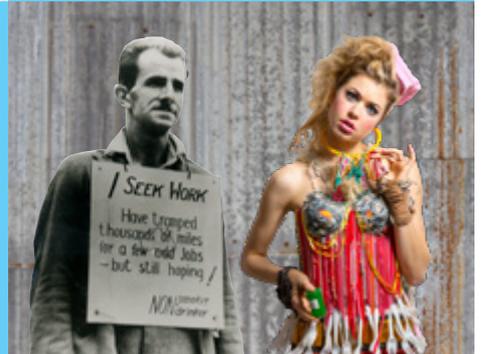
Where: Randwick City Council Facebook page



LA PEROUSE MUSEUM VIRTUAL TOUR

HAPPY VALLEY: LA PEROUSE IN THE DEPRESSION AND BEACH COUTURE: A HAUTE MESS!

Where: Randwick City Council Website



BOOK CLUB

When: Every Second Thursday

Time: 3pm – 4pm

Where: Every Second Thursday Book Club Facebook group



BABIES AND BOP RHYME TIME

When: Every week on Wednesday, until further notice

Time: 10.30am – 10.50am

Where: Randwick City Library Facebook page



BEACH BREAKS ART INSTALLATION

When: July 2020

Where: Maroubra Beach



GARDEN AWARDS APPLICATIONS OPEN

When: 10 August 2020

Where: Randwick City Council Website



KIDS' CLUB (3-5 YRS)

When: Every week on Wednesday, until further notice

Time: 11.15am – 11.40am

Where: Randwick City Library Facebook page

For more information on events visit randwick.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 722 542

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