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**From the Mayor *Dylan Parker***

Much like the season, this edition is full of fresh news! I hope you take the time to read all the incredible stories about what's been happening across our community.

Flick to page 14 and meet the iconic sporting legends whose faces are immortalised on the inside walls of the brand new Heffron Centre at Maroubra's Heffron Park. We hear from Australian sporting icons including the Ella brothers, Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM, Mike Whitney AM and Jane Saville as they share their sporting memories of our community.

Just next door, at the Heffron Park Handball Courts, a new mural has been unveiled in memory of Adam 'Bingo' King, a local boy whose life was cut short by a tragic accident in 2003. Head to page 22 to read the story behind how this new and artful celebration of Adam's life.

There's also some more FOGO content in this edition, covering all the things you need to know about

how to FOGO like a pro! Earlier this year, the rules for our food and garden organics program were changed to align with state-wide guidelines about what can go into your FOGO bin. This was to ensure the end product is the best it can be. Turn to page 16 to have all your questions answered.

Lastly, with the 2021-2023 Mayoral term coming to its conclusion, I'd like to thank the community and Council staff for the tremendous support and encouragement to date. Serving our community is an absolute privilege. Together, we've achieved a lot.

Enjoy this edition of *SCENE* magazine!

**Dylan Parker  
Mayor of Randwick**



**Best Gift Market**

Sunday 3 December | 9am-6pm  
Goldstein Reserve, Coogee Beach

**Best Gift Market is  
back for Christmas!**





# news in brief

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## Community Investment program open!

Have you got a creative idea you'd like Council to support? Or maybe you've got an idea to bring our community together and create social cohesion? Applications for the third round of our Community Investment Program will open on 18 September and will close 15 October 2023. This Council program provides nearly a million dollars' worth of funding to local community initiatives each year. Apply through Randwick Council's website.





## Free venue hire available

Eligible community groups can now apply for free venue hire as part of a new Randwick City Council trial. The objective is to assist community groups to gain access to spaces for events, meetings and community gatherings. "We want to ensure groups that are working hard to offer services to the community are not prohibited from offering these services due to venue hire fees," says Dylan Parker, Mayor of Randwick. Up to \$2,500 is available per community group across multiple bookings or one booking, depending on the cost of the space required. The trial will conclude at the end of the 2023-24 financial year, or when the total fees waived reaches \$25,000 (whichever occurs first).



## Need help accessing support?

We're bringing together a range of support services in the form of a pop-up Community Support Hub on the first Wednesday of every month until 6 Dec. Head to Lionel Bowen Library between 11am-1pm to find out which kind of services are available and how you can access them. There will be a variety of support services in attendance including Kingsford Legal Centre, Services Australia (Centrelink), Mission Australia, Vinnies Homelessness Support, Ted Noffs Foundation and more.



## Fun at Fitzpatrick Park!

A new playground in Kensington was officially opened on 29 July by Mayor Dylan Parker. There was plenty of smiles, ice-cream and adventure on-hand at this special community celebration. The new playground features an upgraded play space that suits both younger and older children. Climb the rock wall or rope web, trapeze along the elevated pathway, slide down the twisty slide or swing your day away in this play space with new picnic tables and gardens to enjoy.



## Randwick Council supports the Yes Vote

The proposal to amend the Australian Constitution to include an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice is being formally supported by Randwick Council following a Mayoral Minute at the June 2023 Council meeting. "The referendum is a historic opportunity for reconciliation and progress nationwide, making it so important that our community is well-informed on the proposed advances," said

Dylan Parker, Mayor of Randwick. Council consulted local Elders and the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council and will be supporting several actions to promote the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, including flying street banners, providing awareness opportunities, and waiving hiring fees for both "Yes" and "No" events held at Council venues.



## Fly high birdy!

Have you seen our new bird banners flying high across the LGA? They feature some of our favourite local native birds. From the hilarious Kookaburra to the squawky Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo to the smarty-pants Little Corella, these birds share our City and make our home unique. What's your favourite local bird? Let us know by emailing [Council@randwick.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Council@randwick.nsw.gov.au) attention: Communications team.





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EV charging in the streets

As part of a trial with AusGrid and Intellihub, Waverley, Woollahra and Randwick Councils will be taking part in a pilot for public street pole charging. At time of print, the locations of the street pole chargers were open to public consultation. Randwick Council is excited to be taking part in this Australian-first trial.



McKeon Street Plaza made permanent

Look out Maroubra Beach! A new permanent plaza is coming your way at McKeon Street. After consulting the community about the temporary plaza that has been in place since October 2022, we've listened and taken on board the feedback. A new, permanent plaza will be put in place taking into consideration more plantings, permanent seating and space for outdoor dining. The work on the plaza began at the end of July and the new plaza should be in place for the summer months.



Artist's architectural rendering.

Huge opening for the Heffron Centre

Officially opened by the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, NSW Premier Chris Minns, Rabbitohs Captain Cameron Murray and Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker, the Heffron Centre Community Celebration was a momentous occasion for Randwick City. The \$58M Heffron Centre is a brand new sporting facility in Maroubra's Heffron Park, including an indoor community sports centre, gymnastics and dance centre as well as the new home for the South Sydney Rabbitohs and for Souths Cares.



Ribbon cutting: L-R Hon Michael Daley MP, Mayor Dylan Parker, Hon Chris Minns MP Premier of NSW, Blake Solly CEO South Sydney Rabbitohs, Hon Anthony Albanese MP Prime Minister, Rabbitohs Captain Cameron Murray and Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP.



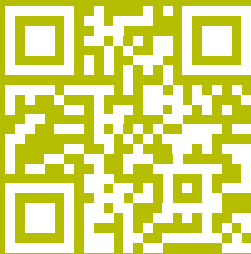
Matildas fever hits Randwick City

Thousands of people turned out to Randwick Council's Live Site at Heffron Park in Maroubra to cheer on every Matildas match in the FIFA Women's World Cup. The Randwick Council live site initiative included music, food trucks and lots of community spirit. Thank you to everyone who turned out and to the Matildas - we couldn't be prouder of your achievements!



Community  
Service  
Awards  
are open!

Nominations open  
25 Sep-5 Nov



We're looking for  
Randwick City's most  
community-minded residents.

Each year, our Community Service Awards recognise those people who give their time and energy to not only helping others, but who make our City a better place to live.

CATEGORIES

**Community Service Award (Individual)**  
the nominee must be 25 years or older on 26 January 2024

**Community Service Award (Group)**  
one group will be chosen as the recipient of this award

**Community Service Award (Youth)**  
the nominee must be between 16 and 24 years old on 26 January 2024

**Achievement Award for People with Disabilities**  
the nominee must self-identify as a person with a disability



## news in brief

### 10th birthday celebrations for new look DRLC

The Des Renford Leisure Centre is turning 10 this year! Although originally opened in the 1960s, the latest major addition to the facility occurred in 2013 with the construction of a gym, space for fitness classes, creche and a bold new entry. The name was also changed from the Des Renford Aquatic Centre to the Des Renford Leisure Centre. Named in honour of local sporting legend Des Renford, the centre is an award-winning facility located in at Heffron Park in Maroubra. Much-loved by our community, DRLC is known for its state-of-the-art gym, aerobics and pool facilities, and soon there will be a new and improved splash park for family fun and adventure time! Construction is underway with the splash park set to be complete for summer 2023/2024.



### Exciting additions to the Australian Surfing Walk of Fame!

Aussie icons Layne Beachley AO, Brenda Miley, Blake Thornton and Lisa McGuigan were inducted into the Australian Surfing Walk of Fame at Beach Breaks 2023 by Mayor Dylan Parker and MC Mike Whitney AM. The ceremony is part of an annual tradition to honour well known surfers and lifesavers.



Cr Bill Burst, Cr Marea Wilson, Mayor Dylan Parker, Sigrid Thornton, Cr Daniel Rosenfeld, Cr Kathy Neilson, Cr Danny Said, Cr Andrew Hay, Cr Noel D'Souza, Cr Rafaela Pandolfini and Cr Kym Chapple.

### A new name in the Walk of Fame!

On 26 July Randwick Council inducted Aussie film icon Sigrid Thornton into the Australian Film Walk of Fame outside the historic Ritz Cinema in Randwick. The ceremony took place as part of the Sydney premiere of her new film, *Slant*. Thornton's name immortalised in bronze is in good company on the footpath, joining other fellow actors Claudia Karvan, Deborah Mailman, Leah Purcell, Gary Sweet and many others. The Australian Film Walk of Fame is a Randwick Council program to support the film industry and a well-known placemaking initiative at The Spot.



Mayor Dylan Parker with Sigrid Thornton.



L-R: Mayor Dylan Parker, Layne Beachley AO, Blake Thornton, Lisa McGuigan, Brenda Miley and Mike Whitney AM.



#### FACT SHEET

### THE INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT REFERENDUM

Australian people come from many lands, practise many faiths and speak many languages. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the First Peoples of Australia and have lived here for more than 65,000 years. But Australia's Constitution doesn't recognise their unique status. This is why later this year, we will be able to consider a change to our Constitution through a Referendum. All Australians will have a chance to recognise the First People's rights, history and ongoing relationship with this land and to ensure they are consulted on laws and policies that affect them.

#### HOW IS A REFERENDUM DECIDED?

For a Referendum to be successful, it needs a double majority. This means a majority of votes in at least four states and across the whole of Australia.

#### WHEN WILL THE INDIGENOUS VOICE REFERENDUM BE HELD?

The Indigenous Voice Referendum will be held later this year.

#### WHAT QUESTION WILL THE INDIGENOUS VOICE REFERENDUM ASK?

"A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?"

#### WHO CREATED THIS INFORMATION SHEET?

This fact sheet was created by a joint effort of Life Without Barriers, Reconciliation Australia, SNAICC – National Voice for our children, the Yes Alliance and Polaron Language Services. This partnership was formed to help create accessible information on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.



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#### WHAT IS THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART?

In May 2017, more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people issued the Uluru Statement from the Heart. It asks us to create a better future for all of Australia and to include an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution.

#### WHAT IS THE INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT?

The Indigenous Voice to Parliament is a way for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to guide the Government about laws and policies that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

#### WHAT IS A REFERENDUM?

A Referendum is when voters are asked to answer Yes or No to a question or questions. The only way to change Australia's Constitution is via a Referendum.

#### WHO CAN VOTE IN A REFERENDUM?

Only people enrolled to vote can take part in a Referendum. Voting in Referendums is compulsory for enrolled voters.

#### HOW DO I VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM?

Referendums are like elections. On polling day, you can go to a polling place and cast your vote on a ballot paper.



#### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The National Indigenous Australians Agency  
[niaa.gov.au](http://niaa.gov.au)

Reconciliation Australia  
[reconciliation.org.au](http://reconciliation.org.au)

SNAICC – The Peak body for Aboriginal children  
[snaicc.org.au](http://snaicc.org.au)

Life Without Barriers  
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Polaron Language Services  
[polaron.com.au](http://polaron.com.au)

Yes 23  
[yes23.com.au](http://yes23.com.au)

Yes campaign acknowledge Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

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# High Fivies

**IndigiGrow is on a mission to create cultural work opportunities for young Indigenous people, while also saving native plants from the brink of extinction.**

For more than 60 years Irene Cooley hadn't seen, let alone tasted, 'Fivies'. Like many Indigenous Elders along the east coast of Australia, she had distant memories of finding and savouring the edible Five Corners plant.

But in September 2019, that changed. Her son Peter and granddaughter Janna arrived on her doorstep bearing the native plant's sweet berries so that all three generations could connect and relish the 'Bush Lollies' together.

It's moments like these that Peter had in mind when he launched IndigiGrow five years ago.

Peter Cooley spent more than 20 years as a diesel mechanic when he decided he wanted to turn his attention back to community and culture. In 2012, he launched First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation, which also

runs the Blak Markets and the National Indigenous Art Fair.

"I grew up in La Perouse where families gathered out on Country and we learnt from the Elders about different bush foods and medicines, where these plants grew and what we could and couldn't eat in the ocean.

"I noticed that what I grew up with was no longer happening and I wanted to create some opportunities for our young people to get connected."

IndigiGrow is a First Nations native plant nursery that opened at La Perouse Public School in 2018, before expanding to a second nursery at Matraville Sports High School earlier this year.

Through growing and reviving local endangered native plants and edibles,



Five Corners (Styphelia viridis) also known as Fivies or Bush Lollies

IndigiGrow has created jobs for young Indigenous people with broader goals of passing on cultural knowledge, fostering connection and caring for Country.

Six of IndigiGrow's 10 staff are apprentices who are working towards earning a TAFE Certificate III in Parks and Gardens.

Their day-to-day efforts are helping to protect what remains of the critically endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS), which once occupied 5,300 hectares of land between North Head and Botany Bay and has been decimated by 97 per cent.

**"I grew up in La Perouse where families gathered out on Country and we learnt from the Elders about different bush foods and medicines."**

- Peter Cooley



The IndigiGrow's goal is to increase biodiversity and protect habitats by replanting native species and educating the community. And they're not the only ones who can help.

"It could be as simple as growing a couple of plants in your garden, on your balcony in pots, or your workspace. What it's doing is creating wildlife corridors and providing a habitat for the wildlife moving around on Country," Peter said.

There are hundreds of different species for customers to choose from at IndigiGrow's nurseries with popular choices including Grevillea, Banksia, Boronia and Kangaroo Paw, along with edibles like Native Raspberries, Lemon Myrtle, Finger Limes and Davidson Plums. But there is one plant that isn't for sale just yet.

Following years of trial and error, Peter and his team have slowly figured out how to grow the beloved 'Fivies' from cuttings and now have around 800 growing in pots that they hope to plant in Elders' yards.

"When that happens, it won't be about making money because we don't sell the plant. It's purely about culture and keeping stories alive."

## All about 'Fivies'

Five Corners (Styphelia viridis, also known as 'Fivies' or 'Bush Lollies') is a stiff-leaved shrub less than one-metre tall with tubular flowers and five-pointed fruits that taste sweet. The native bush food is endemic to the east coast of Australia but is a rare sight. IndigiGrow recently worked with a group of young Indigenous people and Elders to plant 12 'Fivies' shrubs back into the La Perouse community for the first time in at least 50 years.



'Fivies' berries, also known as Bush Lollies

## Visit IndigiGrow

**La Perouse Public School**  
8am-4pm Monday to Friday and  
8am-3pm Saturdays

**Matraville Sports High School**  
6.30am-2.30pm Monday to Friday.

Plants can also be purchased online  
at [indigrow.com.au](https://indigrow.com.au)

Randwick Council is a proud supporter  
of IndigiGrow and their work.

Mayor Dylan Parker taking part in the planting of  
some of the first 'Fivies' shrubs.  
Photo credit: La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council





## A CENTURY OF SUSTAINABILITY AT LURLINE BAY

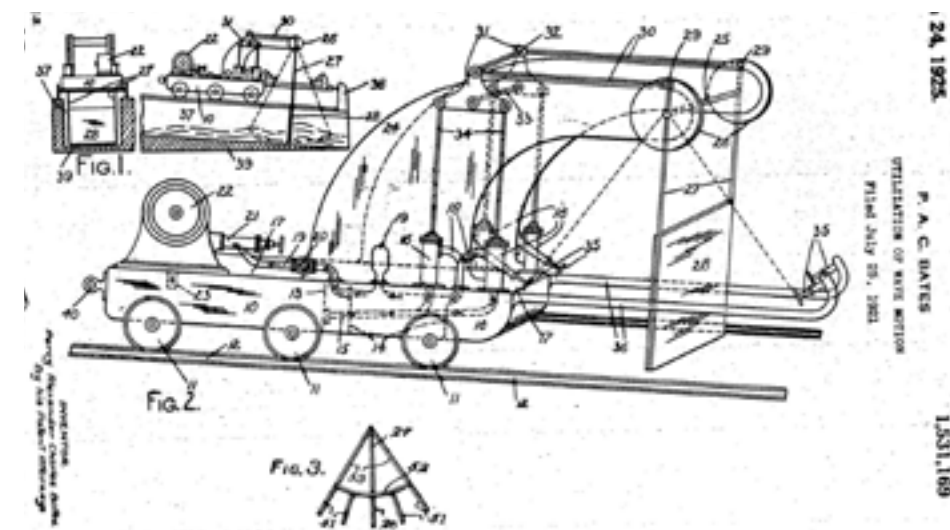
# What a swell idea

Percy Bates' Dream: View looking up the channel to the apparatus, workshop and Lurline Bay escarpment, 1925-1929. Possibly Bates himself to the right of the picture. (National Library of Australia)

**Presently, many Australians are suffering from bill shock as power costs soar, leading most of us to lament, "There must be a cheaper, cleaner alternative." Interestingly, a man named Percy Bates was pondering the same question a century ago in the tranquil surroundings of Lurline Bay.**

Percy Bates, perhaps Randwick City's first eco hero, was a man ahead of his time, with a vision that might have changed the course of sustainable energy generation, if he had managed to garner the support he needed.

Percy Bates (1870-1949) had a vision for harnessing the power of the ocean to generate electricity and he spent nearly a decade working to bring his idea to life, despite the fact he had no formal engineering training. Lurline Bay, a glorious stretch of coastline, became his outdoor laboratory where he toiled tirelessly during the 1920s, seeking to create an alternative source of energy that could rival the burning of fossil fuels. His efforts were half a century ahead of



Percy Bates's patent drawing (above) of the apparatus he installed on the hand-hewn channel in the rocks at Lurline Bay. American Patent Application filed in 1921 – endorsed 1925. Demonstrated in 1925.

the great Australian post-war engineering feat of the Snowy Hydro Scheme.

Initially, Bates' experiment involved cutting a channel in the rock at Lurline Bay to capture the forceful energy of the waves as they surged in and out. The channel was cut by Bates and one other man Seager, about thirty feet long, five feet wide and four to five feet deep. Waves moved a vane back and forth, operating a pump that stored water in a reservoir under high pressure. This high-pressure water, in turn, drove a turbine connected to a generator, producing

electricity. By 1925, his design became operational, and he even managed to attract some interested business investors.

Both the generator and the turbine were built by Bates. The patent design [pictured] shows the movable trolley suspended above the channel that 'rolled' with the tides to capture both the action of the waves and the sea swell. The trolley moved automatically according to tidal variations – set by human intervention – to ensure the vane was constantly submerged. He also

lodged patents according to The Sydney Morning Herald by August 1921 covering 'Improvements in and relating to the Utilisation of Wave Motion'.

During these 'experimental years' Percy took his family from Angel Road Strathfield, where they lived, by electric train and then tram to Maroubra on weekends, while he indulged his inventive streak. Later, Percy built a small shack and often stayed at Lurline Bay to optimise time and tidal variations. He also rented rooms in Torrington Road, Maroubra during this period. His ability to dedicate so much time to his project was made possible thanks to his wife Crystal. 'Ms Bates gave her husband five years to prove or disprove the idea. In that time, he could devote himself fully to the waves...' Crystal agreed to be primary carer for the couple's three daughters and financially made ends meet by charging for musical tuition, while her husband's dreams, endeavours and focus were literally 'on the rocks'.



The workshop at Lurline Bay where Percy Bates demonstrated he could generate electric light by channelling the power of the ocean swell in the 1920s. Courtesy Randwick and District Historical Society

According to the Randwick Council minute books, Percy Bates first applied for permission, under his own name, to set up his experiment in Lurline Bay 'for 9 months' in October 1921. This was 'in connection with an experiment for the making of electric current'. Council granted him permission in this instance and for a second request from Bates Wave Power Co. in August 1922, for an extension of time. Throughout this period and up until 1929, media headlines indicate that Bates was still operating onsite at Lurline Bay and progressing with his experimentation and inviting the media and anyone else who would listen, to come and view his progress. Records

show that Council actually rejected his third application for a lease of land at Lurline Bay in September 1925. Seemingly however, Percy persisted in the bay and kept modifying his design until at least 1929-30, trying to find a commercial investor for his experimental machinery operating bayside.

By this time, in October 1929, Bates had abandoned his vane design in favour of floats that moved up and down on greased rods with the swell of the sea. Percy Bates proclaimed at this juncture that, 'The practical working of the invention has already been effectively proved, '...and its commercial practicality should become evident...'.

By 1930 Percy's invention – built by two amateurs – was producing 1000-watts of power, enough for about 17 light bulbs of 60 watts or around 1 radiator. During heavy seas, output rose to around 5000 watts, about enough for 5 radiators. Although Bates' invention could produce incredible power, he never demonstrated its efficiency and scalability at Lurline Bay. This peak capability output, recounted in the Sydney Morning Herald, is the last known operational reference to the Bates Company experiment at Lurline Bay.

Despite Bates' passion and dedication, several factors dashed his dreams around 1929, nine years into his experiment. The Great Depression caused an unprecedented economic slowdown, making it challenging to secure long-term commercial backing for his invention. Council interventions and noise complaints also likely played a part, and maybe even the patience of his wife Crystal had drawn thin. Eventually, unable to obtain essential funding and support to sustain further experimentation, he had to pack it in. Bates had to choose between his experiment and his family, leading him to refocus on his singing career as a tenor. As a result and his experiments remained more a labour of love than a lucrative venture.

Whether you consider him an eccentric dreamer or a genius inventor, Percy Bates' ideas were way ahead of their time, and today we can only wonder what could have been if his Lurline Bay experiment had attracted the necessary commercial investment. His dreams have become a part of Randwick's local



All that remains at Lurline Bay – the rock channel hewn by Percy Bates and his voluntary co-worker Seager. (Photography: Lorraine Simpson, Randwick City Council, July 2023)

history, a testament to his innovative spirit and determination. Even though his vision was not fully realised, Percy Bates remains an unsung eco-visionary, reminding us that sustainable solutions have always been within reach if we are willing to explore and embrace them.

**Bates' dream is now Randwick's local history – ahead of its time by anyone's measure.**

The legacy of Percy Bates can still be seen at Lurline Bay. If you take the Coastal Walkway along the rocks between South Coogee and Maroubra, the rock channel and footings of the wave generator can still be seen.

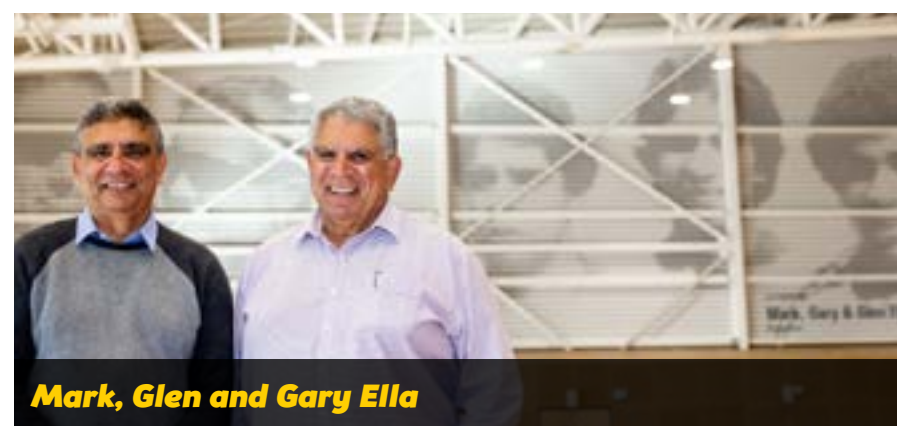
**Special thanks to Randwick City Council's Local Studies Librarian Georgina Keep for researching and writing this fascinating story.**





**Read more** about these athletes who not only made their mark on our local community, but also on the world stage

**If you've set foot inside the new Heffron Centre, you've seen the walls have been adorned with local sporting history timelines and imagery. Looming large above the indoor courts are nine local sporting legends you might recognise.**



**Mark, Glen and Gary Ella**

The Ella brothers are legends on the world stage, but it's their unwavering love for their local community that stands out. Glen, a former Australian rugby union player and Wallabies assistant coach, said: "To be able to play for Randwick and have success there was fantastic, and to play down at Coogee Oval was unreal." His twin Mark was the first Indigenous Australian to captain a national sports

team, leading the Wallabies on 10 occasions, while younger brother Gary made six appearances between 1982 and 1988. The Ellas learned and honed their rugby skills while attending Matraville High School in the 1970s and were members of the 1977/78 'Invincibles' Australian Schoolboys side. Reflecting on the trio's inclusion in the Heffron Centre mural, Gary said, "We all feel it. It's an honour to be up there."

**"To be able to play for Randwick and have success there was fantastic, and to play down at Coogee Oval was unreal."**

- Glen Ella



**Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM**

Refusing to be outshone by her older brothers, Marcia Ella-Duncan OAM created history herself when she became the first Indigenous netballer to represent the Australian Diamonds in 1986, going on to make 18 appearances. In 1988, she was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to netball and was inducted into the Australian Netball Hall of Fame in 2015. Marcia said the Randwick City community has always been in her corner. "It was the people of Randwick that were willing to help us raise funds when we didn't have enough money to pay fees, who would pick us up for training when we had no transport, and who looked after me when I didn't know anybody."



**Jane and Natalie Saville**

For the Saville sisters, there is no place like home. "Growing up in La Perouse... it's part of our heart, part of our blood," said Natalie, who with sister Jane, represented Australia in race walking. Speaking from her home in Spain, Jane added: "La Perouse was a tiny school, but we had role models who represented Australia. Success in sport always felt like an option because we knew people who had done it." Jane won three Commonwealth Games gold medals

and competed in four Olympics, including the 20km road walk at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games where she was heartbreakingly disqualified with less than 300 metres to go. She fought back and won bronze in Athens four years later, where younger sister Natalie made her Olympic debut. The 2006 Commonwealth Games was a particularly special event for the Savilles, with Jane and Natalie claiming gold and silver respectively.



**Mike Whitney AM**

A fearsome fast bowler and larrikin on our television screens, Matraville-born Mike Whitney AM is one of Australia's most recognised sporting and media personalities. The left-arm quick played 21 Test matches and 38 One Day Internationals from 1981-1993, as well as 94 first-class matches for NSW from 1980-1994. His love for the game has continued well beyond his own playing career, serving as President of the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club

since 2001. Between 1999 and 2001, Mike also played an instrumental role in the battle that eventually saw the South Sydney Rabbitohs make a triumphant return to the NRL competition. Mike made the switch to TV in 1994, going on to host Sydney Weekender for 27 years. In 2019, Mike was made a member (AM) of the Order of Australia in 2019 for his significant service to cricket and broadcast media.



**Barry Rodgers (1941-2016)**

Nicknamed 'Mr Surf', Barry Rodgers built a reputation as a true legend both in the ocean and in the pool. Barry joined Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club in the summer of 1954/55 when he was 14 and remained as a volunteer for more than 60 years. His exceptional talent for the sport saw him win six national surf life saving titles and 11 NSW state titles. He also won the national Ironman title three years running. While a remarkable competitor, Barry was also dedicated to sharing his knowledge and skills. In the 1960s, Barry and his brother John launched a swim school in Maroubra where they coached hundreds of students, including three Olympians. Barry became the first swimming coach at St Catherine's School in Waverley in 1981, before establishing a learn-to-swim program that still operates today.



**Mina Wylie (1891-1984)**

Wilhelmina "Mina" Wylie grew up in South Coogee, and if you thought her surname sounded familiar, you'd be right. Her father, Henry Wylie, built the heritage-listed Wylie's Baths in 1907. Mina is best remembered as the first Australian woman to win a silver medal in Olympic swimming, while her friend and Petersham local Fanny Durack was the first to win gold. From 1906 to 1934, Mina won 115 titles in the NSW and Australian championships. Her achievements saw her inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1975.



**Heffron Centre**

Heffron Park  
Bunnerong Road  
Maroubra



# FOGO Q&A

Earlier this year, our food organics and garden organics (FOGO) program underwent some changes as part of a statewide effort to streamline the scheme and create a better-quality end product. You've got questions: we've got the answers.

**Q: Can I put paper in FOGO?**

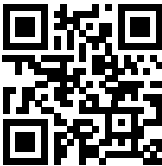
**A:** We understand this one is confusing because the answer isn't a simple yes or no. The answer is yes, if you're using the paper to line your caddy or wrap your food, but not at other times. Why? Let's step back and look at the big picture: we want to reduce waste. This means instead of using brand new certified compostable kitchen caddy liners to line your caddy, you can use what you already have on hand. For example, you can wrap up a chicken carcass with the brown paper bag your mushrooms came in, or newspaper or a brown bag from the supermarket.

So why not at other times? The problem arises when there is too much fibre-based material in the FOGO system. These fibre products often contain additives that provide water and grease resistance, and even substances called PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl), which can be harmful to humans and the environment. Paper products also don't provide any nutritional value to the compost.

So, unless you're using a small amount of paper (like a brown paper bag or newspaper) to specifically wrap your food waste, the message is: do not

put paper products in your FOGO bin. Paper and cardboard items such as empty pizza boxes should instead be recycled in your yellow lid bin, while paper towels, tissues and serviettes should go in your red bin.

Further information is available through the NSW Environment Protection Authority's webpage.



**Q: I've run out of FOGO caddy liners. What should I do?**

**A:** We will be issuing another bulk delivery of caddy liners to households in October. However, if you can't wait there are other options, such as:

- Use a small amount of paper to wrap your food waste
- Line your caddy with a brown paper bag
- Purchase liners from the supermarket
- Empty food straight into your FOGO bin
- Order new liners from our website to be delivered

If you choose to buy caddy liners, please be sure to use liners that are green in colour and include the certification logo 'AS 4736'. This means they have been tested and will completely break down during composting.



It's important to remember that you cannot use any ordinary plastic bag as a liner, or other types of bags that are labelled 'degradable' or 'biodegradable'.

These bags are not compostable and even worse, biodegradable plastic bags break down into tiny pieces which are harmful to both the environment and our health.

**Q: How do I reduce smells, insects and bugs?**

**A:** During the winter months there's less issues with insects and bugs in FOGO. But as the warmer months arrive, more flies and bugs will be attracted to your FOGO. Here are some of the ways you can reduce odours and insects in your FOGO bins:

- Place garden matter, such as leaves and grass clippings, on top of food waste
- Keep your kitchen caddy lid closed and in a shaded spot
- Wash your bin and caddy regularly
- Freeze your leftover meat, dairy and seafood waste before you put it in the bin the night of your collection.



## FOGO Yes or No

	YES	NO
		<b>Pet poo and litter?</b> To protect human health from potential pathogens, including viruses and intestinal worm eggs, sources such as pet poo, pet litter and poo bags cannot be added to FOGO bins. They should be placed in the red bin.
	<b>&lt;10cm diameter</b>	<b>&gt;10cm diameter</b> <b>Tree branches?</b> Only branches that are less than 10 centimetres in diameter. This is because the composting machinery cannot process branches that are any wider.
		<b>Treated timber?</b> Treated timber contains chemicals that could contaminate the compost. Treated timber is a building material that cannot be collected in residential bins. A high percentage of building waste is recyclable, so visit Planet Ark's website for links to building waste recycling companies. If you have waste from a building site, you can ask suppliers to remove the packaging and ask sub-contractors to take their waste.

## Why FOGO matters!

By choosing to put your food and garden organic waste in the FOGO bin instead of your red bin, you are:

- Diverting food waste from landfill (so far, more than 33,000 tonnes have been diverted, which could fill 34 Olympic pools)
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (our efforts to date have been equivalent to removing almost 12,000 cars off the roads)
- Allowing us to create compost from waste that can be used in farms, parks, sports fields or even in our own gardens.



**I need a FOGO caddy – how do I get one?**

If you've just moved to Randwick, contact the team on **1300 722 542** to arrange the delivery of a caddy. If you live in an apartment block, you can also help spread the good news of FOGO by downloading posters, brochures and guides to share with your neighbours - just search 'FOGO Downloadable Resources' at our website: [randwick.nsw.gov.au](http://randwick.nsw.gov.au)



**Something else?**

The FOGO team at Randwick City Council provides regular updates of what can and cannot go in your FOGO bin. You can find this information by scanning the QR code. If your query isn't listed, call **1300 722 542** or email [foغو@randwick.nsw.gov.au](mailto:foغو@randwick.nsw.gov.au) to clarify and your item will be added to the list.



FOGO



# Chat with your Councillors

**A new series of face-to-face community consultation sessions called *Let's Chat* will be popping up in a neighbourhood near you.**

In a world of ChatGPT, social media and Zoom meetings, you could be forgiven for thinking that in-person meetings are a thing of the past.

But in a recent forum of 100 people held in 2022, people from the Randwick City community told us that face-to-face community consultation is still important to them.

When we asked participants how they preferred to participate in Council consultations, the top two responses were online surveys and polls, but of the top 10 responses, six were face-to-face activities.

They told us the type of face-to-face activities they most prefer are small focus groups on local issues, pop-ups at parks and beaches, resident-based meetings (like Precincts) and Town Hall style meetings.

We've listened to the feedback and as part of Council's Community Engagement Strategy we'll be delivering 10 pop-up Let's Chat events over the next 12 months.

Councillors will be hitting the streets at convenient locations giving passers-by the chance to stop and talk about local issues.

Let's Chat provides another opportunity for you to be involved and have your say on Council issues.

All residents can also attend local Precinct Meetings and take part in our other consultation activities which involve focus groups, workshops, pop-ups and online activities through Your Say Randwick.

## Find out more about how you can get involved:

- [yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au)
- [randwick.nsw.gov.au/letschat](https://randwick.nsw.gov.au/letschat)
- [randwick.nsw.gov.au/precincts](https://randwick.nsw.gov.au/precincts)

## Let's Chat

**Drop in for a chat and meet your local Councillors**



### Sat 2 Sept 2023

10am – midday  
Randwick Community Centre, Munda Street

### Sat 2 Sept 2023

10am – midday  
Cnr Clovelly Road and Mount Street, Randwick

### Sat 16 Sept 2023

10am – midday  
Meeks Street Plaza, Kingsford

### Sat 7 Oct 2023

10am – midday  
Malabar shops, Prince Edward Street

### Sat 25 Nov 2023

10am – midday  
Pacific Square, Maroubra Junction

### Sat 2 Dec 2023

10am – midday  
Coogee Beach

### Sat 10 Feb 2024

10am – midday  
Kensington Community Centre

### Sat 2 Mar 2024

10am – midday  
Maroubra Beach

### Sat 18 May 2024

10am – midday  
Randwick Literary Institute, Randwick

### Sat 22 Jun 2024

10am – midday  
Little Bay shops, Pine Avenue

Meeting dates subject to change due to weather conditions on the day.  
Check our website and Facebook page to confirm.

## GOT THINGS YOU DON'T NEED?



## CONSIDER

- Selling your unwanted usable items on social media platforms such as Gumtree and Facebook Marketplace
- Donate to charity or give them away
- Have your usable items collected by *The Bower* and reuse them
- Take your old electronic waste to our Recycling Centre
- Book a **free** Council clean up. Each resident is entitled to five free clean-ups each calendar year



**BOOK YOUR FREE CLEANUP NOW**

**1300 722 542**  
[randwick.nsw.gov.au/bookmycleanup](https://randwick.nsw.gov.au/bookmycleanup)



1938 R&CLSA Dunningham Cup Team

## McIver's Ladies Baths

# HERSTORY While We Live, We Swim

**FREE  
EVENT**

**Saturday 5 August –  
Saturday 30 September**

Lionel Bowen Library  
Anzac Parade  
Maroubra

This exhibition showcases the untold stories of the women who dedicated their lives to building a community.

The exhibition is free and open during library opening hours. For enquiries call 9093 6400.



# Spring into the outdoors!

**Randwick City is a haven for anyone seeking to immerse themselves in nature's beauty and engage in a bit of recreation too. From coastal walks and outdoor gyms to charming playgrounds, there are lots of ways you can spring into the outdoors! Here's a roundup of some of the best outdoor activities on offer.**



## SHAKE UP YOUR WORKOUT

For fitness enthusiasts looking to shake up their workout routine – why not try an outdoor gym? There are so many spaces to exercise in Randwick City but the new outdoor gyms at Snape Park and Barwon Park are the perfect places to get your sweat on.

Snape Park Outdoor Gym in Maroubra is nestled in a lush green setting and offers a wide range of exercise equipment suitable for all fitness levels. Whether you prefer strength training or cardio workouts, the gym has all kinds of options to keep you interested, helping you to stay active and healthy.

As an added benefit for elderly gym goers, a track with distance markings has been incorporated into the park's design, so you can test how far you can walk in six minutes and use the track regularly to increase your walking distance.

Barwon Park Outdoor Gym boasts state-of-the-art exercise equipment placed under a shaded sail to keep you cool and protected. Working out here is an excellent way to combine

the benefits of physical activity with the tranquillity of nature. The gym caters to various exercise preferences, making it an inclusive place to work out – no matter your age or ability.

Exercising in the fresh air, against the backdrop of the natural surroundings is a great experience for your body and your mind that you can't replicate in an indoor setting. You can also keep your workout routine fresh by mixing up the outdoor gyms you visit – say farewell to boring, repetitive workouts forever!

If this isn't enough, we have outdoor gyms at Kensington Park, Chifley Sports Reserve, Maroubra Beach, Coogee Beach, Frenchmans Bay and Clovelly Beach. Plus we're building more this year at Little Bay and Matraville.

## GET YOUR STEPS UP AND DIVE IN!

What better way to emerge from the cold of winter than to journey along the picturesque Coastal Walkway from Coogee to Clovelly, one of the crown jewels of Randwick City?



This spectacular path, extending along the coastline, offers breathtaking views of the ocean and rugged cliffs.

If you're brave enough to enter the water early in the swimming season, the turquoise waters of Gordon's Bay are perfect for snorkelling and scuba-diving. So don't forget to bring your gear and explore the abundant marine life thriving in the bay's underwater sanctuary.

The Gordon's Bay Underwater Nature Trail is a self-guided scuba diving or snorkelling adventure. It usually takes about 40 minutes to dive the 600m trail and on a clear day it's possible to snorkel the underwater trail along the water's surface. Concrete filled drums about 20m apart linked by a chain form the trail with information displayed on underwater steel plaques.



## RIDING ON A HIGH

Cycling enthusiasts will find joy in exploring the cycling routes that stretch and wind through Randwick City. Ditch your car and take the opportunity to get your heart rate up as you feel the refreshing breeze on your face as you make your journey riding from A to B. You can find dedicated cycleway maps on Council's website.



Scan here for bike routes and maps in Randwick City

Want to work on your kick-flip? You can take your skateboards, scooters and bikes down to Chifley Skate Park or Maroubra Skate Park. Located right next to Maroubra Beach at Arthur Byrne Reserve, come show off your skills as the epic sound of Maroubra's crashing waves cheers you on. Featuring a bowl, half pipes, rails and ramps, the park's design offers something for every kind of skater – give it a go!

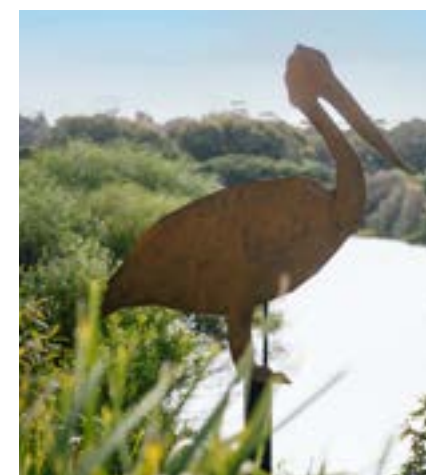


## ENTERTAIN THE KIDS

A family-friendly outing is never complete without a visit to a playground. Check out the newly opened Fitzpatrick Park Playground in Kensington for some imaginative play. This play space features a range of play equipment, including swings, slides, and climbing structures, ensuring hours of laughter and excitement for children of all ages.

Why not make it a play date? Invite other parents and their children along and while the little ones play, parents can connect with each other and relax on the newly installed tables, benches and sandstone seating.

Another great option is Chifley Reserve Inclusive Playground. Located within Chifley Reserve, this playground is designed to provide an inclusive and welcoming space for children of diverse needs and abilities to play together. This one-of-a-kind playground was created with input from people with a disability and their parents and carers and features adjacent accessible parking and toilet facilities.



## THE PAWFECT SPOTS FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

Let's not leave out the pets! Our dogs deserve the joys of outdoor exercise as much as we do. Randwick City is home to a number of off-leash dog parks, where your furry friends can roam free and frolic with their buddies.

Interacting with fellow four-legged friends can improve their social skills and overall behaviour. Plus, with all the running, fetching, and playful antics, they'll get a great workout, improving their physical health and wellbeing too.

Looking for a treat for you and your dog? Take a trip to Trenerry Reserve in Coogee, where you can gaze out on the stunning view of the ocean while you give your dog some time to play. The park is the perfect place to meet other dogs and their owners, play fetch and stretch your legs. With ample space to run, jump, and explore, your furry friends will have a ball.

You can also have some tail-wagging fun at Coral Sea Park in Maroubra, Woomera Reserve in Little Bay and Pioneers Park in Malabar.

## MARVEL AT MOTHER NATURE'S CREATIONS

Right in the heart of Randwick City, the Randwick Environment Park is a serene escape just waiting to be explored by nature lovers. This lush and leafy park offers a retreat from the city's hustle and bustle, with winding walking trails for you to meander, native bushland and a plethora of flora and fauna for you to feast your eyes on. The park is especially great for birdwatchers, as it attracts a variety of bird species throughout the year.

**LOOKING FOR MORE?** Venture further east to the Malabar Headland National Park. The park offers various walking trails that lead to lookout points, so pack some water and snacks and make a morning of it. Check the NPWS website before visiting as the Boora Point Walking Track is subject to regular closures when the Malabar Headland Rife Range is in use.



# Art Cube



L-R: Artist Dallas Clark and Mayor Dylan Parker with father Neil King

## Commemorating History and Culture through Communal Art

In celebration of local culture and the enduring memory of a beloved young graffiti artist, a three-panelled mural titled Art Cube was unveiled at Heffron Park Handball Courts in July 2023. Commissioned by Randwick City Council, the new mural pays homage to the life of a local boy whose life was cut short – Adam 'Bingo' King.

A local resident from Matraville, Adam 'Bingo' King was a talented young graffiti artist who lost his life in a sudden accident, when he was just 17 years old.

Art Cube features a portrait of Adam as an artful re-imagining of the mural his friends created on the back wall of the old Bunnerong Gymnastics Centre to mark the 10th anniversary of his tragic death.

The original mural became an iconic and widely recognised portrait, serving as a beautiful tribute to 'Bingo's' memory. Regrettably, it had to be removed to accommodate the construction of the new Heffron Centre. However, the unveiling of the new mural was poignantly timed to coincide with the Heffron Centre Community opening. It was a fitting opportunity to acknowledge the site's historical significance, offering a glimpse into the intricate interplay of time, place, and meaning within a single landmark.

Art Cube was created by local artist and proud Gadigal man, Dallas Clark, who was assisted in its painting by Matthew "Melnunnie" Brettschneider, a proud Wiradjuri & Ngilyampaa man.

Thoughtfully designed, the new artwork incorporates several icons representing the things Adam 'Bingo' King held dear to him. A spray can depicts his passion for art and graffiti, while his beloved scotty dog finds a place of honour on the wall too. The inclusion of a drum kit pays tribute to the joy he felt for drumming, and references to Coldplay and Promoe represent his love for hip hop and music.

**The significance of Art Cube lies not only in its commemoration of 'Bingo' as a symbol of community spirit but also in its celebration of the rich Aboriginal cultural history that runs deep in Randwick City.**

Home to the Bidjigal and Gadigal people, Randwick City has a rich and unique Aboriginal cultural history, with La Perouse being the only area in Sydney where the local Aboriginal community have retained an unbroken connection to the land that long pre-dates European settlement.

Delving into the conceptual underpinnings of his work, Dallas shared, "the eastern and western faces are mirrored to indicate our ancient Aboriginal land and the modern fabric of Randwick City. The lighter green dots are indicative of the Aboriginal ownership and protection of the land, the importance of the coast to the local Aboriginal people and the many tribal groups and dialects spoken by traditional owners."

Standing as a strong and shining statement of place, history and community, Art Cube takes pride of place at Heffron Park, and as Dallas explained, the artwork was directly informed by the concept of place. With a deliberate and harmonious colour palette that draws inspiration from the surrounding parklands, the mural acts as a visual contrast to the blue of the courts, attracting attention and inviting contemplation.

Art Cube serves as a testament to the resilience of a community, the beauty of its culture, and the cherished memories of a young boy who continues to inspire those who encounter his life through art.



# What's on



August to December 2023

## AUGUST

### COFFEE CONVERSATIONS CONNECT

Tuesday 15 August  
10.30-12pm

Lionel Bowen Library

### PARENTING WITH CLARITY & CONFIDENCE

Friday 25 August  
10am-12pm

St Brigid's Parish Hall

## SEPTEMBER

### PLANT WITH US

Friday 1 September  
8.30am-1pm

Heffron Park, Maroubra

### 'HAPPY VALLEY' BY MEI ZHAO

9 September – 28 January

The Bayview Gallery,  
La Perouse Museum

### SPARK IN THE PARK (FOR AGES 0-5 YEARS)

Wednesday 6 September  
10.30-11.30am

Randwick Community Centre

### POP-UP COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

Wednesday 6 September  
11am-1pm

Lionel Bowen Library

### NEXT CHAPTER ART GROUP

Thursday 7 September  
10.30am-12pm

Margaret Martin Library



### ECO LIVING 2023 WORKSHOPS & SPEAKER SERIES

Sunday 10 September  
10am-3pm

Randwick Sustainability Hub

### KIDS ABORIGINAL ART WORKSHOP

Thursday 28 September

La Perouse Museum

## OCTOBER



### SPRING MARINE & COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Tuesday 3 October –  
Thursday 5 October

South Maroubra SLSC

### SPARK IN THE PARK (FOR AGES 0-5 YEARS)

Wednesday 4 October  
10.30-11.30am

Randwick Community Centre

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Margaret Martin Library



### BALI MEMORIAL

Thursday 12 October  
10am

Dolphins Point  
Dunningham Reserve Coogee

### POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP

Friday 27 October  
10.30am-12pm

St Brigid's Parish Hall

## NOVEMBER

### LIBRARY AFTER DARK: TABLETOP GAMES (16+ EVENT)

Tuesday 7 November  
6pm-9pm

Margaret Martin Library

### SPARK IN THE PARK (FOR AGES 0-5 YEARS)

Wednesday 8 November  
10.30-11.30am

Randwick Community Centre

### POP-UP COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

Wednesday 8 November  
11am-1pm

Lionel Bowen Library

### NEXT CHAPTER ART GROUP

Thursday 9 November  
10.30am-12pm

Margaret Martin Library

### UNSEEN - MY MIND'S EYE BY JORDAN ARDLER

10 November – 10 March

Community Galleries,  
La Perouse Museum

### STEP OUT SPEAK OUT

Friday 24 November  
7am

High Cross Park  
Randwick

## DECEMBER



### BEST GIFT MARKET

Sunday 3 December  
9am-6pm

Goldstein Reserve  
Coogee Beach

### SPARK IN THE PARK (FOR AGES 0-5 YEARS)

Wednesday 6 December  
10.30-11.30am

For more information on events visit [randwick.nsw.gov.au](https://randwick.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 722 542





# ECO LIVING

## WORKSHOPS & SPEAKER SERIES

10 SEPT 2023  
10AM-3PM

TAKE ACTION  
JOIN IN!

FREE  
EVENT &  
PRIZES

RANDWICK COMMUNITY  
CENTRE & SUSTAINABILITY HUB  
27 MUNDA ST RANDWICK

THERE IS NO PARKING. **PLAN YOUR TRIP.**  
SEE OUR WEBSITE **FOR TRANSPORT DETAILS.**

TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND  
DEMONSTRATIONS

SUSTAINABLE KITCHEN

ORGANIC GARDENING  
AND PLANT SALES

ELECTRIC VEHICLE DISPLAY

BIKE VALET AND  
BIKE MECHANIC

VOLUNTEER'S VILLAGE

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

BYO reusable  
bag, cup and  
water bottle



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a sense of community