

Supporting local schools



How can we help?

A guide to schools support from Randwick City Council.

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Principals, Teachers, P&C and community members

Randwick City Council provides a comprehensive range of programs, services, activities and events that bring the Randwick community together for entertainment, recreation, learning, community support or social cohesion purposes. These services and activities are provided in addition to essential core services traditionally provided by a local council such as waste removal, library services, provision of parks and playgrounds and lifeguard services.

These additional events, programs, activities and services give our residents opportunities to participate in a dynamic, healthy and cohesive community.

Many of these programs, services, activities and events reflect Council's goal of developing a sense of community and making Randwick City a great place to live. Not only does Council deliver its own extensive range of programs, events and activities for our community, it also supports external organisations including local schools, to deliver their own community-focused services and events.

Mayor Kathy Neilson



Introduction: about Council

At the Council level, the majority of community inclusion activities, events and programs are delivered by the Departments listed below:

- Events Department
- Community Development
- Sustainability
- Des Renford Leisure Centre (DRLC)
- Library Services

Council's **Sustainability Department** facilitates and funds a wide range of environmental programs and educational activities for community members, particularly located at Randwick Community Centre and the Barrett House Sustainability Demonstration Project. Our Sustainability department is responsible for delivering more than 100 educational programs and events at locations across Randwick. They also coordinate and deliver a specially designed school activity program which is offered throughout the school year.

Council's three libraries collectively deliver more than 2000 programs, services, classes, activities and events each year. The program caters to visitors of all ages and includes an extensive range of educational, language and leisure classes. Over 40,000 participants attend these scheduled library activities each year.

Council's **Events team** deliver a busy schedule of corporate and community events year round, including signature events that have a very high community following. These high profile events include The Spot Festival, Eco-Living Fair, Coogee Carols and Coogee Sparkles attracting in excess of 100,000 residents and visitors each year.

The **Community Development Department** delivers a range of social programs for vulnerable communities and specific target groups. Throughout the calendar year, the Community Development team builds capacity in local services through hosting targeted community events, coordinating services and facilitating partnerships for projects designed to respond to important community needs and awareness raising. Community events and programs include Aboriginal Elders' Olympics, NAIDOC Cup, Mental Health workshops, Domestic and Family Violence education and programs, Youth Mental Health conversations and networks. The Community Development Department also implements Council's annual Cultural Arts Program held across Council sites including Randwick Town Hall and Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay (separate publication available).

The **Des Renford Leisure Centre (DRLC)**, is an award winning facility located in Heffron Park that comprises a state of the art gym, aerobics and pool facilities.

DRLC provides Learn to Swim classes for all ages/ levels along with specialised swim programs and coaching. DRLC also offers an extensive range of group fitness classes for schools incorporating the gym floor, three varied group fitness studios and Aqua Aerobics.

School support



Eastern Suburbs Sustainable Schools Network (ESSN)

ESSN is a forum for teachers and parents associated with schools across the Eastern Suburbs to discuss environmental sustainability initiatives and programs for more effective learning on sustainability issues.

The network meets each term at a different school in the Eastern Suburbs to discuss current environmental projects, hear about upcoming events and connect teachers and parents who have an interest in sustainability education in our schools. Find out the dates and details of the next meeting by going to reduceyourfootprint.com.au/projects/essn.

About the network

The Network plans the meetings, organises guest speakers and workshop activities. The Council works in a variety of ways to support real life sustainability learning in early learning centres through to high schools. If you would like to be informed about upcoming meetings, register your contact details by email team.eco@randwick.nsw.gov.au.

Feel free to get in contact if you have any questions or ideas about the Network.

- Randwick — Julian Lee Ph: 02 9093 6224
- Woollahra — Michelle Rose Ph: 02 9391 7095
- Waverley — Vicky Bachelard Ph: 02 9083 8049

Sustainable Schools Awards

At the end of each school year, the ESSN holds the Sustainable Schools Awards, where schools and early learning centres are rewarded for outstanding sustainability achievements and projects.

There are some amazing things happening within Eastern Suburbs schools and early learning centres so it's time to shout it from the rooftops! Every year there are a wide range of entries on different sustainability projects. Judging the awards is always difficult. From insect 'hotels' to energy 'ninjas' and fancy homes for bees, birds and frogs, the creativity and engagement of our school communities is always truly inspiring.

Claim teacher professional learning accreditation for attending meetings

DET teachers who attend our ESSSN meetings can now log in through their DET portal and register for two hours of accredited professional learning. As long as you turn up and sign in, you will be accredited.

DET teachers can apply through MyPL on Course Code: NR03181 Event ID: 100606 under DET course 'Sustainability Networks'.

Free childcare is offered at the meetings, but bookings are essential.



Eastern Suburbs School Excursions

Come and be part of our innovative school excursion program

Our program includes onsite lessons developed to fit with the NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum Science and Technology K-6 and the Early Years Learning Framework:

Stage One: **Sounds Like Water** and **Hello Sun** lessons help children to discover more about water, energy and light through fun-filled sensory activities.

Stage Two: **Water Our Resource** helps students discover more about water, its importance and how to conserve it. Students will take on the role of detectives to uncover several water mysteries such as how a rain garden works, how to keep a rainwater tank clean, how to create waterwise gardens and kitchens, how to use rainwater in toilets and how water is used to make our food.

Stage Three: In the **Electricity Rocks** lesson students learn how to make an electrical circuit, switches and check for conductivity of materials. We also explore the technologies and mysteries of wind and water turbines and solar panels. We will explore how to assess our energy use in the home and at school using a simple testing kit.

Download the [booking form](#) and email to team.eco@randwick.nsw.gov.au



School grants and funding*

Did you know Council provides financial support for environmental projects in local schools through a number of sustainability grants? This initiative is funded via Council's 'Sustaining our City' environmental levy program.

These include:

- Building native gardens
- Beehive installation
- Indigenous plants from our Community Nursery
- Installing rainwater tanks in schools
- Installing bike racks in schools
- Solar My School program; installing solar panels and solar monitoring and reporting platforms
- Ocean Action Pod school incursion - education program on plastic pollution
- Dr Rips Science of the Surf presentation + study guide + school incursion.

Rainwater tank grants*

Randwick City Council's Schools Rainwater Tank Funding program assists schools in purchasing and installing a rainwater tank on their grounds. A maximum of \$2,000 is provided per rainwater tank installation.

School food and native garden grants*

Randwick City Council's Schools Food and Native Garden grant program supports local school communities to establish food gardens and native gardens within local school grounds.

The program aims to enhance student learning in the areas of food growing, health and wellbeing, native plant identification and contributing to our 'green corridor' links. This approach enables hands-on learning capable of integrating across different parts of the school curriculum.

Bike racks in schools*

Randwick City Council funding can also support installation of bike racks in schools. You can find further information on our website, www.randwick.nsw.gov.au

*conditions apply





POWERING CHANGE AT BRIGIDINE COLLEGE RANDWICK

With the help of the Solar my School program, Brigidine College in Randwick has gone solar. The school has installed 208 solar panels to provide locally generated, green energy to power the school's learning facilities. Annually they will:



Save 30% on facility's energy bill



Produce enough power equal to running 217 computers or 14 homes



Reduce carbon emissions by 72 tonnes/year



Equivalent to taking 25 cars off the road each year

Solar snapshot

Location: Randwick, Sydney
Size of system: 56 kW
Estimated bill savings: \$14,200/yr
Estimated energy savings: 81,000 kWh
Simple payback: 5 years
Solar installer: Autonomous Energy

What is Solar my School?

Solar my School is a free Council program to help schools navigate a path to solar success.

"Without Solar my School's assistance, we would not have had the hard facts in our hands and the clarity to make the decision to install solar."

Richard Hainsworth, Brigidine College

Find out more

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reduceyourfootprint.com.au/projects/solar-my-school

Note: Annual cost savings and payback period are based on tariff at time of installation (11c/kWh)



Solar my School*

Solar my School is an Eastern Suburbs initiative jointly run by Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils. We provide free independent support and guidance to primary and secondary schools looking to power their buildings with cheap green energy.

How it works

We help you every step of the way from start to finish, to make installing solar as simple as possible.

1. Free solar feasibility report

- Analyses your electricity consumption and usage patterns
- Shows right sized system and location
- Estimates costs and savings
- Done by independent expert

2. Financial system

- Information and support in accessing grants and funding
- Help with fundraising activities

3. Installation of project

Public schools

- Assistance working with the Department of Education to choose a supplier and install system
- Post installation inspection report

Private schools

- Tender and contractual documentation to seek quotes
- Independent evaluation to choose quality supplier and system
- Support in seeking planning approvals where required
- Post installation inspection report

4. Education and promotion

- A curriculum-linked teacher's guide for students to learn about solar
- Launch, media and communications to showcase your project and community leadership

Throughout the project we engage with your broader school community e.g. presentations to your P&C, parents and staff.

*conditions apply

Educating students about waste and recycling

Randwick City Council believes it's vital to educate the children in our area on the best ways to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover waste.

We work closely with schools in our area to develop educational programs and provide interactive waste and recycling workshops. Find out more about our involvement with schools via our website.

Waste incursions (WastED Time)

Council's school recycling and waste education program provides free and interactive workshops delivered in conjunction with Council's recycling contractor. Subject to availability, education officers can visit your school to help students learn more about waste avoidance, recycling, what happens to rubbish and the impacts of waste on the environment.

How to reduce waste in your school

If you're looking for ways to reduce the waste produced at your school, here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Reuse paper:** Put scrap paper trays in your classroom so students can reuse old paper.
- **Recycle:** Set up recycling bins in each classroom.
- **Set up a Green Team:** Create a team of students to organise green activities for each year group.
- **Low-waste lunch days:** Encourage students to bring lunches with no, or minimal, packaging. This can also be a weekly event or an event as part of World Environment Day in June or National Recycling Week in November each year.

Paper and container recycling

Randwick City Council offers a free fortnightly commingled (paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, steel and aluminium cans) recycling collection service for schools in our area. Contact our Waste Education officer for more information via 1300 722 542

School waste audits

Involve the whole school in a waste audit to determine where your waste is coming from and how much waste your school is generating.

You can use this information to plan ways to reduce your overall waste through avoidance, reuse and recycling.

For information on how to carry out a school waste audit, visit the Department of Education's Sustainable Schools website.

Composting and worm farming for schools

Set up a compost or worm farm system for food waste and use special food collection buckets at recess and lunchtime to collect waste. This can then be emptied into your compost bin or worm farm.

You can purchase at a discounted price and have them delivered free by completing the online quiz at www.compostrevolution.com.au

- Schools and childcare centres get up to 5 compost bins or worm farms **for free**.
- To claim the free units they must order each compost bin or worm farm separately, and include the name of their organisation in the delivery address, so it is clear they aren't a household.
- To get each order free they must type in the discount code "3councilfree" on the payment screen.

Get 80% off a compost bin or worm farm from your council and reduce what you send to landfill by half.

When food waste ends up in landfill, it releases harmful greenhouse gases. Recycling it at home instead can make a big difference and is easy to do with our online how-to guides.

Claim your discount at www.compostrevolution.com.au

80% OFF + FREE DELIVERY! WHILE STOCKS LAST

\$9⁹⁵ \$18⁹⁵

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Events for Schools



School Clean-up Day - March

Schools can hold a School Clean-up Day on the Friday before Clean Up Australia Day in March of each year, giving students the opportunity to learn more about the impact of waste on the environment. Visit the Clean Up Australia Day website.

Sustainability School Exchange*

The sustainability school exchange is a program supported by Randwick Council under our Sustaining our City initiative. In the past, Council has provided funding to send a group of around 16 primary school students to either Tarcutta Public or Temora West Public Schools in the Riverina region of NSW (plus additional adults/teachers and Council staff).

The program aims to help students learn about local sustainability issues in the food-growing, inland areas of NSW and also gain insights in coastal, higher population density issues of urban environments. A small program is prepared jointly between both schools, allowing for free time and experiences in the past at places such as the Temora Aviation Museum, Rural Museum and some hands-on planting to support local initiatives.

Temora West Public School has been a long supporter of this event with Randwick and has achieved some very strong sustainability outcomes within the school and wider community. The program is not a competition, but more of a 'show and tell', so they have the chance to learn from each other.



*subject to confirmation.

National Ride2School Day – March

National Ride2School Day is held around Australia in March every year. It provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders.

On this day, riding and walking to school is made normal and the entire school community can support it.

Register your school participation www.ride2school.com.au



National Walk Safely to School Day – May

Now in its 20th Year, this annual event encourages all Primary School children to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.



National Tree Day (schools) - July

Tree plantings at Council sites (includes Schools Tree Day)

By taking part in National Tree Day, schools and their communities can contribute to Australia's largest community tree planting event and join with thousands of individuals in making a difference, connecting people with nature, beautifying neighbourhoods and inspiring positive environmental change.



Give us your Best Green Innovation

Randwick Council's Best GRIN, or 'Give us your Best Green Innovation' competition aims to help protect Randwick's environment by encouraging everyone to think creatively and practically about sustainability.

Council invites suggestions or tips to help our environment from residents, businesses, students from our local schools, and where possible aims to put them into practice across the City. Previous ideas coming from our Best GRIN competition include supporting bike racks in schools, encouraging community gardens, new recycling and waste reduction initiatives and our local government emissions trading scheme.



YOUth Leading the World – August*

Sustainable YOUth Challenge Forum (http://www.ozgreen.org/youth_leading_the_world) is a highly successful, youth engagement and environmental education program. Fundamental to the success of Sustainable YOUth Challenge is the approach to understanding our local communities. As a result we seek to strengthen community resilience and capacity to create innovative ways to tackle sustainability challenges and connect change makers locally, nationally and globally.

Schools, individuals and youth groups aged between 10-25 years are encouraged to participate in this program.

How will SYCF benefit your school?

- Promote environmental action within the school
- Encourage environmental leadership
- Be a recognised supporter of youth leadership
- Networking and partnership opportunities between local schools
- Local media attention and photo opportunities
- Becoming informed on global and local sustainability issues



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Garage Sale Trail (schools) - October

The Garage Sale Trail is an opportunity to engage students, and bring teachers, parents and local community members together to raise funds and have a whole lot of fun.

Selling unwanted items is a great way to raise money for your school and encourage re-use and moving on unwanted household items. More information is available at www.garagesaletrail.com.au

Randwick works with neighbouring Waverley and Woollahra Councils to assist residents reduce their use of resources - as measured by the ecological footprint.

School Holiday Activities at Randwick City Library

Each school holidays, Randwick City Library provides a range of school holiday activities that are free or low cost. Activities are Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) based. We engage young people with current trends in a socially inclusive environment. We also link our events to literacy and a love of reading.

Summer Reading Club

Each year Randwick City Library celebrates reading through summer with a range of events and prizes. Our grand launch party at the end of the school year gives children a great opportunity to get started with a huge selection of brand new books to borrow. Weekly prize draws and a Grand Prize Party at the end of the summer holidays are a great incentive to get reading. Reading over the school break maintains and improves reading and comprehension levels, so that kids are ready to start the new school year running.





Marine and Coastal Discovery program – 3 times a year!

With 29 kilometres of coastline from Clovelly to La Perouse, our marine environment is very popular with residents and visitors alike. Held originally in January, it is now taking place in autumn and spring. The program is becoming increasingly popular.

Children and their families gain first-hand fun and learning with activities that include snorkelling, sea-kayaking, rockpool rambles, marine animal touch tanks, learn-to-surf classes, coastal discovery walks, Aboriginal cultural tours, coastal bird watching and much more!

RANDWICK'S
Marine and Coastal Discovery Program

BOOK NOW!

Get ready for some fun these school holidays with Randwick City Council's spring holiday marine and coastal program.

Discover and touch the unique marine and land animals that live on our coast; learn the secrets of our magnificent migrating whales and go bird watching.

Venue: Prince Henry Centre,
2 Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay.

Bookings essential:
www.randwick.nsw.gov.au

Limited spaces available.

More information: 1300 722 542
council@randwick.nsw.gov.au
www.randwick.nsw.gov.au

Conditions for all activities apply. Activities may be cancelled due to inclement weather or poor weather. All courses under 16 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Randwick City Council
a sense of community



Programs, workshops, Initiatives: schools & families



Eco Heroes Club

Every month, Eco Heroes Club for 5-11 year olds runs hands-on 'eco' learning activities include making a video, planting vegetables in the garden or learning about wildlife that live in and around our City. Plus learning about worms and compost as well as making art from recycled materials. Eco Heroes usually meet on the third Saturday of the month between 2:30 and 4:00pm (excluding school holidays).



Class Visits to the Library

Contact us today to organise a class visit to the library. Visits can be arranged for Margaret Martin Library at Randwick, The Lionel Bowen Library at Maroubra or the Malabar Library.

We can organise memberships before your visit, so that attendees can use our services on the day. Class visits can include a talk around general services, early literacy, reader's advisory or eResources.



Spark Science

Randwick City Library Service has a range of fun and educational science programs for children of primary school age.

Spark! Adventurer's Club

A membership-only club aimed at inquisitive young scientists in school years K-2. Members will be able to experiment, learn and discover through regular interactive and hands-on science workshops. The Club is coordinated by Randwick City Library, with all workshops and activities presented by professional science providers such as the Children's Discovery Museum and Fizzics Education.

The Spark! Adventurer's Club runs annually during terms 2 and 4. Membership forms are available one month prior to commencement of the club.

Spark! Explorer's Club

A membership-only club aimed at inquisitive young scientists in school years 3-6. Members will be able to experiment, learn and discover through regular interactive and hands-on science workshops. The Club is coordinated by Randwick City Library, with all workshops and activities presented by professional science providers such as the Children's Discovery Museum and Fizzics Education. The Spark! Explorer's Club runs annually during terms 1 and 3.

Spark! Discovery Boxes

Check out our supersonic collection of science kits especially for 8-12 year olds. Each themed kit contains a selection of quality scientific apparatus, books and activities that can be taken home to explore. These boxes have been created with the generous support of the Children's Discovery Museum. Kits are available from the Bowen Library.

Undercover Book Club

This free club is especially for kids in school years K-2. Chat about what you are reading, make cool stuff and be the first to borrow our hottest new books! Monthly bookings can be made via the library website.

Lionel Bowen, Young Writers Award

On a bi-annual basis the Randwick City Library partners with UNSW and Juvenilia Press to run a writing competition. This award is for children across the primary to high school spectrum and offers a range of prizes in a variety of age categories. Of particular note is the opportunity for the winners of the categories to have their work published in an anthology.

Launch into Learning Collection

Randwick City Library offers a Launch into Learning Collection comprising resources for parents, guardians and teachers. The Launchpads from Playaway are small touchscreen tablets with curated apps for numeracy, literacy and science for various ages. These can be borrowed with a free membership from the library and are a safe offline alternative to a regular tablet or PC. The collection also has books and other materials for loan to engage children with learning, including for those who experience difficulties.



Tabletop Gaming

Tabletop games develop so many critical skills, such as problem solving, analytical skills, social skills, literacy and numeracy.

Randwick City Library has an amazing collection of tabletop games that are available for loan with your free membership. We also have a monthly Teen Board Game Club at Margaret Martin Library.

Book Week

Each year Randwick City Library Service celebrates Book Week with schools throughout the Local Government Area. All primary schools in the area are invited to enter our Book Week competition with great prizes on offer. All of the entries are exhibited at the Bowen Library during Book Week. Library visits and tours are also offered to schools during this week (as well as at other times through the year). Each year the library also hosts an Author Talk with a well-known children's author or an entertaining show with a literacy theme.

Teen Book Club

This free club meets once a month at Margaret Martin Library for a casual discussion of Young Adult literature. The group also has priority access to all of the new young adult books in the library each month.



RPG in the Library

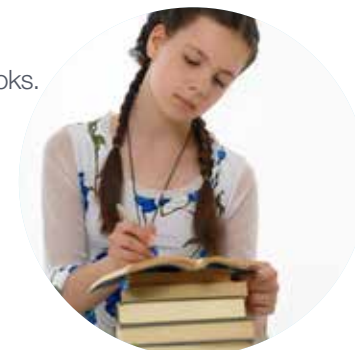
This very popular monthly meeting for those in the 12-25 age groups providing access to a variety of role playing games. Experienced volunteers run a variety of games throughout the year like Dungeons & Dragons, Star Wars, Eclipse Phase and more. The games encourage strategic thinking, problem solving, group cooperation and a variety of other untapped learning skills.



Totally Random Book Club

This free book club is for kids in school years 3-6. Each month features a new book, a chat about what is being read and other cool stuff.

Members also have exclusive access to new books. Monthly bookings can be made via the library website.



Coding Club

A free club for children in school years 4-8 who want to learn how to make computer games, animations and websites.



Ride the HSC Wave

Randwick City Library partners with the three other library services in the Eastern Suburbs to offer a program of talks relating to specific HSC subjects. These high quality lectures are free of charge. The talks are generally held in May and June.

Curriculum Support Collections

In addition to recreational materials like fiction, dedicated special interest non-fiction, graphic novel, DVD and magazine collections for Young Adults, the library also offers two specialised Curriculum Support Collection resources for students. One is dedicated to the years below HSC level and the other for Preliminary and HSC resources.

Council chambers visit*

Prime Minister for a day. Perhaps the Mayor??

Council has previously given schools tours of our historic Council Chambers and provided the opportunity to check out what it's like to be a Councillor or even the Mayor.



*subject to confirmation.

Youth Advisory Committee

Randwick Council is very interested in the ideas and suggestions of young people and facilitates a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Local young residents along with youth service representatives meet monthly to discuss issues and ways for youth to connect to Council and the community. The key function of the YAC is to encourage young people aged from 16 to 24 to advise Council on youth issues, assist in organising activities and gather ideas and solutions. Several Council departments work with the YAC in consultation on policy and strategy.

Programs and partnerships with youth and youth-related services

Randwick Council co-convenes the Eastern Suburbs Youth Services Network (ESYSN) and works closely with government agencies and non-government organisations, whilst forming strong partnerships with schools, UNSW and TAFE NSW. Randwick Council also works closely with neighbouring Councils to maintain effective networking, support and information sharing across regional boundaries.



Youth Networks

The Youth Community Project Officer convenes a Youth Mental Health Conversations group that consists of High School Counsellors and other school staff, Health representatives, Youth Services, youth and mental health peak bodies and all levels of government representation. The group meets monthly and shares information via a fileshare and emails. The benefits of membership include stronger networks across the eastern suburbs, collaboration and access to a diverse range of skills and expertise. Outputs from the network have included a referral services directory and High School Roadshows. For more information, contact youth@randwick.nsw.gov.au

Randwick City of Tomorrow

To engage young people as key stakeholders in planning for our future and working alongside Randwick Council's Smart City Strategy, a range of Council departments are forming a collaborative project with young people, youth-related workers and Council staff on sustainability, technology, use of data and future employment in Randwick City. Throughout 2019 we will keep in touch with your school regarding projects, events and other ways that you can get involved.



Randwick City Council Community Profile

<https://profile.id.com.au/randwick>

The Community Profile provides demographic analysis for the City and its suburbs based on results from the 2016, 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996 and 1991 Censuses of Population and Housing.

Results for Randwick City include population, age structure, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, income, qualifications, occupations, employment, unemployment, disability, disadvantage, volunteering, childcare, family structure, household structure, housing tenure, mortgage and rental payments, and the size and type of the dwellings where people live.

Randwick City Council Social Atlas

<https://atlas.id.com.au/randwick>

The Social Atlas presents Census data in its most compelling form – as a series of thematic maps that show how particular population groups are distributed across Randwick City. There are over 100 individual maps, each representing a community of interest. The thematic maps are created using data from the 2016 and 2011 Censuses of Population and Housing, with an option to view the data for the 2016 year, the 2011 year, or change in number or percentage between the two Censuses. Tables, charts and concise factual commentary are also available from the 'Analysis' tab, for each Census year individually.

Randwick City Council Economic Profile

<https://economy.id.com.au/randwick>

The Economic Profile provides economic analysis for the Randwick City local government area by combining 11 different datasets to build a cohesive story of a local economy, how it is changing and how it compares to other areas. Results for the Randwick City include Gross Regional Product, local jobs, local businesses, employment, unemployment, population, building approvals, industry structure, journey to work and much more.

Des Renford Leisure Centre

Corner Robey St and Jersey Road, Maroubra, 2035

Facilities:

- 50 metre outdoor Olympic pool
- 25 metre indoor competition pool
- 25 metre indoor program/training pool
- Enclosed outdoor pool (The Dome)
- Large, spacious gym
- Extensive range of the latest cardio equipment
- Huge range of resistance & weight equipment
- Dedicated Group Fitness Studio
- Cycle Studio
- Functional Training Studio
- Synthetic Soccer Field – Heffron Park

Learn to Swim

DRLC provides a ‘Schools Learn to Swim’ program conducted by accredited Austswim instructors.

Classes cater for all proficiencies including Learn to Swim, squad style programs and specialist coaching.

Lessons typically operate for 45 minutes however, this can be adapted to meet the specific requirements of your school.

Pool and Lane Hire are also available for events i.e. school carnivals or independent programs.

Fitness Programs

Fitness programs can be tailored to suit your curriculum requirements.

Classes can be conducted on the gym floor (cardio and resistance training), group fitness studio (boxing, circuit, H.I.I.T, Yoga etc), cycle studio, functional training studio or the competition pool for aqua aerobics.

This also allows for multiple groups to be run simultaneously i.e. school sport groups.

All classes are run by qualified fitness professionals.

Synthetic Soccer Field – Heffron Park

Located in Heffron Park the synthetic soccer field is an all-weather field, also suitable for union, league, Oztag and various other sports. This is available for school sport and competitions.

All bookings and hire are subject to availability.



January

- » Marine and Coastal Discovery Program
- » Australia Day Celebrations

Randwick City Council EVENTS

July

- » Beach Breaks Carnival
- » National Tree Day
- » Best Grin

August

- » Local Government Week
- » YOUTH Leading the World*

March

- » School Clean-up Day
- » The Spot Festival
- » Earth Hour
- » Ride to school

April

- » National Youth Week
- » Marine and Coastal Discovery Program

September

- » Eco-living Fair
- » Sustainable House Day
- » Marine and Coastal Discovery Program
- » Bike Week

October

- » Sustainable School Exchange*
- » Bali Memorial
- » Garage Sale Trail
- » Fair Food Week

May

- » International Composting and Permaculture Week
- » Walk safely to School

June

- » World Environment Day
- » Community RESPECT forum*

November

- » Walk to Work Day
- » White Ribbon Walk
- » Awards for Sporting Achievements
- » National Recycling Week

December

- » Coogee Carols
- » Coogee Sparkles
- » Best Gift Market
- » Best Grin

Programs, workshops, initiatives: all ages



Sustainable Living for a sustainable future

Interested in understanding your energy or water consumption and how you can save money and help save the Planet? Look no further than Council's Sustainable Living workshop program.

For more than ten years, Council has delivered workshops and courses covering everything you may want to know about becoming more sustainable around the home, school or workplace. Composting, worm farming, keeping chooks, keeping bees, bringing birds to your backyard, Living Smart, bike maintenance, sustainability leadership and public speaking, sustainable gardening, permaculture and permaculture orchards, saving on energy – these are just a few of the friendly and fun workshops provided free for residents.



Community Food Gardens for all

Council is actively supporting community and school food gardens across the City. Community gardens don't just give locals space to grow or harvest their own vegetables and food, they contribute to neighbours getting together in a healthy, friendly and safe part of the neighbourhood.

Randwick provides financial support for new community food gardens and even food gardens in local schools with around 30 being supported so far and many more being considered. If your school or community has an idea or a small plot of soil you want to improve, get in contact with our Sustainability Community Projects officer.



Living Smart

This is a common sense course in pragmatic, modern and sustainable living. It originated with Murdoch University's Faculty of Behavioural Psychology in Western Australia and we have repurposed it for Sydney Eastern Suburbs participants.

It is proactive in content and spirit and psychologically empowering, avoiding the 'green fatigue' common to some discussions around sustainability. In the course we will look at the conventional sustainability topics of water, energy, transport and waste and how we can creatively intervene in them, exploring the less common sustainable living topics of working in community, lifecycle analysis, the food we eat and personal wellbeing.

Native Havens workshop

Council provides advice and information to residents on how to convert your garden to create a native haven for local birds and animals. Also available to schools as resources allow, contact our Bushland team for more information.

Collaborative Consumption

There's a new economy in gestation and it's a sharing economy that you, too, can participate in.

Join with Sydney's collaborative economy practitioner, Annette Loudon, to explore the possibility of cashless community trading systems, community swaps and exchanges, freecycling and the idea of using-without-owning, whether that be cars, tools or whatever.

Introduction to Permaculture

One of Australia's more interesting exports, the permaculture design system, is now global and populated by innovative people with imagination. After completing this two-meeting mini-course, you may well join them.

A way to make our homes productive and comfortable places, permaculture has also become a community approach to improving the suburbs. The design system is based on the ethics of caring for people, the environments we inhabit, and sharing what we know with those who want to learn. Permaculture proposes that we work where it counts.

In this introductory course we will explore how permaculture's set of principles is useful in our personal lives and community and how we can apply those principles in our home by being more energy and water efficient, producing less waste, producing some of the food we eat or buying from people who have produced it themselves often with organic or chemical free methods. The ethos is all about creative behavioural changes that make our lives better.



Our courses - DIY gardening

These are courses for the makers among us, those who like to get out or make something good, inspiring and edible!

Or for those who are interested in creating green corridors through our suburbs to provide habitat for all the tiny native bees, frogs, insects, fairy wrens, blue tongue lizards and other creatures that move through our area.



Organic gardening

Offered for almost ten years, Randwick Council's Organic Gardening course is aimed at assisting home and community gardeners to improve their family's food security by increasing their garden's productivity. Although the course focuses on growing food plants and the flowers and legumes that support them, the principles of garden design and management are equally applicable to those who want to grow a native or ornamental garden using organic methods.

Site analysis and garden design, understanding and propagating plants, understanding and improving soils, how to make a garden, irrigation, managing garden pests, planting in guilds — these are just some of the skills you will learn. Think of it as basic training at the end of which you should know enough to get started on your own garden or improve the garden you already have.

The course is non-dogmatic in its approach in calling upon tried organic gardening knowledge as well as skills drawn from the permaculture design system. It is suitable for people with a small balcony or courtyard garden as well as for those with larger gardens. No experience is necessary.

Creating a permaculture orchard

A fine follow-on from the Organic Gardening course, this course introduces the concepts, knowledge and skills to plant a small food forest garden in your backyard or community garden.

Using concepts drawn from forest ecology, orcharding and horticulture, participants learn about site analysis, how to place different plants in the forest garden, combining tree, shrub and vegetable crops, the importance of garden soils, irrigation, pest management and growing fruit trees in containers.

This is another course that supplements inside learning with experimental learning in the garden. No experience is necessary for this seven meeting course.

Gardening on the wild side

Create garden homes for native bees, frogs, insects, fairy wrens, blue tongue lizards and other creatures using low maintenance garden techniques that mimic nature and can provide hours of enjoyment using native Australian plants.

In this course we visit bushland sites in Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra and the Randwick Community Nursery. This course runs over five sessions.



Our courses - Community Leadership

Do you already have, or do you aspire to a leadership role in your community organisation, social enterprise or small business? Taking the courses that make up Randwick Council's Community Leadership program as a one-off, skill-building mini-course or doing the lot will build a comprehensive leadership skillset.

The courses are modules in the Community Leadership Training Program and are offered over a period of approximately two years (this may vary). The courses meet once a week.

The courses and workshops in this series educate us in ways to make our homes and cities places of opportunity through personal changes and working with others.

Bookings are essential for all courses and workshops through City East Community College.

- Organic gardening course
- Create a Permaculture orchard course
- Living Smart course
- Bike maintenance workshop
- Seed saving workshop
- Balcony garden workshop
- Compost and worm farming workshop

Waste reduction education activities

Randwick City Council supports waste reduction events throughout the year and provides information to schools and the community on how to reduce waste and recover resources.

We're happy to organise a recycling talk for your community group to promote correct recycling practices and to explain the benefits of recycling for our environment.

Visit our Recycling Centre

You can take your unwanted household whitegoods, electronic waste, styrene packaging, thin plastic & plastic bags and even unwanted clothing to the Recycling Centre at 72 Perry Street, Matraville. Find out more from our website: www.randwick.nsw.gov.au

Volunteer opportunities



Check out our website www.randwick.nsw.gov.au

PermaBee garden volunteers

Come gardening with us on the third Saturday afternoon of the month for our Community Volunteer PermaBee in the Permaculture Interpretive Garden. Join our permaculture horticulturalist and landscape facilitator while we plant out, weed, harvest, maintain the compost and propagate veggies — whatever needs doing on the day!

We meet from 2:30-5pm during daylight saving time then from 2pm-4:30pm for the rest of the year, excluding December and on Fridays (from around 9:30am - 1:00pm).

Bushcare volunteers

Bushcare volunteers work with Council's Bushcare Officer on the bush regeneration program across the Randwick area, removing weeds, planting indigenous plants and installing soil erosion controls. There are dates and times to suit the busiest of people. Find out more from our website: www.randwick.nsw.gov.au

Keeping your children safe around schools

Our Kiss and Go zones help with parking around schools and we are always happy to work with school to improve school zone safety.

Child Car Seat Checking program

Increasing numbers of parents and carers are taking advantage of a free Randwick City Council initiative to ensure child car seats are fitted correctly.

The program provides free vouchers to the public to have the child car seats in their cars professionally checked, inspected and, if required, fitted. The program is only available to those who live in Randwick City.

To apply for a voucher visit www.randwick.nsw.gov.au and search for child car seats.



Driver workshops

We hold this free workshop twice a year. Bookings are essential. Book on line to attend our next workshop, visit our website www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/gls

The workshop shows the steps needed to get from a Learner licence to a full licence. These workshops are funded by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and hosted by Council.

An expert road safety consultant, leads the discussion on teaching beginner drivers to be safer on the road. Useful tips are presented on planning for more effective driving practice, updates on the latest licence rules, practical exercises and more.

Examples of topics covered include:

- Laws for Learner and P-plate drivers
- How to use the 'Learner driver log book'
- How to plan on-road driving lessons.



Council services



eResources

Available through the Randwick City Library website and accessed with a Library Card. There is a wide variety of resources available, some of particular interest to high school students.

Studiosity

Free online tutoring is available for students in the following subjects: Math, Science, English, Study Skills and Assignment Research. Available Sunday to Friday 3pm - 8pm.

Academic Search Premier

Scholarly collection of information covering a range of academic subject fields. With nearly 3,000 additional full-text Magazines & Journals.

OverDrive Downloads

OverDrive provides free access to thousands of best-selling and classic Audiobooks and eBooks. Download the "Libby" app from the app store on Android or iOS and borrow today using your Randwick City Library membership.

Australia/New Zealand Points of View Reference Centre

A good resource for finding articles and journals relating to Australia, particularly useful to history and social science subjects.

MasterFILE

Designed specifically for public libraries, MasterFILE™ Complete contains full text for nearly 2,200 magazines covering general reference, business, health, education, general science, multicultural issues, and much more.

Consumer Health Complete

A great source of information on a diverse range of health related subjects. Included are links to diet, cancer, and health assessment sites as well as government databases. Of particular use to PDHPE and science subjects.

Infobase Publicity

A large selection of HSC texts and critical views on literary figures including Jane Austen, Amy Tan, Shakespeare and more. Useful for high school students studying English.

Borrow Box

Featuring Australian and international best-selling authors for children. Titles can be enjoyed on the computer or downloaded to a supported portable device.

Busythings

Busythings has over 120 online learning games for 3 to 6 year olds. The games are fun, educational activities that help develop literacy and numeracy skills.

Britannica Britannica Library for Kids

Continuously updated resource database prepared by scholars and experts in their field. Searchable text provides information at different reading levels as well as images, maps, videos and audio files.

StoryBox Library

StoryBox Library is Australia's newest online resource that showcases Australian children's books, read by a diverse range of storytellers. StoryBox Library provides an authentic online literature experience that engages children in the traditional art of storytelling. New stories are added regularly, along with detailed classroom ideas linked to the Australian Curriculum.

State Library of NSW eResources

Your Randwick City Library card can now provide access to the State Library of NSW online resources, including local & international newspapers, full-text journals, magazines, online databases, eBooks and eAudiobooks.



Free Mulch for residents

Mulching is one of the best treatments for soil and plants. Just one layer of mulch helps prevent weeds and reduces the need for pesticides which is great for the environment. To reduce weeds and promote a healthy, organically cultivated garden. Randwick Council offers residents free mulch, various times over the year at the Council Works Depot Top Yard (conditions apply). Council collects approximately 7,000 tonnes of greenwaste from residents and public parks each year. Where possible, this is mulched or composted for re-use on parks, gardens and public spaces.

FREE MULCH
for Randwick City residents
WHERE: Council's Works Depot, 192 Storey Street, Maroubra (top yard)
TIME: 10am - 1pm
Visit www.randwick.nsw.gov.au or
call 1300 722 542 to find out more
*limited time only, conditions apply

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This project was supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW EPA's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the waste levy.

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Compost Revolution

Keep your food scraps out of landfill and engage students in practical sustainability activities. Schools are eligible for discounts (up to 80% off) on up to 5 compost bins or worm farms. Compost bins and worm farms are discounted for schools. Workshops to learn the basics of composting and worm farming are also available. Further information can be found at:
www.compostrevolution.com.au

Community events

All of our events are family focused and open to the whole community. We welcome the opportunity to promote our events in School newsletters.

Visit www.randwick.nsw.gov.au to view our 'What's On' calendar of events.



Australia Day celebration – January

Randwick City Council hosts free, fun family activities on Australia Day, January 26, at various locations.

Pack your picnic blanket and celebrate our national day at our spectacular beautiful coastal locations.

A free Aussie picnic is supplied in addition to a range of family friendly activities. Come and enjoy live music, stage shows, native reptile and animal displays, and Australian art and craft activities.

Community Service Awards

Each year the people of Randwick City are invited to nominate fellow citizens for the Randwick City Council Community Service Awards. These awards recognise outstanding achievements or contributions to the local community. The Awards Ceremony is held on Australia Day. The two nomination categories are Young Citizen (18-25 years) and Citizen of the Year (25yrs+).

The Spot Festival - March

Randwick's biggest annual street festival, The Spot Festival, is held in March each year and showcases the best of local food, shopping and entertainment.

This annual community street festival is a must on the festival circuit, with the very best that the local area has to offer in food, shopping, kids activities and live entertainment. Growing over the years to become one of Randwick City Council's signature events, it is a vibrant community street party and a huge celebration.



Earth Hour Schools Day - March

Council has supported Earth Hour since it began in 2007, partnering with local businesses and residents to help residents get their energy costs down and help save the Planet. Earth Hour Schools Day happens the Friday before Earth Hour with many schools across Australia participating. Teachers can download free curriculum-aligned lessons to teach students about environmental sustainability. From 2018 – 2020 Earth Hour will focus on the impact of biodiversity in Australia from climate change.



International Composting and Permaculture Week - April

A major community event at the Randwick Community Centre, International Composting and Permaculture week provides tours of our Permaculture Interpretive Garden and energy-and-water-retrofitted community centre building, the opportunity to meet people making things happen through Eastern Suburbs community organisations, and a range of workshops. All part of our popular celebration of International Permaculture Day on the first Sunday in May.

And... let's not forget the community cook-up that ends the day and occasional movie in the early evening.

The day is a family-friendly global celebration of what the permaculture design system has to offer individuals and community-led sustainable development.

National Youth Week - April

Youth Week is an annual celebration of young people, organised by young people for young people in local communities across Australia. Each year Randwick Council supports and hosts a major youth event or suite of events. As identified and initiated by local young people, youth week events have included beach concerts, 'Meet the Mayor' events, sustainability activities, policy and advocacy workshops and film festivals.

This year we will be involving high schools in our Pitch to the Mayor event. We will be inviting 2 – 4 representatives from each high school to present a local issue and potential solution to the Mayor in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 10 April from 6pm to 7:30pm. Parents and friends will be invited to attend and refreshments will be served following the discussions.

Randwick Council will be hosting an afternoon chill-out on Maroubra Beach with music, activities and giveaways. For more information: <http://randwick.nsw.gov.au/youth>



World Environment Day – 5 June

Some of Council's previous campaigns held in conjunction with World Environment Day include:

- Open days and festivals celebrating activities and actions taken by individuals to reduce our ecological footprint
- Our 'Think, Act, Save' campaign, with celebrations and activities aimed at students, businesses, residents, visitors and staff

Held every year to raise community action and awareness around the important environment issues facing our community and the Planet, World Environment Day, events are organised by communities, government and business everywhere.

Further examples of previous events included:

- Council's partnership with Randwick TAFE for a business breakfast featuring environmental speakers
- The special World Environment Day debate and discussion at UNSW
- Free mulch for residents
- Community "Trivia" night
- Seed savers workshop at Barrett House
- Partnering with the Columban Mission Institute to organise the multicultural and multid denominational Community RESPECT Forum.

Check out our website on how you can 'Think, Act, Save' for our local environment.



Community RESPECT Forum*

Council previously worked with the Columban Mission Institute on our Community RESPECT Forum. Community RESPECT is based on Religion, Ethnicity, Self, People, Ecology, Trust and Community principles.

In conjunction with the Peace, Ecology and Justice Centre of the Columban Mission Institute, the Community RESPECT forum brought together representatives of our diverse community to celebrate and highlight the common characteristics of humanity.

Presenters and performers brought together their cultural experiences and values to dispel the myths and perceptions of divisiveness and difference and demonstrate the goals and values that we all have in common, regardless of religious, cultural or spiritual backgrounds.



Beach Breaks Carnival - July

Our Beach Breaks Carnival is a vibrant community event held along the picturesque Maroubra Beach promenade, celebrating the surfing history and culture of Maroubra Beach.

The Beach Breaks Carnival includes surfing contests, market stalls, food and drinks, amusement rides, live entertainment and the induction of a surfing legend into the Australian Surfing Walk of Fame.



National Tree Day - July

By taking part in National Tree Day, you can contribute to Australia's largest community tree planting and nature-care event. National Tree Day and School Tree Day joins thousands of individuals in making a difference, connecting them with nature to beautify their neighbourhood and inspiring positive environmental change.

Local Government Week - August

Every year, local councils across NSW, including Randwick, participate in Local Government Week, to raise the profile of local government's role and responsibility within the local community. Local Government Week includes activities, programs and service demonstrations, usually within Council Chambers and other related civic venues.

Eco-Living Fair - September

Council's annual Eco-living Fair is now firmly established as one of the largest 'green' events for residents across the Eastern Suburbs and metropolitan Sydney. This free annual event provides the perfect opportunity for the community to come together to learn more about the benefits of living a more sustainable lifestyle.

Powered by renewable forms of energy, including wind, solar and biodiesel, with tree giveaways and free workshops and demonstrations all day, visitors have access to environmentally friendly stalls, organic food and lots of child friendly entertainment.

We encourage sustainable transport with a free shuttle bus service and bike valet service - you can hop on a bus or hop on a bike and get dropped off right at the door.

Take a look at the highlights of the previous year's Eco-living Fair.



Garden Awards - September

One of the categories of the Garden Awards is 'Best School Garden' and we encourage all schools in Randwick City to enter their school garden. The Garden Awards promote a 'sense of community' and the prizes offer an incentive for children to be engaged in their natural surrounds and to enhance their local environment. Nominations open in August, with the judging and the awards presentation held ahead of the Eco-living Fair in September.

NSW Bike Week - Get on your bike at Heffron Park - September

Held annually in September, it's one of the most enjoyable and popular events on the cycling calendar. Kids and families are welcome to enjoy the Pedal Park or hire a bike and explore the expanse of Heffron Park. A number of other events are also held around Sydney during NSW Bike Week.

Sustainable House Day - September

Sustainable House Day sees the door opened to sustainable living with various tours of Barrett House, located off Frenchmans Road, Randwick. Sustainable House Day is held across Australia to showcase how individuals can create environmentally friendly living areas in their own home or unit.

This unique event is a valuable resource for anyone looking for inspiration, ideas and the key to sustainable living. Our staff and specialist educators look forward to sharing their knowledge with you.



Bali Memorial @ Coogee - October

Each year on 12 October, family, friends and the local community come together to remember those lost in the 2002 Bali Bombings. It is also a time to celebrate life and resilience.

Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony. The program includes speeches, songs, flower laying and morning tea.



National Garage Sale Trail - October

It's an annual day of garage sales that happen with Council support across Australia.

In just over five years it has grown from an event held in one Sydney suburb to a massive national program powered by over 133 councils representing over half of Australia's population. In 2015 over 350,000 people got involved and almost 3 million items were up for grabs. Yep...it's massive!



Fair Food Week - October

Food is the focus of National Fair Food Week, a week of events around the nation that celebrate community-led, small business and social enterprise innovations creating a fairer food system for all Australians.

Fair Food Week is a celebration of local Eastern Suburbs organisations working for a better, more equitable food system, and a range of activities for adult and children including a community cook-up and an early evening movie and discussion.

Ride to Work Day - October

Ride2Work Day is the largest celebration of commuter riding in Australia. Held annually in October, registration is free and each registration is a vote for making it easier for people to ride to work. The day celebrates the benefits of riding to work.

Walk to Work Day – November

Walk to Work Day is an annual, national event in Australia encouraging people to walk to work. The event is an initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia, supported by the Australian Government.



Sydney White Ribbon Walk - November

The Sydney White Ribbon Walk raises awareness about domestic violence and asks men to stand up and say no to violence against women. Schools can come on-board with this event by getting a group together to do the walk. The walk finishes with a free BBQ breakfast and concludes by 9am.

The annual Walk is organised by NSW Police Eastern Beaches Local Area Command and Randwick City Council.



Sporting Achievements Awards - November

The annual Sports Awards acknowledge excellence, commitment and achievement in sport. The City of Randwick is well regarded for its sporting champions. The list of Olympic legends is long and distinguished, as is the list of those who have represented both NSW and Australia through sports such as rugby league, rugby union, netball, surfing and surf life saving.

There are three Award categories:

- Bradley Matthews Memorial Award for Sporting Excellence (for 13-18 year olds)
- Randwick City Junior Sports Award (for 5-12 year olds)
- Randwick City Hall of Sporting Champions (acknowledges local sporting legends)

Nominations open in August, close mid-September and the awards presentation is held in November each year.

National Recycling Week - November

Australians are willing recyclers with 91 per cent of us agreeing that it is the right thing to do. However, as the recycling sector keeps developing there is still some confusion about what can and can't be recycled. Around half of Australians regularly get things wrong and 24 per cent of householders sometimes put their recycling in a plastic bag.

Previous themes include, Seven Secrets of Successful Recyclers, was designed to lift the lid on the actions and habits that make a successful recycler. National Recycling Week looks at some of the key questions that cause confusion: what can go in the home recycling bin, what should be left out, how to recycle effectively at work, what to do if there's no public place recycling bin, and what's the problem with plastic bags? Join us and recycle more!

Best Gift Market and Best Gift in the World – November/December

'Green' Christmas campaign

To help you on your way to a Green Christmas, the Best Gift Market and Best Gift in the World campaign provides a range of green gift ideas that won't cost the Earth. Showcasing local, handmade, sustainable and ethical products, the Best Gift campaign asks us to think about giving alternative gifts like compost bins and worm farms, bicycles, solar panels, chooks, bee hives, organic food hampers provided by local food suppliers and gifts from the many local charities. You can visit 'The Best Gift in the World' website today and enjoy giving a gift that lives on well beyond the festive season.



Coogee Carols - December

Our beachside Christmas celebrations, Coogee Carols, are organised in conjunction with various community groups across the City. Coogee Carols is held at Goldstein Reserve, Coogee Beach in December each year and attracts tens of thousands of residents and visitors.



Coogee Sparkles - December

Every year Randwick City Council proudly presents the Coogee Sparkles New Year's Eve fireworks at the family-friendly time of 9pm (note there are no midnight fireworks).

Families, local community and visitors gather along the Coogee Beach promenade from Dunningham to Trenerry Reserves to watch this fabulous 15-20 minute fireworks display.

Many people make a day of it by swimming at the beach during the afternoon and enjoying a picnic dinner while waiting for the sun to set. The fireworks are set off from Dunningham Reserve (near the Bali Memorial) which is located to the north of Coogee Beach.



Venues for hire

Council has a variety of halls, centres and rooms available for hire to the community. These facilities are suitable for a range of activities including meetings, classes, theatre productions, concerts, special events, childrens parties and other private functions. They can be booked on an ongoing or one-off basis.

The Prince Henry Centre at Little Bay

The Prince Henry Centre is a premium venue with expansive ocean views, perfect for special celebrations, conferences and parties. It is a unique coastal function centre situated within beautifully landscaped grounds and has a large auditorium that opens onto an outdoor terrace, a lobby/gallery space, and intimate multi-purpose room with stunning ocean views and a small meeting room.

Highlights

- 14km from Sydney CBD
- Free and plentiful car parking onsite
- Little Bay beach on the door step
- Golf-course next door
- Chapel next door
- Flexible catering arrangements
- Picturesque location for wedding photos
- Uninterrupted views of coastline
- Large auditorium and intimate rooms for hire
- Commercial kitchen
- Wi-Fi/AV inclusions
- Access for people with a disability
- Bike racks
- Sustainable features – rooftop garden, water re-use and solar panels



The Randwick Community Centre

Situated adjacent to Randwick Environment Park, the Randwick Community Centre is located off Bundock Street in Randwick. The centre has several rooms suitable for meetings, playgroups, birthdays & other functions. The main hall sits next to an enclosed playground and grassed oval. The Randwick Community Centre is perfect for children's parties, dance classes, small to medium-sized meetings, health & leisure activities, and smaller lower key social functions.

Bowen Library and Community Centre

Council's Libraries have a number of different meeting rooms available for public hire to suit various size functions and gatherings. There are public amenities and kitchenette facilities onsite.

Burnie Park Community Centre

Burnie Park features a small Council-run community hall available for public hire, set in the surrounds of delightful parkland that features a children's playground and is walking distance to the family friendly Clovelly Beach. The hall is home to a local playgroup and offers safety fencing for children, an equipped kitchen with microwave and fridge/freezer facilities plus tables and chairs for up to 30 people.

Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre

Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre is a community hall located on Arden Street, Clovelly and is the perfect location for meetings, forums, classes and children's birthday parties. The hall is available for public hire and has fridge/freezer facilities, tables and chairs for up to 30 people. The hall does not have disabled access.

Coogee East Ward Seniors

Coogee Senior Citizens Centre is located a block back from the very popular Coogee Beach. The hall caters for groups of up to 60 people and offers space for dance or yoga classes, forums, meetings, birthday parties and workshops. With a fridge/freezer and oven facilities plus heating, toilets, tables and chairs for up to 60 people. This location suits a range of community activities and is easily accessible by public transport.

Malabar Memorial Hall

Located next to the Malabar Community Library on Anzac Parade in Malabar, this hall has capacity for up to 60 people and can be used for a range of purposes, from children's birthday parties, dance groups, playgroups to seniors groups meetings. There is a kitchen on-site, and the venue is wheelchair accessible (although there are no wheelchair accessible toilets). This is a non-alcohol venue.

Kensington Hall

Kensington Park Community Centre is located adjacent to the Kensington Park Oval. The venue features two individual halls catering for groups of 100 and 130 people and offers space for dance or yoga classes, forums, meetings, birthday parties and workshops. With modern kitchen facilities and toilets, restricted parking, undercover awning areas and tables and chairs, the facility represents a high quality venue suitable for all types of events. Situated adjacent to the centre is a children's playground, half basketball court and outdoor gym exercise equipment.

Maroubra Seniors

Located on Alma Road, Maroubra Seniors has the capacity for up to 50 people and can be hired for private, commercial or community use. It is air conditioned and has a range of uses from meetings, dance classes to children's birthday parties. There is a kitchen at the Centre as well as tables and chairs. The facility is also wheelchair accessible.

Matraville Youth & Cultural Hall

Located on the corner of Knowles Avenue and Pozieres Avenue, the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall has a capacity of 60 people and is available for hire for a range of activities including meetings, dance classes and children's birthday parties. There are toilets, a kitchen, two tables and 50 chairs. There are no wheelchair accessible toilets.

Randwick Town Hall

Randwick Town Hall is heritage listed and has a capacity of 220 seated, 300 standing. It houses amenities including a stage, a kitchen, toilets, chairs, tables and disabled access. Typical uses include functions such as weddings, birthdays, plays, school presentations and trivia nights.

Totem Hall

Totem Hall is located adjacent to Popplewell Park on Malabar Road in South Coogee. This traditional scout hall is available for hire for a range of purposes including dance groups, girl guides, fitness classes and children's birthday parties.

Randwick Literary Institute

The Randwick Literary Institute is a popular multi-room community centre built in early 1900. There are four halls available for hire, two of which are carpeted and two with wooden flooring. Suitable activities include art and craft groups and classes, yoga, martial arts and dance, music and acting classes, writing classes, children's playgroups and various community meetings. Please note: accessibility to upstairs halls is via a staircase; and no party hire is permitted.

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