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This has been a year of changes, hasn't it? We've had to adapt, pivot, be agile, adjust our behaviours and all those other buzzwords that have been used so often in 2020 to describe our response to the pandemic.

The marvellous thing about change is that sometimes it leads us to find better ways of doing what we've always done. There are many positives that can be borne from change.

This year we've introduced a new funding and grants program that has thrown the net open to a more diverse range of recipients, thanks to its focus on creativity and connection within our community. You can read more about it on page 14.

Next year we will welcome the introduction of FOGO, which will allow us to put our food waste and garden organics in the same bin and divert a significant amount of food scraps from landfill. This will reduce the amount of methane produced by rotting food. We have more information about this and answers to some of your questions on page 8.

In 2021, we plan to start building the new Heffron Centre, an indoor multi-purpose facility for the community and future home of the South Sydney Rabbitohs. We explore how this came to be on page 12.

One thing that hasn't changed is the commitment of Randwick Council staff to their jobs and our community. Throughout lockdown and in the uncertain months that followed, key frontline staff have never wavered in their duty to keep our streets, parks and beaches clean, our waste collected and our swimmers safe in the ocean. We give a heartfelt thanks to these staff on page 6.

I hope you'll give them a wave, a thumbs up or perhaps even a thank you when you see them out and about. They're doing a stellar job!

**Danny Said**  
Mayor of Randwick

## Smart Parking



**Find parking at Coogee Beach quickly and easily.**

Digital signage at the Coogee Oval and Coogee Pavilion car parks tells you parking availability.

Use the PayStay app to check availability before you visit.





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## Normal life has been disrupted

Here to care, guide and connect.

## Help is just a phone call away

With all the challenges we've been facing as a community this year, it really feels normal life has been disrupted. If you're unsure about what support is available to you or just want to chat, Randwick Council's dedicated phone line is launching in late September 2020. Staffed by specially trained community development staff from Randwick Council, we can provide counselling and helpline referrals, guidance and crisis advice, connection to food and financial support and community groups as well as answering questions about health care.

Phone **1300 203 111** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. You can also visit [randwick.nsw.gov.au/connect](http://randwick.nsw.gov.au/connect).

## Vision released for Randwick town centre

A plan to reinvigorate the Randwick Town Centre along Belmore Road and High Street will be put to the community for comment. Councillors endorsed the Draft Randwick Junction Planning Strategy, which outlines a vision to guide sustainable growth and physical development and to meet anticipated future commercial floorspace demand. The strategy identifies three key opportunity sites (located around Royal Randwick Shopping Centre, Randwick Plaza, and the Randwick Club on Alison Road).

## Kingsford town plaza plans progress

Plans for a permanent town plaza in the Kingsford town centre have been endorsed by Council and will now move to detailed design for tendering and construction. The plans for the Meeks St Plaza include creating a new grassed lawn area, stage area, more space for outdoor seating and dining. Community consultation held earlier this year found general support for the plans.

## Construction underway on Malabar and Yarra Bay amenities

The toilet blocks at Malabar town centre and Yarra Bay Beach are currently getting an upgrade as part of Randwick City Council's Our Community Our Future program. Both buildings will retain their existing façade but an updated design and new internals will create brighter, more attractive buildings with new rooflines providing additional natural light and ventilation. Work is on track to finish by the end of the year.



## Desex cats by 4 months or face ongoing fees

Cat owners who don't desex their feline companions by the time they turn four months old will pay an annual \$80 permit under tough new Government guidelines now in effect. The \$80 annual fee is in addition to the one-off lifetime pet registration fee. The NSW Government changes create a stronger incentive to de-sex cats, which improves the health and wellbeing of pets, lowers demand on pounds, reduces euthanasia rates, and helps to address concerns about feral, stray and roaming cats.

## New outdoor gym for Malabar Beach

An outdoor gym will soon be installed at Malabar Beach. Council recently consulted with the local community about their preferred location and we are finalising the design. The gym will provide a range of equipment that has been specifically chosen to suit people of all ages and fitness levels.

## NSW councils asked to oppose waste incineration

Randwick Council will table a motion at the Local Government NSW conference in November 2020 calling for all NSW councils to oppose partnerships between waste disposal companies and other industries to construct waste to energy plants. Waste company SUEZ and papermill Opal are proposing to build a waste-to-energy incineration plant at Matraville, which Council opposes.



## Easier parking options at Coogee Beach

Parking space availability at the Coogee Beach car parks near the Pavilion and Coogee Oval is now displayed on digital signs helping motorists find a park more quickly. The smart beaches initiative uses inground sensors and camera technology to identify free spaces and communicates this information to the signage and PayStay app. The initiative is designed to reduce congestion caused by motorists entering already full car parks. Parking meters have also been upgraded with new technology providing the ability to pay and top up parking via your phone.



## New playground opens at La Perouse

Kids are delighted with a brand new playground now open at La Perouse near Frenchmans Bay. The project, which began earlier this year, after a thorough consultation with the local community, has resulted in a bright, spacious, fenced playground with plenty of places to jump, climb, slide, swing and spin. Plus, the wooden boat and watchtower are ideal for imaginary play. The playground has one of the best views in Sydney and parents can grab a coffee or take away from one of the nearby La Perouse cafes or restaurants.

## Council signs Uluru Statement

Council has formally endorsed the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart that was developed by delegates to the First Nations National Constitutional Convention. Signing the statement shows Council's support for establishing a new relationship between First Nations and the Australian nation based on justice and self-determination where Indigenous cultures and peoples can flourish, and we all move forward.

## Action on Port noise

Council will approach the NSW State Government to request increased noise monitoring and to consider potential sound mitigation measures to help residents suffering from excessive night time noise from Port Botany. Also being considered is a noise monitoring committee and a noise abatement strategy.



## Beach wheelchair matting for Yarra Bay

Yarra Bay Beach will become Randwick City's second beach to have dedicated wheelchair matting providing equitable access to the beach and water for people of all abilities. Council recently worked with St Vincent De Paul, Windgap Foundation, Rainbow Club and Surf Life Saving to consider ways to improve accessibility at the beach. Council will consider funding the works in its 2021-22 budget.



## Thumbs up

'Tis the season  
of jasmine and  
frangipani

Hello fro-yo!

Warm breeze  
through the window



## Pollen in the air

Will there be  
blockbusters at  
the cinema?

Don't dump  
rubbish. Recycle  
or give it away.

## Thumbs down

## We love our libraries

During the COVID-19  
library closure there was a:

# 147%

increase in  
movies streamed  
from Kanopy

# 66%

increase in  
eBook loans

# 50%

increase in  
usage of  
eAudiobooks



# Carry on during COVID

**The past few months haven't always been smooth sailing, but countless Randwick Council staff found ways to ensure the continued delivery of vital services. Carmen Rotolo starts a round of applause for their dedication.**

During the coronavirus outbreak, our staff at Randwick City Council have found themselves on the frontline, helping to keep our community safe.

While many people have been working from home and spending more time with family, Randwick City Council staff have been showing up to their jobs as normal, without any complaints.

Our Waste Services team has been collecting more rubbish than ever, as our community finds the time to declutter. They've also welcomed some new team members from Des Renford Leisure Centre, whose jobs came to a halt during the Centre's closure.

Outdoor workers have been making sure our parks, streets and beaches are clean and safe, so that our community can enjoy time outdoors.

Lifeguards have faced extra challenges in protecting our community at the beach, encouraging ocean lovers to maintain at least 1.5m distance.

Library staff moved their workshops online, so that you could still enjoy an *Author Talk* or *Babies And Bop* class from the comfort of your own home.

The team at Des Renford Leisure Centre made sure you kept active at home, livestreaming their fitness classes for free.

Rangers donned blue *Spread Kindness Not Germs* shirts and hit the streets to remind our community about social distancing.

Our frontline workers have been carrying on, so that our community can maintain a semblance of normality.

**To all frontline workers in our community: Thank you!**



*“At first the pandemic was a complete shock to the system. We were approaching the end of the summer season, when the job starts to slow down, and we gear up for our intensive winter training. The pandemic quickly changed that pace and next thing we knew we were implementing a COVID Safe Plan and donning the PPE for our rescues! The biggest challenge has been encouraging people to socially distance at the beach. When we reopened the beaches for exercise only, I can honestly say that most of our community were adhering to the new rules and adapting to the changing situation. It gives me great hope for the warmer weather ahead!”*

**Leroy, Beach Lifeguard**

*“We've seen an increase in beach goers, as many people have unfortunately lost their jobs, and the beach has become a place for them to spend their time. With that, comes more rubbish being left around and groups of people who are not socially distancing. That has been the most challenging part, encouraging people to socially distance. I've got two young kids at home, so of course I want to protect myself, but I also want our community to protect themselves.”*

**Ludo, Ganger (Beach Services)  
at Maroubra**

In times of crisis, a little gratitude goes a long way. Here's how you can say thanks to our frontline workers:

- ♥ Give them a thumbs up when you pass them by
- ♥ Write a thank you letter, email or Facebook wall message
- ♥ Practice social distancing when you're out and about
- ♥ Reach out to the families of essential workers you know
- ♥ Stay home as much as possible to reduce their strain and risk

# How does your garden grow?

**With lots of hard work, love and care from our Street Garden team. Jillian Lewis digs around.**

It may not be silver bells and cockle shells but choosing the right flowers for the busy corners of Randwick City is a special job and one that Jacqui Wallington, Horticulturist Team Leader for Streetscape North, thoroughly enjoys.

“My goal is to create a street garden with wow-factor that withstands the weather and the environment,” she says. Jacqui isn't alone in her mission to beautify Randwick City. There are currently four streetscape teams throughout the LGA, each consisting of two or three people.

“Everyone on the street gardens team is very talented and we all enjoy the challenge of creating an aesthetically pleasing design with a focus on native plants,” says Jacqui.

Jacqui started working for Randwick Council about 10 years ago as a

trainee horticulturist. Prior to Council, she worked as a Parish Manager and a Marketing Coordinator in the corporate sector. But it was her love for gardening that prompted a shift.

“I feel very lucky to work in this amazing area with our beautiful parks and beaches. Plus, I get to talk with so many people in the community as I'm working. And, I get to be creative with our street gardens, which brings me so much joy,” says Jacqui.

Yet, street gardens aren't always smooth sailing! “Sadly, some of our gardens do get vandalised, which is really disappointing. If there's one thing I would ask of the community, it's to leave the plants in their place - they are there for everyone to enjoy,” reminds Jacqui.

Now that it's spring, Jacqui and the rest of the street garden teams

## Planning a street garden

Before planting a street garden, our team considers the following to help make the right choice:

- 1.** How is the garden geographically located? Is it shady, full-sun, or a mix? This will help determine which plants are selected for optimal survival rate.
- 2.** Is it in a protected area or is it in frontline salt conditions?
- 3.** Is there pedestrian traffic or could plants have the potential to obstruct vehicle site lines?
- 4.** Will the water trucks be able to gain access easily?

are preparing the gardens for a hot summer ahead. “I always try to achieve an aesthetically pleasing design that will survive our local climate, with a focus on using Australian native plants or exotics that have a proven record of success,” says Jacqui. Look out for beautiful plants in your town centres coming soon.



Jacqui, Horticulturist Team Leader



# FOGO is a YES GO!

**Starting March 2021, we'll be introducing a new way to recycle food scraps with your green waste. Called FOGO, here's what you need to know-know.**

**D**id you know that almost 40% of the waste that's currently thrown out in red bins is food? When food is disposed in landfill, greenhouse gases are released into the environment. By introducing FOGO (food organics and garden organics), food scraps will instead be composted to return nutrients back to our farms to help grow more food.

**So, what is FOGO?**

FOGO (food organics garden organics) is a waste collection service that accepts both food and garden waste in the same bin. Each household will receive a new lime green-lid FOGO bin, into which they can throw their garden and food waste. It's important to note that unlike a compost in your backyard, *all* food waste can be disposed of in a FOGO bin – citrus foods, bones, dairy waste and more.



Bin caddies will be delivered in 2021.



A bin caddy and compostable caddy liners will be supplied to every household.



Food such as leftovers, bones, dairy and scraps can be included.

We have decided to implement FOGO beginning in March 2021. It's a big step and we know it will require behaviour change on behalf of all our residents. However, after a community consultation held last year, we're confident this is a direction our residents are happy to go, with more than 55% of residents supporting FOGO as a service. As a Council, we agree – this is an important service that will allow residents and individuals to have a positive impact on the environment. Plus, we hope it will significantly reduce the amount of waste disposed of in landfill.

Randwick City Council is only the second council in Sydney to introduce food waste recycling bins. It is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together to be leaders in food waste recycling.

To help household separate their food waste at the source, we will provide every household with small kitchen bin caddies that can be stored in your kitchen. You'll also receive compostable bin liners. This will help you to sort your food waste at the source.

## Your new FOGO service

**What will I receive?**

- A new recycling (yellow) bin, waste (red) bin and FOGO (lime green) bin.
- A small kitchen caddy will be provided to hold your food waste.
- A pack of compostable caddy liners.

**When do I put the bin out?**

Your FOGO bin will be collected weekly and your red waste and yellow recycling bins will be collected fortnightly on alternate weeks. You will be provided with a new collection schedule before the new service begins.

**What can I put in my FOGO bin?**

- Garden waste
- Tissues and paper towel
- Soiled pizza boxes
- Food waste - leftovers, bread, vegetable scraps, bones, milk, cheese, etc.
- Plus more!

**Won't the bin smell or attract pests?**

Council will collect the FOGO bin weekly to help eliminate any possible

smell. Putting your food waste into compostable bags or newspaper first will also help reduce odours.

**What if I already compost?**

The new FOGO service will be provided to all households. Some items unsuitable for home composts, like meat, fish, bones and shells and kitty litter can be included in your FOGO bin. You should still continue to compost at home.

**Where do I put nappies?**

Nappies will still go in your red bin preferably in a sealed bag.

**I don't have space for a new 240L bin – can I keep my old one?**

You can't keep your old bin, but you will be able to choose to receive a smaller 140L red lid bin if that suits you better.

**What will happen to all the old bins?**

The old bins will be collected and recycled.

Your FOGO bin will be collected weekly.





# What on Earth can we do?

**There is no Planet B, as many t-shirt slogans and Instagram captions have reminded us. So what actions can we take, as a Council and as a community, to look after our environment? We've set out some ambitious targets in our draft Environment Strategy and hope that you'll join us. Chelsea Hunter settles in for a good read.**

**D**id you know you can email any of the 70,000 trees that have been planted as part of the City of Melbourne's Urban Forest renewal project, which aims to increase their tree canopy to 40% by 2040?

Ottawa, a city in Canada's south-east, was the first in the world to light all of its streets with electricity in 1885 and in 2016 they converted all of these to energy efficient LED lights, saving millions of dollars every year.

In the UK, hospitality brand Whitbread, which operates a chain of hotels and restaurants, have taken the equivalent of 750 vehicles off the road each year, simply by diverting 100% of their food waste from landfill.

All around the world, there are innovative and exciting ways that

we can support and improve our environment and reduce the impacts of climate change. Our newly released draft Environment Strategy sets out the targets we would like to reach in the next 10 years in order to protect and conserve our environment, and how we plan to get there with your help.

The broad aims of our draft Environment Strategy are to restore and protect the diversity of our ecosystems, conserve the resources we have, protect our coastal environment and ensure our residents feel knowledgeable about and empowered to address climate change.

Specifically, we have set ourselves targets to reach by certain deadlines. Like Melbourne, we will achieve 40% tree canopy coverage by 2040. Following Whitbread's lead, we will

divert 60% of our food waste from landfill by 2025. And like Ottawa, we will replace 4000 street lights with low energy LED lights.

By 2025 we intend to operate using 100% renewable energy and reduce our greenhouse emissions by 60% by 2030. More immediately we will increase our use of recycled materials in our roads and improve water quality at our beaches.

The draft Environment Strategy maps out in greater detail how we plan to reach these targets. It's a short, easy-to-read document and we hope you'll download it and offer your feedback.

Caring for the environment requires all of us to play a part. Together our actions, as Council and as residents, will give us the momentum required to face the challenges of climate change and look after our Planet A.

**YOUR SAY RANDWICK**

**Have Your Say**

Head to [yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au) to download and read our draft Environment Strategy and let us know what you think. Are there other initiatives you think we could include?

### What have we done so far?

Our environmental journey has included these stops along the way:



Supported and aided hundreds of new solar installations at schools, homes and Council buildings



Provided on street charging stations for electric vehicles



Treated and re-used millions of litres of stormwater to irrigate parks, reserves and playing fields



Offer weekly Bushcare regeneration programs that provide active volunteer engagement



Held the annual Eco Living Expo and Best Gift Christmas markets to educate and encourage positive behavioural change



Installation of Gross Pollutant Traps to prevent large items of rubbish from entering our beaches



Facilitate and fund a wide range of environmental programs and educational activities for community members



Expanded our fleet of hybrid and electric vehicles and electric bicycles for staff to use as sustainable transport options



Purchase 20% of Council's electricity from a renewable energy solar farm in Western NSW

Solar panels at Prince Henry Centre.



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# Designs unveiled for new community sports centre



Artist impression of the Heffron Centre entry and plaza area, designed by CO-OP Studio.

**Can elite athletes exist side-by-side with community and participatory sports? Randwick Council's design concept for the Heffron Centre does exactly that. Joshua Hay looks at the plan that'll bring the Rabbitohs home.**



It also mixes professional sports with community sports. This means you'll have parents picking up aspiring gymnasts and brushing shoulders with Adam Reynolds and Cody Walker on their way to training.

And this is the way the Rabbitohs like it. The proud foundation club has always been as much about giving back to its community as it has been about first grade football.

Rabbitohs CEO Blake Solly says the Heffron Centre will allow them to double the size and reach of their community programs.

**“Already our community programs have helped create more than 400 Aboriginal employment placements and we've helped hundreds of local students achieve their HSC through our School to Work program.”**

If you've grown up or are currently raising a family in the Maroubra area, chances are you've spent more than a few weekends or weeknights at the Matraville Gymnastics Centre or Indoor Sports Centre.

Located on the Bunnerong Road side of the Heffron Park sporting mecca, these two much-loved and well-used sporting institutions have served the community well for many years.

The buildings date from the 1940s and 50s and unsurprisingly are looking a little tired. A knock-down and rebuild has been on the cards since 2004 as part of Council's Heffron Park Plan of Management. This plan has seen a raft of improvement works to the park over the years including a new tennis centre opened in 2019, new amenities buildings, netball building, gym and

leisure centre at DRLC, a synthetic sports field, playground and pedal park.

One of the final pieces of the Heffron puzzle is the renewal of the gymnastics and indoor sports centres.

But in 2013, the South Sydney Rabbitohs approached Randwick Council seeking to relocate their training, administration and community development arms from Redfern to their supporter heartland in Randwick City.

After some consideration, it was decided to look at co-locating the Rabbitohs with the indoor sports and gymnastics centre rebuilds.

And there's good reason to co-locate. Using the same site means one building not three, and a much smaller footprint on the park. Building costs are reduced and parking can be shared.

Included in the Heffron Centre plan is a dedicated Souths Cares classroom and lecture theatre, providing a platform for the Bunnies to continue and expand their work supporting disadvantaged and marginalised youth and their families.

The Souths section will also include their headquarters, training and operational areas and merchandise shop. An internal 'street' will link the Souths high performance centre with the multipurpose sports facility and gymnastics zone – both 20-25 per cent larger than the current facilities.

The indoor sports centre will include two 950sqm multipurpose indoor courts to accommodate community sports, including netball, basketball, badminton, volleyball and futsal. Alongside this will be a dedicated 1200sqm gymnastics facility. A café and plaza area are also included.

Completing the design by award-winning architects CO-OP Studio are rooftop solar panels and electric

vehicle charging and bicycle parking as well as stormwater recycling making the building both modern and sustainable.

From Randwick City Council's perspective, the Heffron Centre is a good deal financially. It'll become a public asset owned by Council and leased out, but most of the Rabbitohs component is paid for by grants.

Randwick Mayor Danny Said believes the partnership is a rare opportunity to deliver both social and physical community infrastructure.

**“You don't get an opportunity like this very often, to provide a state-of-the-art sporting facility and at the same time deliver social benefits, that tap into the proud and almost spiritual link this football club has with our community. It's a strong partnership and a foundation to build from.”**

It'll be a few years before you'll be able to grab a coffee and watch Rabbitohs superstars walk past while you wait for a gymnastics class to end.

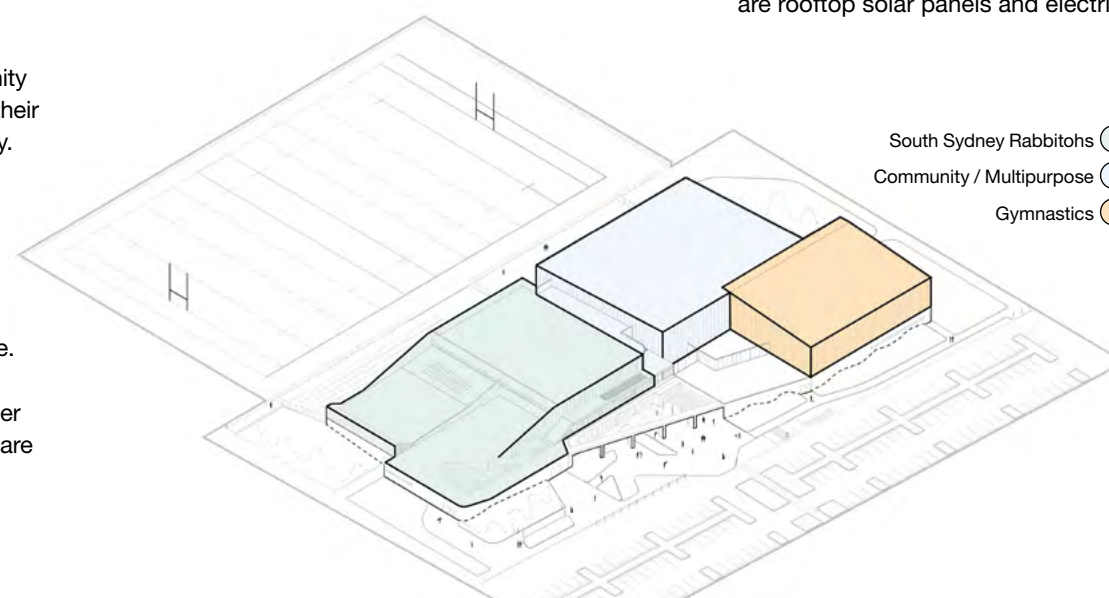
With a Development Application to be lodged before the end of the year, subject to approval, construction could commence in mid 2021 and be complete by the end of 2022.

But we think it'll be worth the wait.

See the plans at [yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/theheffroncentre](https://yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/theheffroncentre).



Artist impression of the Heffron Centre with rooftop solar panels, designed by CO-OP Studio.



South Sydney Rabbitohs ○  
Community / Multipurpose ○  
Gymnastics ○

## Funding the Heffron Centre

### South Sydney Rabbitohs High Performance Centre

\$10M Federal Government grant  
\$8.7M State Government grant  
\$4M Rabbitohs contribution  
\$3M Council contribution

**\$25.7 TOTAL**

### Indoor Community Sports Centre, Gymnastics Centre and Showcase Field

\$34M Randwick Council contribution. Largely funded through borrowings as part of the 2017 Our Community Our Future Plan

**\$34M TOTAL**



# The Randwick Connection



Kua coffee community garden

**Council's new Community Investment Program aims to connect artists with their communities and community members with each other. Chelsea Hunter finds out what projects are on the horizon.**

It's dusk on a Thursday evening and a group of people have been drawn to the community hall at the Randwick Environment Park. Outside, three art students from UNSW man a desk that contains a stack of art programs, hand sanitiser and a sign-in sheet. Inside, artworks that explore the emotional impacts of the pandemic are lit by spotlights. One by one the group poke their heads in and, eventually, step inside to take in all 16 multidisciplinary works of art that form the Breakout Collective's exhibition.

The group of 22 emerging artists was one of the first to receive funding via Council's new grants and donations framework, now known as the Community Investment Program. The Program has three core funding streams called Community Creative, Community Connect and Community Partnerships.

They aim to showcase creative arts in Randwick City, encourage community connection and assist community-based services.



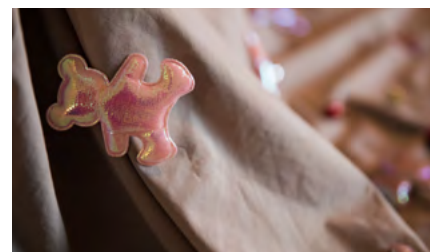
Artist Vanessa He

"People are really aware of what they can and can't do at the moment," says April Mountfort, whose photographic work explores feeling adrift during the pandemic. "We wanted the chance to reawaken their sense of curiosity and engage with them, which we have been able to do with this exhibition."

"With the slight relaxation in Public Health restrictions, it was a good opportunity for us to reach out and engage with the community again."

Likewise, a few suburbs over in Maroubra, a group of coffee connoisseurs have devised a plan to convert their coffee warehouse into a centre where people can meet, talk and connect with one another during regular "open hour meet ups". The coffee grounds used during these meet ups, as well as collected from cafes who use their brand of coffee, will be collected and delivered to local community gardens and composting hubs to enrich their compost. In doing so they will divert hundreds of kilograms of coffee grounds from landfill.

"Post-COVID 19 people have a new agenda," says KUA co-founder Darcy Small, who was awarded funding via the Community Connect stream. "We want local connections, local consumption and local learning and our Community Coffee, Community Compost project champions all three of these."



While the COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges for our entire community, it has also presented us with the opportunity to find different and better ways to do things and highlighted how important it is to stay connected with our community. Council's Community Investment Program gives individuals and groups the opportunity to make some of these ideas a reality.

Funding rounds for Community Connect and Community Creative will be open again in October 2020. Head to [randwick.nsw.gov.au](http://randwick.nsw.gov.au) for more information.



Artist April Mountfort

## What's online

October to December 2020

### PERMABEE COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM

When: Every Friday  
Time: 9am – 12:30pm  
Where: Randwick Sustainability Hub,  
27 Munda St  
Bookings essential:  
[randwick.nsw.gov.au/perma-bee](http://randwick.nsw.gov.au/perma-bee)



### ECO LIVING ONLINE

When: 18 – 20 September  
Time: Please see program  
Where: Randwick City Council  
website

### KADOO FIRST CONTACT TOUR

When: 20 September  
Time: 11am – 12:30pm  
Where: La Perouse Museum  
\$20 per person. Bookings essential.



### AUTHOR TALKS: MONICA MCINERNEY

When: 30 September  
Time: 6:30pm  
Where: Online / Zoom  
Bookings essential on Randwick City  
Library website.



### KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

When: 30 September  
Time: Please see the program and  
cost on our website.  
Where: Online / Zoom  
Bookings essential.

### FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

When: 4 October  
Time: 1:30 – 3pm  
Where: La Perouse Museum  
\$20 per person. Bookings essential.



### DEAN KELLY: GUDO THE OCEAN GIVES US LIFE

When: 9 October  
Time: 6:30 – 9:30pm  
Where: Meet at La Perouse Museum  
\$30 per person. Bookings essential.



### SHELLWORK WORKSHOP

WITH AUNTY MAXINE RYAN  
When: 11 & 13 November  
Time: 1:30 – 3pm  
Where: La Perouse Museum  
\$20 per person. Bookings essential.

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



# Supporting our community through COVID-19

“ We’re working hard to help our community during the pandemic. Our staff are continuing to deliver our usual high quality services and we’ve changed the way we work to ensure this can safely continue into the future. We’re helping residents and businesses and stimulating our economy.

We’re here to help. Together we can stay safe and build resilience. ”

Danny Said  
Mayor of Randwick

## Resilient Randwick

Randwick City Council is investing more than \$52M in direct support and assistance programs to create jobs, provide support for the community and businesses and to assist with business recovery. Our Resilient Randwick plan provides \$49M in capital works and \$3.7M in support and recovery initiatives.



### CONSTRUCTION

- ✓ \$49M accelerated capital works program creating more than 3,000 jobs.
- ✓ Works include new community and cultural centres, amenities buildings and sporting facilities.



### COMMUNITY

- ✓ Creation of a dedicated assistance line to connect people with support services.
- ✓ Free rent for childcare and not for profit organisations using Council properties.
- ✓ Increased waste collection services.



### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

- ✓ Rental subsidies for Council tenants facing hardship.
- ✓ Waiving Council fees for business DAs, footway dining, A-frame signage and food inspections.



### BUSINESS SUPPORT

- ✓ New economic development and place-making team to work with businesses on initiatives to aid recovery.
- ✓ Assisting local businesses with compliance in response to changing restrictions.



### ONLINE EVENTS

- ✓ Online events, fitness sessions, courses, community meetings, workshops and library programs.



### HEALTH CARE WORKERS

- ✓ Supporting hospital workers with free parking permits.



### SPORT & RECREATION

- ✓ Waiving ground hire fees for winter sports and assisting with COVID-safe plans.
- ✓ Pop-up pedal parks and food trucks.
- ✓ Supporting pop-up cycleways.



### CULTURE

- ✓ New \$170K grants stream to support the arts industry (taking our total grants program to \$1M).