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a sense of community



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From the Mayor **Dylan Parker**

Hi everyone, it's an honour to be back as Mayor of Randwick.

Councillors elected me as Mayor at our first meeting on 8 October alongside my Labor colleague Councillor Marea Wilson to serve as Deputy Mayor.

It's a new-look Council following the September 14 elections with five new faces and 10 returning Councillors. If you want to get to know your local Councillors a little better, check out pages 10-11.

As Mayor I'm looking forward to working with my fellow Councillors to continue to support our community.

Council was recently successful in receiving \$11.5M in grant funding from Transport for NSW. These funds will be used to deliver important road safety upgrades in Maroubra, Kensington, Kingsford, Little Bay and at our most dangerous local intersection at Malabar. Read more on page 13.

It's summer in Randwick City and our Christmas activities are getting underway. Check out our feature on pages 14-15 to find out where to see Christmas trees, interactive displays and solve the 12 days of Christmas word scramble. There are 12 local dining vouchers to be won.

And finally, if you're looking for a summer walk, check out the Kamay Botany Bay walking trail. We had the privilege of a guided tour by Gamay Senior Ranger Robert Cooley who shared his cultural insights. His story is well worth a read on pages 18-19.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Please stay safe on the roads and along our coast this summer, remember to swim between the flags and slip slop slap.

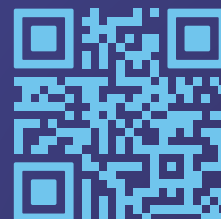


Dylan Parker
Mayor of Randwick



FREE EVENT

**New Year's
Eve Coogee
Beach 9pm**



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Celebrating locals making a difference

People across Randwick City come together every day to create positive changes in our community. In August, we celebrated the contributions of more than 40 locals – representing 22 not-for-profit community and arts organisations in our City – at a gathering in Randwick Town Hall.

Council was proud to support these individuals and organisations through our Community Investment Program, which aims to foster a sense of community and create a safer and more resilient City. More than half a million dollars is awarded through the program every year to social service organisations, environmental groups, creative practitioners and community groups.

Recipients from the 2023-24 Community Investment Program included individuals and groups helping family violence survivors reclaim their lives, working with unhoused young people to find homes, supporting up-and-coming filmmakers to explore youth mental health issues, organising events to bring people at risk of social isolation together, and more.



New Councillors and Mayor

Randwick City Council's 15 Councillors for the 2024-28 term were announced on 1 October 2024 following local government elections held on 14 September 2024. The new Council includes five new and 10 returning Councillors. There are six Labor Councillors, five Liberals, three Greens and one Independent.

Councillors elected Central Ward Councillor Dylan Parker as Mayor of Randwick at their first Council meeting on 8 October 2024. Councillor Marea Wilson was elected as Deputy Mayor.



Student art roots new trees

Local students are drawing attention to newly planted trees across Randwick City with personal artworks that show what trees mean to them.

With the financial support of the NSW Government, 2,000 native trees have been planted across our City to increase tree canopy coverage, particularly in Little Bay, Chifley, Matraville and Malabar.

Students have drawn pictures to display on some of the trees to help other community members identify the tree species and strengthen their connection with the new plantings.

Council is providing ongoing care for the newly planted trees as part of its regular maintenance program.

Space to Create program extended

Council is continuing to provide affordable studio space to local artists at the Lionel Bowen Library, after councillors extended the Space to Create program at their October meeting.

Since 2023, the program has provided residencies for 16 artists including authors, video makers, painters and textile artists. New residencies will soon be appointed for 2025.

Upgrades to La Perouse Museum

La Perouse Museum is currently closed for maintenance.

Council is repairing and painting the internal walls, restoring windows, cleaning and sealing open fireplaces, and upgrading the exhibition lighting in the public galleries.

We're also completing maintenance works across the surrounding La Perouse headland, removing dead trees, weeding, landscaping, installing new fencing, and making the museum's driveway more easily accessible.

La Perouse Museum is scheduled to reopen in early 2025.



Spot On nights in Randwick

Alfresco dining, local performers and roving entertainers brought Randwick to life during an 11-week series of street events that launched in late August 2024.

As part of the NSW Government's Open Streets program, Randwick City Council closed St Pauls Street to vehicles every Thursday night between August and October to create a street party, bring the community together and boost business.



Stairway to Ivo

One of Randwick City's most stunning natural rock pools is now a little easier to access. Council recently completed work on a new staircase to Ivo Rowe Rockpool in South Coogee. The pool can be accessed from the Coastal Walkway.



Council commits to Reconciliation Action Plan

Randwick City Council is set to develop a Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to enhance relationships with the local Aboriginal community. This strategic framework will guide Council staff in embedding reconciliation into all operations, focusing on meaningful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The draft RAP will be presented to Council in 2025, paving the way for a deeper understanding of local Aboriginal culture and history.

Thank you for showing local businesses the love!

You voted and we listened! The winners of the 2024 Randwick City Business Excellence Awards were announced on Monday 11 November at a ceremony at Royal Randwick Racecourse. Congratulations to Randwick health service, Spot Therapy Hub, which took home the top gong of **Business of the Year**.

Page Two, also in Randwick, won the coveted title of **Best Coffee**, and Maroubra's Aree Thai Twist won the **Best Restaurant** award.

Scan the QR code for a full list of winners.



Friday night football kicks off in Maroubra

This summer, we're lighting up a synthetic sports field in Maroubra on Friday nights to support programs to grow women's football. Councillors recently agreed to trial turning the lights on at Coral Sea Park until 9pm each Friday and to investigate upgrading the park's amenities and changing rooms.

news in brief

All charged up!

Ever dreamed of buying an electric vehicle (EV), but wondered where you would charge it? Well, we've got news for you! Randwick Council has teamed up with neighbouring Woollahra and Waverley councils to deliver 250 new charging spots across the eastern suburbs by the end of 2025. The number of EV charging spots in Randwick City alone is set to increase from 40 to 140.



More outdoor dining opportunities for businesses

Randwick Council is encouraging cafes and restaurants to extend their outdoor dining areas through the Alfresco Randwick program. The Council resolved to continue the program for another 12 months, allowing businesses to turn parking spaces in front of their establishments into outdoor dining areas. Some businesses, like Dolce Fiori in Randwick, and Coastal Brasserie in Malabar, have already expanded their dining spaces. Spaghetteria Restaurant in Randwick is the next to join the program.



Podcast project raises the voices of young people

Ten young people who live, work or study in Randwick City have taken part in a unique podcast project to shine a light on important issues and develop their skills.

Participants in Randwick Council's Youth Volunteer Podcast Project conducted interviews with experts on topics such as local sports, health, arts and culture, and emerging topics in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Maroubra Beach Markets extended

Maroubra Beach's popular monthly markets have been extended until August 2025. Council decided to keep the markets at their current location for another 10 months before trialling an alternative location at Heffron Park, Maroubra. More than 63,000 visitors have attended the markets since they commenced in July. To avoid a clash with surf life saving nipper events, the market day has been changed from Sunday to Saturday. The next markets are Saturday 7 December and Saturday 1 February (none in January).

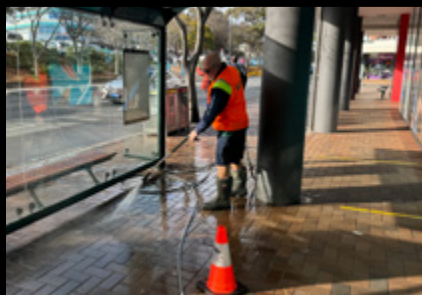


'Blitz Crew' leaves Maroubra junction looking refreshed

In its biggest operation yet, a 50-strong Council cleaning and maintenance crew completed a two-day 'blitz' of Maroubra Junction at the end of September, leaving the area looking refreshed and vibrant.

Council staff cleaned more than 5,000 square metres of pavement, replaced 14 fence posts, installed two new bins and two pram ramps, laid 150 square metres of footpath, painted six bus seats, five park seats, and planted seven new trees and 300 ornamental plants – among other achievements – over the two days.

The effort was the fourth 'Blitz Crew' operation in as many months; the team gave Randwick and Malabar town centres, and the corner of Clovelly and Carrington roads in Clovelly, a dose of the special treatment earlier this year.



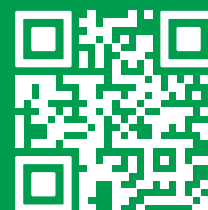
AUS DAY

FREE
EVENT

Sunday 26 January
11am – 2pm

Kensington Park
2R Edward Avenue
Kensington

- Food trucks
- Live music
- Entertainment and kids' activities
- Free ice cream



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MARINE & COASTAL DISCOVERY PROGRAM

BOOK NOW!

Get ready for hands-on action this summer!

7-28 January 2025

Check out our program and join in on a variety of affordable activities to help families and children of all ages to explore and experience Randwick City's unique marine and coastal environment.



1300 722 542
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CULTURE ON COUNTRY

26.01 2025 4PM A celebration of First Nations musicians and performers

La Perouse Headland | La Perouse Museum

Brightening up Meeks Street Plaza

Have you noticed something different at Meeks Street Plaza? This sunny site in Kingsford is looking a little brighter after new seating was installed and colourful artworks were painted on the pavement in August and September. Upgrades at the site also include timber work restoration, new plants and lighting to illuminate the area at night.

BEFORE



AFTER



Outdoor gym proposed for Maroubra

A new outdoor gym could be built in Coral Sea Park, Maroubra, under a proposal being investigated by Council. Councillors resolved for Council officers to review the site and bring a report back to Council with the possibility of funding in 2025-26. A number of outdoor gyms are located across Randwick City including in Coogee, Clovelly, Kensington, Maroubra, Matraville and La Perouse.

Christmas

FESTIVAL

» FRI 6 DEC
2.30pm – 7pm
Royal Randwick Racecourse

EXPECT

ENTERTAINMENT

KIDS RIDES

CAMBRIDGE MARKETS

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FREE ENTRY

New boardwalk bridges accessibility gap



A new 55-metre boardwalk between Maroubra and South Maroubra Beach has just been completed, providing easier access to the South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club for people with wheelchairs and prams.

The long sandy track has been replaced with a continuous raised boardwalk made from a hard-wearing and maintenance-free recycled plastic material, which offers a long-lasting and eco-friendly alternative to traditional timber.

It follows the completion of a new amenities building at South Maroubra Beach in October 2023, which included upgraded paths, landscaped areas and parking spaces to improve accessibility.

Holiday alcohol restrictions

Alcohol will be prohibited at all Randwick City beachside parks and reserves over this year's Christmas, New Year and Australia Day period. Many beachside parks have year-round alcohol restrictions while other beachside areas are restricted for the summer holiday period to increase safety and reduce anti-social behaviour. Please look out for signage at beachside parks or check our website for more details. Alcohol is permanently prohibited at all Randwick City beaches.



Meet your Councillors

Your September 14 votes have been counted and the results are in for the 2024-28 term. There are 10 returning Councillors and five new faces. From environmental advocates to local volunteers and professionals, SCENE gets to know your Councillors a little better.



Central Ward



**Councillor
Dexter Gordon**

Twenty-six year-old newly elected Councillor Dexter Gordon is a lifelong local. He's completing a PhD developing dyes for solar cells and cares deeply about youth representation and the environment.

One thing I love is... We know how to enjoy ourselves! The vibes of Randwick culture and nightlife are unparalleled.

Favourite hidden gem... Piccola Baia in Little Bay does it all: good pastries, coffee and a comprehensive breakfast menu.

Top priority... Delivering more housing in well-located areas to help first home buyers and take pressure off renters.



**Councillor
Dylan Parker
(Mayor)**

In his downtime, you'll find Mayor Dylan Parker around our beaches as a volunteer surf lifesaver, enjoying a walk along the coast or hitting the books while he re-trains as a teacher. Councillor Parker was Mayor from 2021 to 2023 and re-elected Mayor in October 2024.

One thing I love is... With spectacular beaches, parks, a university, and top sports facilities, we're relaxed and close-knit but near the CBD.

Favourite hidden gem... It's hardly hidden but Mahon Pool is always a great spot to enjoy the sunshine, cool off and relax.

Top priority... Ensuring Council is playing its part in the housing crisis.



**Councillor
Daniel Rosenfeld**

Randwick's beaches, parks and easy-going atmosphere are the main reasons Councillor Daniel Rosenfeld has called Maroubra home for the past 16 years.

One thing I love is... The fact that there are people from many different backgrounds living here.

Favourite hidden gem... The beautiful bushwalk at the Malabar Headland between South Maroubra and Malabar.

Top priority... To ensure that rates are kept under control, which is very important during the cost-of-living crisis.

East Ward



**Councillor
Masoomah Asgari**

A former lecturer, interpreter and librarian, newly elected Councillor Masoomah Asgari recently retired and is ready to give back to her community of over 20 years.

One thing I love is... Our culturally and linguistically diverse community, which is home to more than 104 different national or ethnic groups.

Favourite hidden gem... I love swimming and my favourite beach is Coogee. It was the first beach we visited, and I just liked the feel of it.

Top priority... Cost of living crisis, energy and climate action, and improving accessibility and disability services.



**Councillor
Carolyn Martin**

Born and bred in Randwick, newly elected Councillor Carolyn Martin is a Coogee local with 20 years of volunteer service to Coogee Surf Club Masters as a swimming competitor.

One thing I love is... The residents whose diverse contributions enrich our community, making it a special place to live.

Favourite hidden gem... Fred Hollows Reserve. A hidden, peaceful walk across a creek and up through the gully forest.

Top priority... As an ocean swimmer, my top priority is to address the overflow of stormwater into Coogee Beach.



**Councillor
Marea Wilson
(Deputy Mayor)**

A barrister by trade, Councillor Marea Wilson lives in Coogee with her two adult sons and dog, Cookie.

One thing I love is... Our community's diversity, in terms of ethnicity, culture, interests and world view.

Favourite hidden gem... The Ivo Rowe pool at South Coogee.

Top priority... To work cooperatively with other Councillors to get the best results for all.

North Ward



**Councillor
Christie Hamilton**

A former Naval Training Officer, Councillor Christie Hamilton and her family have called Randwick home for over 20 years. She was first elected to council in 2017.

One thing I love is... Locals know how great their neighbourhood is, and they get out and enjoy it as much as possible.

Favourite hidden gem... Ivo Rowe rock pool in the Honeycombes. Locals will know.

Top priority... Make it better each day and each year. Do small things well, so they accumulate to make a big difference.



**Councillor
Aaron Wagner**

Newly elected Councillor and Clovelly local Aaron Wagner wears many hats as a lawyer, former UNSW Sustainability Director, lecturer and volunteer surf lifesaver.

One thing I love is... Our well-informed, compassionate, diverse and community-minded neighbours.

Favourite hidden gem... The Ivo Rowe Rockpool in South Coogee, our tiniest ocean pool, a small wonder hiding in plain sight.

Top priority... Ethical, collaborative governance for sustainable practices and resilient community infrastructure.



**Councillor
Clare Willington**

As a retired GP and WIRES volunteer, newly elected Councillor Clare Willington brings a wealth of experience in caring for the people, wildlife and the coastal environment of Randwick City.

One thing I love is... Our cultural diversity; welcoming and including everyone.

Favourite hidden gem... Fred Hollows Reserve, a peaceful gully. Go there for birdsongs amongst the tree ferns.

Top priority... To increase tree canopy and verge planting to cool our suburbs and support biodiversity.

South Ward



**Councillor
Bill Burst**

How would Councillor Bill Burst describe himself? Loyal, fun and ready to fight for the community.

One thing I love is... We live in God's country, our beautiful beaches, awesome walking trails and parks.

Favourite hidden gem... Yarra Bay, it's a slice of Yarradise.

Top priority... Continue to improve facilities and more funding and outdoor gyms for the South Ward.



**Councillor
Danny Said**

Councillor Danny Said's Matraville roots run deep: he was born, bred, schooled, married and raised his children in the South Ward heartland. He was Mayor from 2019 to 2021.

One thing I love is... The sense of pride in a community that comes together when it matters to achieve positive outcomes.

Favourite hidden gem... Can't say, otherwise it wouldn't be hidden!

Top priority... A Randwick that is inclusive and responsive to residents' needs.



**Councillor
Noel D'Souza**

If you've lived in South Ward for some time, you'll know the name Noel D'Souza. He's served as a Councillor for 12 years and was Mayor from 2015 to 2017.

One thing I love is... The 'sense of community' and our shared vision to build a better more inclusive community.

Favourite hidden gem... The Randwick Environment Park, The Lionel Bowen Library and Coogee Beach.

Top priority... Water harvesting, clean beaches and building a stronger more sustainable Randwick.

West Ward



**Councillor
Andrew Hay**

When Councillor Andrew Hay is not in council chambers or with his wife and two babies in Kingsford, he's presenting evidence and helping to run major court cases.

One thing I love is... The people you meet. Everyone has an interesting story to tell.

Favourite hidden gem... Fitzpatrick Park, Kensington. A well shaded playground to take the kids.

Top priority... Reviving Kensington and Kingsford with supermarkets and returning Kensington Post Office.



**Councillor
Alexandra Luxford**

A lifelong resident of Kensington, Councillor Alexandra Luxford is a proud mum of two sons Yanni and Manoli and a cat named Cookie.

One thing I love is... The diversity and how we live together peacefully.

Favourite hidden gem... Bar Lucio in Kensington.

Top priority... To ensure fair and equitable access for all residents to council facilities.



**Councillor
Philipa Veitch**

A staunch advocate for the environment and social justice, you'll find Councillor Philipa Veitch at the Boom Gate Gallery at Long Bay gaol where she works as a teacher and artist. She served as Mayor from 2023 to 2024.

One thing I love is... Our community is caring, inclusive and incredibly supportive of one another.

Favourite hidden gem... I really love all of the Indonesian, Chinese and other amazing Asian restaurants in Kingsford.

Top priority... Taking strong action on climate change and promoting equity, inclusion and social justice.

Malabar traffic signals to improve safety

With 26 accidents in the past five years alone, Randwick City's most dangerous local intersection is set for a significant safety upgrade.

Ask anyone who regularly drives through Chifley and Malabar about the Franklin Street intersection and they'll likely nod in agreement or regale you with tales of near misses.

Local police know this intersection well and are a regular presence particularly during the morning peak.

The intersection of Anzac Parade and Franklin Street on the border of Chifley, Matraville and Malabar is a challenging intersection. Multiple left and right turning options, a car park slip lane and multiple stop signs are designed to help motorists navigate through safely.

Between 2019 and 2024 there were 26 collisions injuring 27 people – more than any other local road in Randwick City.

The good news is that Randwick Council was recently successful in receiving a \$4.7 million grant from Transport for NSW to fund traffic signals.

Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker said that the funding will make the intersection safer for motorists and pedestrians.

"I'm really pleased that Council has been awarded additional funding to install traffic signals," Mayor Parker said. "This intersection has been an accident blackspot for too long.

"The project will ensure greater safety for motorists, pedestrians and bike riders, as well as the school children attending nearby schools like Matraville Sports High, Chifley Public School, Malabar Primary and St Andrews Primary School."

The grant is part of an \$11.5 million fund allocated to Council from the NSW Government.

Other projects funded include the installation of speed cushions at the intersection of Bunnerong and Little Bay roads in Chifley/Little Bay and a roundabout at the intersection of Maroubra Road and Flower Street in Maroubra.

In Kensington and West Kingsford, \$6.3M has been secured to implement the outcomes of Council's Local Area Traffic Management Plan. This plan is currently in development and subject to Council approval and public exhibition.

Under the conditions of the state government grant, the Malabar traffic signals are required to be implemented before 30 June 2027, however Council is aiming to install the signals earlier.

The community will be kept informed.



Your guide to **summer**

The longer days and warmer temperatures of summer bring with it plenty of opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy all that Randwick City has to offer! But where, when, and what's on?

To help make your summer planning easy-breezy, we've put together this guide with some tips and highlights of things to do and see this silly season.

Scan the QR code for our interactive map!



BEACH SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Make sure you slip (on a shirt), slop (on sunscreen), slap (on a hat), seek (shade) and slide (on your sunglasses).
- ✓ Always swim between the red and yellow flags.
- ✓ Only swim when the red and yellow flags are raised. If there are no flags, the beach is closed or unpatrolled. **DO NOT SWIM!**
- ✓ Do not swim if you're unsure of surf conditions. Always seek the advice of a Lifeguard or lifesaver.
- ✓ Do not panic if caught in a current/rip. Raise one arm into the air to signal for lifeguard assistance. Float until help arrives.
- ✓ Do not swim directly after a meal or if under the influence of alcohol.
- ✓ Check Council's website for daily Lifeguard reports and beach cams for beach and surf conditions.
- ✓ For any water or beach related emergency, call 000 and ask for police.

Oh so Christmasy



Christmas Carols

Clovelly Christmas Street Party - Sun 1 Dec
South Maroubra Christmas Party - Sat 7 Dec
Coogee Carols - Sun 15 Dec
Matraville Carols - Sat 21 Dec



Interactive Christmas tree

See your name up in lights on an 8m tall interactive LED Christmas tree at Coogee Beach. Every night 6-9pm from 2 Dec.

Twinkle Christmas trees in town centres

- Kingsford
- Little Bay
- Malabar
- Maroubra Beach
- Matraville



Fairylights

Coogee Beach
Perry St (Matraville)



Giant baubles

Meeks St Plaza (Kingsford)
north Clovelly headland



12 Days of Christmas Word Scramble

Coastal Walkway (between Coogee & Clovelly)



LED star archway:

Waratah Plaza (Randwick)
La Perouse Boatshed (La Perouse)
Maroubra Beach





Lifeguard patrolled beaches

Sunrise to sunset
Clovelly, Coogee, Maroubra

9am to 5pm
Little Bay, Malabar

NYE fireworks

Bring in the new year at our annual Coogee Sparkles on 31 December 2024 at Goldstein Reserve. There will be a 15-minute fireworks display at 9pm from the north end of Coogee Beach. **Tip: Arrive early to secure a spot!**

Beach Wheelchairs

Everyone should be able to enjoy a day out at the beach! If you have a disability or limited mobility, you can hire a free beach wheelchair at Coogee, Clovelly, Maroubra, and Malabar beaches.

Scan the QR code to book.



Summer Sounds

Look and listen out for pop-up music performances across Randwick City from 14 December 2024 to 15 February 2025. Musicians will perform at locations from Coogee Beach to La Perouse!

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Love the locals... and leave the world a more beautiful place

A Randwick artist is helping to promote appreciation and protection of local marine life.

There is a book that Randwick resident and artist Anthea Ben-Naim often reads to her children – *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney. The picture book is about a girl who wants to grow up to explore the world, live by the sea, and eventually find a way to leave the world a more beautiful place. It's not only a story that Anthea's two children enjoy, but also one that inspires Anthea's ethos in art and life.

In early 2024, Randwick City Council commissioned Anthea to create a suite of paintings to be displayed on street banners across the Local Government Area as part of a new campaign to promote appreciation and protection of local marine life.

Council's 'Love the Locals' street banner campaign began flying along main streets and town centres in July 2024, featuring Anthea's artworks of a grey nurse shark, blue groper, sea urchin, common Sydney octopus, and humpback whales.

Anthea was one of several local artists profiled on Council's Randwick Arts Network who was asked to submit a proposal for the campaign. Anthea was selected as the winning artist for her acrylic and watercolour painting styles that often depict the natural world.

"I paint the things that I most love and find most beautiful, and often these things are vulnerable and need to be protected," Anthea says.

"Council's street banner campaign says, look at our locals – our local wildlife – that share our space and are part of our community. The campaign reminds us that these creatures have their own characters and personalities, and that they need to be protected.

"In the book *Miss Rumphius* there is a message that says, it's important to leave the world more beautiful than when we found it; I really love that ethos.

"I paint the things that I most love and find most beautiful, and often these things are vulnerable and need to be protected."

"As humans, we destroy a lot of things. We chop down so many trees and we build big boxes and wonder why we're depressed, sad or anxious. I'd like to contribute to that part of the art world that creates a break from the overwhelm, that creates beauty and that helps to sustain our beautiful, natural world."

Anthea's house is a lovely white cottage in south Randwick that flows into a small garden. When she is not painting, she can be found between the flowers and trees in her backyard with her garden gloves on. "I have a memory from my childhood of painting and drawing under the trees in the garden. That, for me, is the pinnacle of happiness."





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Anthea draws inspiration for her paintings from the natural environment that surrounds her – wherever that may be – but credits her creative nature to her parents and upbringing. Anthea’s father is an architect, and her mother is always creating “beautiful things with fabric and thread”. “Everything was an opportunity to create beauty and to create something that enriched our lives,” Anthea says. Books, like *Miss Rumphius*, played an important role too. “Reading was a huge thing in our family. We always had books around. They were instrumental in nourishing my love for the written word and beautiful imagery.”

Anthea worked in the corporate world as a graphic designer for many years before finding the inspiration and courage to pursue her passion full time. “I would never have been brave enough to be an artist if I hadn’t had children,” the mother of two says. “When my children were babies, I had so little time to myself but in the 10 minutes that I did have for myself I realised that the thing that I wanted to do most was to paint.”

Anthea says her children have been important to her creative process. “Children are so unafraid; they don’t have all the barriers that we place inside ourselves as adults. My children were actually the ones who encouraged me to apply for the Council street banner campaign.”

Randwick is a relatively new area for Anthea and her family. They moved to the eastern suburbs two years ago but before then they had lived in Sydney’s

lower north shore for several decades. Anthea says working on Council’s ‘Love the Locals’ campaign and being part of the Randwick Arts Network has helped her feel more a part of a community. “It’s been wonderful to be a part and embrace the artistic community in Randwick,” she says.

Like *Miss Rumphius*, Anthea is leaving the world a more beautiful place – through her art, which is drawing attention to our local environment in need of protection – and she may have just found her home close to the sea in Randwick.

Council’s Randwick Arts Network provides an online platform for artists and other creative practitioners based in Randwick City to connect and promote their art or services to the public. Keep an eye out for the ‘Love the Locals’ street banners flying across Randwick City in 2025.



Cape Banks cultural walk

This bush walk through the Kamay Botany Bay National Park is jam-packed with cultural significance and natural beauty. Gamay Senior Ranger, Robert 'Bintar' Cooley takes us on a guided walk sharing his extensive cultural knowledge of this special place.

Getting started

Before you set off, don't forget a hat, sunscreen and plenty of water—especially on sunny days. You might also want to bring a pair of binoculars if you're keen on birdwatching or hoping to spot whales during migration season.

You'll begin your adventure at Cape Banks Road, near the golf course at La Perouse. As you start along the trail, keep your eyes peeled for native flora like banksias, and during cooler months, wattle in full bloom – a signal to that the waters are warming and lobster season is near. These natural signs play an important part in how Aboriginal people stay connected to Country.

500m

Follow the Henry Head trail, where the path becomes more exposed and offers sweeping views of the coastline. Listen closely as you may hear the distinctive calls of native birds, such as kookaburras, lorikeets and the unmistakable yellow-tailed black cockatoo.

The landscape is lush with eucalyptus and melaleuca trees, offering a brief glimpse of the national park's thriving biodiversity. Fire has been used in this area for thousands of years to manage the bushland area, encouraging regeneration.

Wattle in bloom signals lobster season.



1km

When you arrive at Henry Head, you'll see remnants of World War II battlements. As you pause to take in the views of Botany Bay – known as Kamay by the First Nations people, an orange buoy in the bay draws your eye.

"I think it's the most significant place in the whole of Australia," Robert says.



He's referring to a patch of water that Captain James Cook chose to anchor ship in 1770.

"It's important to remember it wasn't the end of us, it wasn't the end of our culture, it wasn't the end of our community, it wasn't the end of our stories. Our stories continue today. I think that's a really important message here.

"You think about what happened 250 years ago, here we are standing here today in a whole different world. But we're still clinging onto some of the things that are important to us and obviously one of them is fishing."

Robert nostalgically shares memories of fishing with his father. Just one large groper was all they needed to feed the family. With declining fish numbers, the local cultural fishing group has made the decision to stop fishing for groper to allow the population to recover.





2km

As you follow the path, it heads towards Cape Banks. The terrain becomes a bit more rugged, so tread carefully. If you're lucky, during the whale migration season, you might catch a glimpse of these magnificent creatures off the coast.

As you walk, keep an eye out for golfers, but also take a moment to cross the small footbridge. Local Elders have often spoken about this area, sparking chatter that beneath the bridge lies the remnants of one of the last surviving fish traps in the Sydney region.

3km

The trail leads you inland from here, and you'll leave the exposed coastline

Senior Ranger Robert Cooley.



behind. The landscape becomes a mix of bushland and rocky outcrops as you approach the Dharawal Resting Place, a culturally significant site for the Dharawal people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. The resting place is a solemn and sacred space, where Aboriginal ancestral remains were reburied in 2002, 2005 and 2018. This

act of reburial honours the enduring connection between the Dharawal people and their land, preserving their spiritual and cultural heritage.

4km

As the walk nears its end, the terrain flattens out, offering a peaceful conclusion to your journey with a final blend of coastal and bushland scenery.



A special thank you to Gamay Senior Ranger Robert 'Bintar' Cooley for generously sharing his time and knowledge with Randwick City Council staff on this walk. The Rangers are proudly supported by Randwick City Council in the work they do caring for country on land and water around Botany Bay.



Giles Baths: A doorway to summer's past

Pictured here in the late 1920s behind the Coogee Pier, a sign reads 'Ladies Mens Hot Sea Baths'.
Courtesy Randwick City Library



Century: the iconic
Giles Gym and Baths.

But what is the
history of this
once famous
eastern suburbs
institution? Why
was it demolished?
And were the baths
really the exclusive

It's the Giles Baths signage from the
late 1920s – the era of the Coogee Pier
– that debunks the myth that this was
always a 'male only' space.

Oscar E Giles leased the pool from
Randwick Council in 1924 – offering
£268 as the successful bidder. He
erected the iconic building between
1925 and 1928, designed in the Inter-
War Mediterranean Style.

**Above the much-loved
Coogee Beach Bogey Hole
once towered an eastern
suburbs icon, the 'Giles
Gym and Baths', writes
Randwick Council's Local
Studies Librarian,
Georgina Keep.**

At the foot of the northern
headland at Coogee Beach –
which takes its name from the
local Aboriginal word Koojay – sits a
natural rock pool known as the
'Bogey Hole'.

This popular local swimming spot is
accessed by climbing over the rocky
foreshore north of the beach or from
the Coastal Walkway in Dunningham
Reserve where the memorial to victims
of the 2002 Bali Bombing now stands.

Before descending the stairs to the
Bogey Hole, visitors pass through a
curious archway that reads 'Baths'.
The structure was once the entry
portico to a building that stood above
the pool through much of the 20th

domain of male patrons?

The Bogey Hole was first leased to
Randwick Council by the state
government in 1902 as part of the
reserve, later named after John
Dunningham – the much-loved
politician responsible for many
of the state's ocean pools and
champion of local surf clubs and
the coastal marine environment.

In 1912, the cliff and rocky foreshore
of the northern escarpment at Coogee
Beach was gazetted as a reserve for
'gents' bathing, giving rise to the site's
popular mythology, but evidence of
women's use of the facilities remains
well beyond the 1950s.

Giles aggressively and successfully
promoted the facilities, with
press headlines such as 'Coogee
Bathing Sensation' and 'The Age
of Miracles Has Not Passed'
appearing in the Evening News at
the time extolling the restorative
properties of the hot sea baths.

Long before the era of modern health
spas and wellness centres, Giles Baths
restorative properties of seawater
were championed by medical and
quasi medical professionals. However,
little detail exists in Randwick Council
records to explain what treatments
were on offer.



'Giles Health Centre' pictured in the 1980s
from the north end of Coogee Beach.



Frequented by recuperating servicemen after WWI, local boxers, footballers and jockeys, this stock-and-trade customer base saw the Giles facility survive throughout the 20th century.

In 1936, an advertorial praised the facility's medicinal benefits, competitive pricing and proclaimed it 'an ideal Gymnasium for the busy businessman and the professional man'. It claimed 'the therapeutic value of the electric light baths and the great advantages over Turkish Baths can hardly be overstated'.

Giles himself was promoted as a skilful masseur with a 'weight reducing' massage therapy. The preventative health properties and 'curative value' of the treatments on offer were marketed to appeal to locals and tourists of both sexes.

By May 1940, while war raged in Europe, a sundial on a granite base outside the baths was dedicated as a memorial to Walter A. Inglis, who had taught boys to swim at the location for many years.

In 1957, squash courts at the rear of the Giles complex were built for a cost of £4,000, still fondly remembered today by many locals old enough to have played on them.

Oscar Giles passed away 10 May 1966, aged 89 years. His sons continued with the leasing arrangements, even after his death. Council minutes in September 1969 indicate that one of his son's J. Giles applied to raise the

entrance fee by a whopping 100 per cent, from 10 to 20 cents.

By October 1975, the facility – now referred to as 'The Giles Leisure Centre' – had new operators. South Sydney rugby league players, John O'Neill and Gary Stevens, took over the lease for the site in partnership with fitness trainer Les Motto.

In 1974, the building was condemned due to catastrophic storm damage. An injection of capital was required if 'Giles Baths' was to survive. According to the Sydney Morning Herald, the trio used much of their income from professional rugby league to invest over \$47,000 into the facilities.

But due to its location, the facilities continued to bear the brunt of storms

and weather. The building continued to decline in the sea air and without adequate maintenance.

By the time of the Coogee Beach Plan of Management in 1998, Randwick Council recommended the NSW state government demolish the Giles Baths buildings, deeming them neither commercially viable nor economically sustainable.

A subsequent report recommended retention of the portico and the Inglis commemorative sundial.

The baths portico stands silently like a sentinel, guarding our community and personal memories of the past and providing a doorway to a brighter future. A constant reminder of our community heritage that we should not forget.

A 1936 advertorial, published in Picturesque Coogee, courtesy Randwick and District Historical Society.

THE PRIDE OF COOGEE

Giles' Hot Sea Baths and Swimming Pool



MR. O. E. GILES, an Expert Masseur, has proved remarkably successful with his weight-reducing massage course. The well-timed massage rooms are likewise popular. Trained masseurs are in attendance, providing an excellent means of keeping in condition and offer a scientific method of treating disease by systematic muscular manipulation. An Expert Female Attendant attends to the needs of the lady patrons. The Baths are among the few where Sunbathing can be properly indulged in. A spacious area has been set aside for this healthful pastime. Many well-travelled people consider the Swimming Pool at Giles' Baths second to none in the world. Fresh water is constantly flowing in and out and washing over the pool. The swimming pool is open from 6 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. The patronage has increased to such an extent that extra Electric Light Baths have been installed to meet the demand.

At GILES' HOT SEA BATHS modern ELECTRIC LIGHT BATHS have been installed. The curative results effected by light baths have earned them a great and ever-increasing reputation. The therapeutic value of the Electric Light Baths and great advantages over Turkish Baths can hardly be over-stated. It is in the first place a preventative "par excellence" of Disease, Chill and Auto-intoxication in the average person, and as an eliminant has no rival, bringing into play in full the largest gland in the body—the skin—by means of which such a large proportion of waste product is normally eliminated. The cost of a Turkish Bath in the City is from 1/6 to 7/6, but GILES' ELECTRIC BATHS COST ONLY 2/6.

The modern GYMNASIUM includes the usual instalments with the addition of an excellent Rowing Machine and an indoor Handball Court. There is an outdoor Handball Court as well. It is certainly an ideal Gymnasium for the busy businessman and the professional man. The healthful and pleasant exercise provided on the Handball Courts is one of the most popular attractions at the baths, and competition among players is keen.





Summer FOGO tips

How to reduce flies and smells



1 Shut it

Keep your FOGO bin and kitchen caddy shut tightly.

2 Shade it

Where possible, place your FOGO bin in the shade.



3 Freeze it

Freeze your meat and seafood scraps and put them in the bin the night before collection.

4 Cover it

Cover the food waste in your bin with some dry leaves and garden waste.



5 Wash it

Regularly wash your bin and kitchen caddy.



Need more FOGO liners?

1 Order free liners from Council

Three ways to order!

- Scan the QR code
- Visit randwick.nsw.gov.au/caddyliners
- Call 1300 722 542



2 Purchase your own 100% compostable liners

Make sure they have the **AS4736 compostable logo**.



3 Use newspaper or a brown paper bag

Reuse mushroom bags or any other brown paper bag.



4 Do not use any liners at all

Place your scraps directly in the bin.

DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED ITEMS?



PLEASE CONSIDER:

SELLING Sell your usable items on social media platforms such as Gumtree and Facebook Marketplace.

DONATING Donate broken or unused phones, laptops and tablets to our Reconnect Boxes for repair and reuse. Located at most Randwick Council buildings.

REUSING & REPAIRING Have your usable items collected by *The Bower* who will give them a new life!

RECYCLING Take your old electronic waste to our Recycling Centre.

BOOKING A FREE COUNCIL CLEAN-UP Each resident is entitled to **five free clean-ups** each calendar year.



SCAN TO BOOK
1300 722 542
randwick.nsw.gov.au/bookmycleanup

Randwick Recycling Centre services and Council clean-ups are for residents in the Randwick LGA only.

What's on

Nov 2024 to Feb 2025



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

NOVEMBER

COOGEE ISLAND CHALLENGE OCEAN SWIM

Sun 24 Nov 2024, 7.30am – 12pm
Coogee Beach

COUNCIL MEETING

Tue 26 Nov 2024, 7pm
Randwick Town Hall

POP-UP COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

Thu 28 Nov 2024, 11am – 1pm
Eastern Beaches Salvos, 100 Boyce
Road Maroubra



PERMABEE – COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM

Fri 29 Nov 2024, 9am – 12.30pm
Randwick Sustainability Hub

DECEMBER

CLOVELLY CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

Sun 1 Dec 2024, 4pm – festival,
6pm – carols
St Luke's Anglican Church Clovelly

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Fri 6 Dec 2024, 2.30pm – 7pm
Royal Randwick Racecourse

MAROUBRA BEACH MARKETS

Sat 7 Dec 2024, 8am – 2pm
Broadarrow Reserve, Maroubra



SOUTH MAROUBRA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

Sat 7 Dec 2024, 2pm – 5pm
South Maroubra Village Green

COUNCIL MEETING

Tue 10 Dec 2024, 7pm
Randwick Town Hall

SATURDAY CIRCLE

Sat 14 Dec 2024
Randwick Sustainability Hub

COOGEE CAROLS

Sun 15 Dec 2024, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Goldstein Reserve, Coogee



MATRAVILLE CAROLS

Sat 21 Dec 2024,
4pm – Amusement rides
6pm – Carols
Barwon Park, Matraville

COOGEE SPARKLES

Tues 31 Dec 2024, 9pm
Goldstein Reserve, Coogee



JANUARY

SATURDAY CIRCLE

Sat 11 Jan 2025
Randwick Sustainability Hub

AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY EVENT

Sun 26 Jan 2025
Kensington Park



CULTURE ON COUNTRY

Sun 26 Jan 2025
La Perouse Museum, La Perouse



FEBRUARY

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Sat 1 Feb 2025
Meeks St Plaza, Kingsford



SATURDAY CIRCLE

Sat 8 Feb 2025
Randwick Sustainability Hub

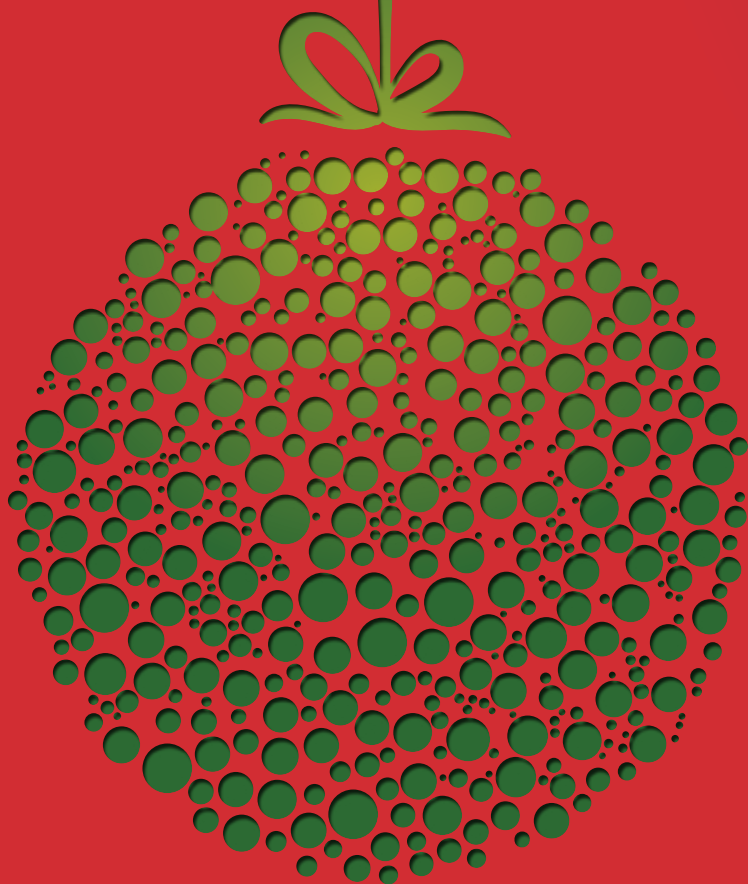


RANDWICK PRIDE

Sat 15 Feb 2025
Coogee Beach



FREE EVENTS



CAROLS ACROSS RANDWICK CITY

COOGEE CAROLS

Sunday 15 December

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Goldstein Reserve

Coogee



*These events are produced
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City Council*

CLOVELLY CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

Sunday 1 December

4pm – Festival

6pm – Carols

St Luke's Anglican Church

Clovelly

SOUTH MAROUBRA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 7 December

2pm – 5pm

South Maroubra Village Green

MATRAVILLE CAROLS

Saturday 21 December

4pm – Amusement rides

6-8.30pm – Carols

Barwon Park, Matraville