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Acknowledgement of Country

Randwick City Council pays respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land now known as Randwick City - the Bidjigal and Gadigal people. We acknowledge and celebrate the living and continuing cultures and their care for this Country over countless generations.

Correction

In the summer edition of SCENE we incorrectly named the designer of the 1988 Federation Pavilion in Centennial Park. It was designed by Alexander (Alec) Tzannes OA. Alec is an Emeritus Professor of Design at UNSW and founding director of Tzannes Architecture and Urban Design practice. Our apologies.

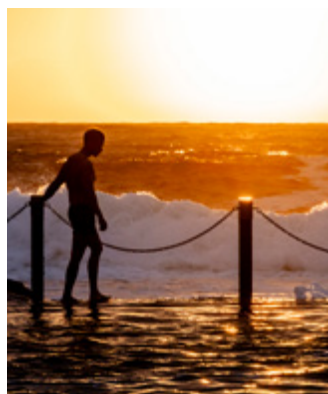
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From the Mayor *Dylan Parker*

Welcome to a new season and a fresh edition of SCENE!

In this issue, we take a look at Randwick City Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). After more than a year in the making, the RAP is now being implemented across Council, setting the foundation for stronger relationships with the local Aboriginal community, greater accountability, and the next stages of Council's reconciliation journey. You can dive into the details on page 10.

We're also kicking off an exciting year of construction. Major safety upgrades are coming to Maroubra Road, where nine intersections will be upgraded to better protect pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Learn more about the safety overhaul on page 12.

New beach amenities, artist studios, extended walkways and better water quality at Coogee Beach are also on the way. Discover these projects and others breaking ground this year on page 14.

A new community consultation on beachside parking meters is now open. The plan would see visitors contributing to the cost of

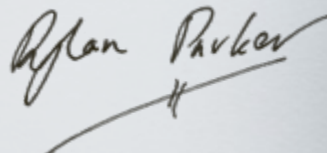
essential beach services, from lifeguards and cleaning to surf clubs and coastal walkways. Find out how to have your say on page 21.

A new trial using AI-enhanced live cameras at rock-fishing blackspots is paving the way for a safer future for the sport. Read the story on page 20.

Our Shop Local Buy Local series continues on page 16; this time we celebrate the passionate business owners helping to shape Coogee's vibrant village atmosphere.

And finally, uncover the story behind one of Maroubra's most beloved landmarks — Mahon Pool — on page 18.

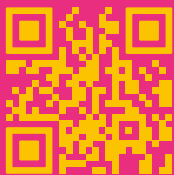
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Local service recognised in Anzac banner program

The dedication and commitment to country of six local Randwick City residents will be recognised in April with street banners flying in the lead up to Anzac Day.

The Honouring Service program, now in its second year, aims to celebrate and recognise wartime service across army, navy, air force and support services.

This year's living recipients are Major Colin James Flatters from Maroubra, Lieutenant Colonel Julian West from Randwick and Colonel Anthony Duckett White from the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps.

The program also posthumously recognises the service of George Cann – also known as the original La Perouse Snake Man – who fought on the Western Front in WWI, Sister Sarah 'Digger' Dean who served in WWII and continued nursing at Prince Henry Hospital and Flying Officer Albert Thomas Tuck who was killed in active service in WWII. Tuck's uncle was killed at the Gallipoli landing in WWI and he is survived by his sister who is 102 and still living in Malabar.



Lighting up Coogee Bay Road

Festoon lighting will be installed along Coogee Bay Road between Arden Street and Brook Street as part of a trial to help increase vibrancy and support business. A recent community consultation found strong support for the new lighting. Seventy per cent of 577 respondents backed the proposal and local businesses were unanimously in favour. The trial will coincide with Council's new street festival called Coogee Nights. Council also agreed to continue investigating lighting upgrades, including enhancing existing fairy lights and fixtures, at Meeks Street Plaza in Kingsford.

New street festival coming to Coogee

A vibrant new street festival is coming to Coogee, building on the success of Spot On in Randwick. Coogee Nights will transform a part of Coogee Bay Road into a buzzing street party across four evenings.

On every second Wednesday – 4 and 18 March, and 1 and 15 April, from 5.30 to 9 pm – Coogee Bay Road, between Arden and Brook streets, will close to traffic and open up for outdoor dining, free live music and entertainment.

The event aims to boost the local night-time economy, support local businesses and create lively public spaces.

From left to right: Sophia Hartcher, Keith Donnelly, Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker, Richard Baldwin, Anthony Hartcher, Linda Perrin representing South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, and Jonah Glover are among the recipients of Randwick Council's 2026 Community Service Awards.



Community Service Awards honours

Seven people and groups were recognised for their outstanding contributions to the community at this year's Community Service Awards, held on Australia Day at Prince Henry Centre in Little Bay.

An additional Mayor's Award was presented this year to father and daughter, Anthony and Sophia Hartcher, who acted quickly in dangerous conditions on New Year's Day to assist two men in distress in the water at Coogee Beach. Their selfless actions directly contributed to saving a life.

Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker commended their bravery. He said Council's Community Service Awards highlighted the many ways people helped others and gave back to their community.

"Whether it's saving lives, donating clothing or food to people in need, or helping to connect people through the power of sport, the recipients of our Community Service Awards are local legends who have gone above and beyond to improve the lives of others and our City," Mayor Parker said.

"Congratulations and a huge thank you to all the recipients. You're an inspiration in our community."

This year's recipients are Keith Donnelly (Keith's Closet), South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, Eden Cass-Pereira, Jonah Glover, Richard Baldwin (Randwick City Football Club), and Anthony Hartcher and Sophia Hartcher.



From left to right: Alexander Kleytman, Matilda, Peter Meagher, Dan Elkayam and Tania Tretiak.

Tribute to community members lost in Bondi Beach terror attack

Randwick City Council expresses its deep sorrow and solidarity following the horrific terrorist antisemitic attack at neighbouring Bondi Beach, which claimed the innocent lives of 15 people including five beloved Randwick City community members.

Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker said the loss has been felt profoundly throughout the City, highlighting the strong connection and shared sense of community between the neighbouring council areas.

“Our hearts are broken by this senseless violence. What happened at Bondi Beach has been felt right across Randwick City,” Mayor Parker said.

“Council extends its deepest condolences to all the families and friends who lost loved ones in the heinous attack, and to the broader Bondi community and reiterates that we stand in solidarity with the Jewish community.

“The loss of five people in our own community – Matilda, Tania Tretiak, Alex Kleytman, Peter Meagher and Dan Elkayam – in the atrocious attack is heartbreaking beyond words. Our thoughts are with their families and loved ones, and we stand beside them in grief and solidarity. This tragedy reminds us of the strength of our community and the importance of compassion during such dark times.”

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And our recently completed consultations:

- Special Entertainment Precincts
- Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal
- Randwick Development Control Plan Review Stage 2

Winners of 12 Days of Christmas Word Scramble

Congratulations to Rebecca Hanna, Aaron Willette, Matt Reid, Hermione Davis, Karoline Johansen, Georgina Anderson, Anna Cywinska, Rob Glassenbury, Deedee Lee, Lisa Constance, Alison Hutchison and Shirley Blake, who have each won a \$100 dining voucher to be used at any Randwick City restaurant or café!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our second Christmas Word Scramble, where pedestrians had to unscramble a mystery Christmas phrase on 12 giant presents installed along the Coastal Walkway between Coogee to Clovelly.



Amplify your weekends

Live music is playing on a street, beach or town centre near you with Amplify – our new music program, formerly known as Summer Sounds.

Every second Saturday, enjoy live performances across five locations in Randwick City from 11 am – 2 pm and 6 – 9 pm. Catch local musicians at McKeon Street Plaza in Maroubra, Coogee Beach Rainbow Walkway, and Waratah Plaza, Newmarket Plaza and The Spot in Randwick.

Each month, the music expands to two additional locations, with performances from 11 am – 2 pm at Meeks Street Plaza in Kingsford and beside the Boatshed Restaurant in La Perouse.

View the full schedule online at randwick.nsw.gov.au.



Mayor Parker with the Man Walk group's Wayne Evans (left) and Richard Alcroft (right).



Blue tree in Nagle Park starts conversations

A tree in Maroubra has been painted blue as part of a nationwide project to raise awareness about mental health.

Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker joined community members from The Man Walk group late last year to paint and officially dedicate the tree in Nagle Park as a symbol of hope for people facing mental health challenges.

“Mental health challenges affect many people and stigma can often prevent individuals from seeking the help they need,” Mayor Parker said. “We’ve given a dead tree in Nagle Park a ‘blue lease on life’ as part of the Blue Tree Project to help break down this barrier and encourage open, honest conversations about mental health in Randwick City.”

The tree is one of more than 1,500 across Australia that has been painted since 2019 as part of the Blue Tree Project.

Tragically, suicide remains the leading cause of death for boys and men aged 15 to 44 in Australia. If you need help you can contact Lifeline 13 11 14, Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 or MensLine Australia 1300 789 978.

The Man Walk Maroubra group meet on Fridays at 7.15 am in front of the Heffron Park Tennis Centre.

Maroubra Sound Waves champion announced

Congratulations to Stevie Wright, our Maroubra Sound Waves 2026 champion! The talented 13-year-old local singer-songwriter wowed audiences at Council's inaugural youth music competition on Saturday 31 January at Maroubra Beach. Stevie secured the win after receiving the highest number of audience votes on the day. She beat strong competition from teen band Banned, indie pop rock artist Connor Miles, DJ Just Dukes, and 12-year-old rising star Zella Benko.

Stevie took home a prize pack valued at more than \$1,500, including a professional recording session with Song Lab, a gift voucher for music shop Mannys or Store DJ, and a paid performance at Council's annual Spot Festival in Randwick.



Coogee bridge to be rebuilt

A 123-year-old bridge in Coogee will be rebuilt as it has reached the end of its useful life and engineers confirmed serious structural issues. Replacement of the Brook Street bridge is estimated to cost approximately \$5 million.

Funding will be put aside to pay for the works over the next three years. Grant funding will also be sought for 50 per cent of the costs. Council said replacement is the safest long-term option. The bridge was originally constructed to support Sydney's tram system and was converted into a public road in the 1960s

Safer battery disposal

Council is boosting efforts to keep batteries out of household bins, backing plans to investigate more drop-off locations, improve online safety information, and host a community battery and e-waste event. The move responds to growing fire risks linked to lithium-ion batteries that are present in many household items, toys and tools. Residents are reminded never to place batteries in kerbside bins.



Culture Vibes is here to stay

Randwick's newest multicultural festival is set to be a permanent fixture on the events calendar. Following the success of Culture Vibes in October 2025, which attracted more than 10,000 visitors from 47 cultural backgrounds, Council will deliver the event every October at Kensington Oval. The festival celebrates diversity through global food, music, dance and interactive workshops, creating a vibrant space for community connection. Save the date for the next event on Saturday 17 October, 3 - 10 pm





Action on e-bike parking

Shared e-bikes left parked in unsafe locations are set to be a thing of the past with Councillors endorsing a plan to geofence beaches and town centres, and work with operators to declare exclusion zones and preferred parking locations. The changes are made possible through new State Government laws giving councils strengthened enforcement powers to fine non-compliant e-bike operators. The laws are expected to come into effect in the coming months. Council will commence consultation with the community in March 2026 to seek feedback on the proposed exclusion and parking zones.

Council commits to Reflect RAP

Randwick Council has endorsed its Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan, marking a major step in its commitment to reconciliation. The plan, shaped by community feedback and Reconciliation Australia’s advice, sets out practical actions under the pillars of relationships, respect, opportunities and governance. It aims to strengthen ties with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, embed cultural awareness, and create employment and business opportunities. Read the full story on page 10.



New guidelines to boost housing access

New Affordable Rental Housing Strategy and Design Guidelines have been adopted by Council following public consultation. The Strategy aims to accelerate affordable housing supply for low and moderate income households, including essential workers. Council recognises the vital contribution of essential workers in our City who form the backbone of our community and support our growing health and education precinct and the broader economy. Following public consultation, Council reiterated its commitment to achieving a 10 per cent overall target: 2.5 per cent affordable and 7.5 per cent social housing within Randwick City. Council will also advocate for action on vacant homes and short-term rentals as well as calling for all affordable housing to be capped at 30 per cent of household income.

Plans for amenities at Yarra Oval

The home ground of the La Perouse Panthers rugby league team could be set for an upgrade. Council is considering funding for a new amenities building and canteen at Yarra Oval. The existing facilities have seen better days and need replacement to continue supporting the club’s operations and to help increase participation – particularly by women and girls.

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More defibrillators to save lives

More than 27 new lifesaving Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) will be installed at public places over the next five years. The plan includes a 24/7 AED at the new Heffron Park amenities building and a staged rollout of devices across sports fields, non-patrolled beaches and community centres. Defibs are critical life saving devices and help restore normal heart rhythm for people in cardiac arrest, often meaning the difference between life and death. They are easy to use, provide step by step voice instructions and can be used by anyone without training.



New emergency access for Little Bay

A dedicated emergency access road through The Coast Golf Club to Little Bay Beach is now complete, enhancing response times for ambulance, police and lifeguards. Previously, emergency vehicles had to navigate the golf course, delaying critical responses. Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker noted the beach’s popularity among families, swimmers and rock fishers as well as its remote location, making the new route vital for safety. The new road is restricted to emergency service vehicles only. Beachgoers will continue to use the existing stairway to reach the beach.

Autumn planting guide at Randwick Community Nursery

Come in and chat with our friendly council staff for expert advice on the right plants for your eastern suburbs backyard.

Our top picks for autumn

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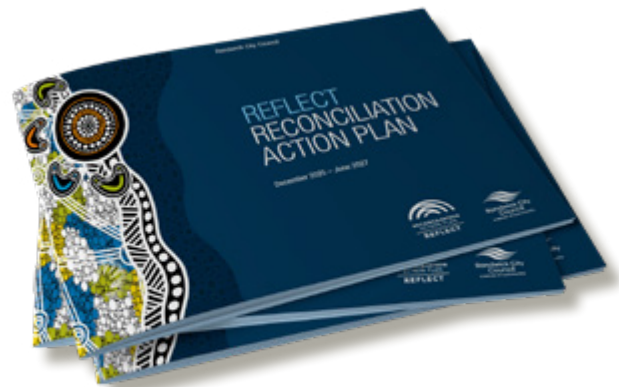
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That's a RAP!

Edging closer to reconciliation

After more than a year in development, Randwick City Council is beginning a new chapter in its reconciliation journey with the implementation of its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). So what does this mean for the community?



Randwick Council has long held a close relationship with, and deep respect for, the local Aboriginal community. In 2024, Council formally committed to strengthening that relationship by lodging its intention to develop its first Reconciliation Action Plan – an important milestone that signals a more structured and accountable approach to reconciliation.

For Council's Director Community and Culture and RAP champion, Katie Anderson, the decision marked a shift towards a clearer, more intentional framework for action.

"We have a long-standing recognition of the Traditional Custodians on whose Country we live and work – the Bidjigal and Gadigal peoples – and of the deep and continuing connection the Aboriginal community of La Perouse has with our City," says Katie.

"To make a genuine and sustained contribution to reconciliation, we needed a formal, strategic framework grounded in listening, respect and action.

"The RAP gives us time to engage meaningfully with community,

understand where Council can have the most impact, and prepare the foundation for future stages in our reconciliation journey."



From community-led consultation to commitment

The input of the local Aboriginal community was central to the development of the RAP, which is at the 'reflect' stage – the first level of four stages in the Reconciliation Australia RAP structure.

Council worked closely with key organisations, including the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, to gather residents, elders, Traditional Custodians and business owners for yarning circles, workshops and surveys.

Noeleen Timbery, Chairperson of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, says the strength of the RAP lies in how it was created.

"Council's RAP is driven by local Aboriginal people," Noeleen says. "It's been important for the community to have a voice and to participate, because it's the relationships that

sit within, underneath and around the RAP that are going to make it more effective, more meaningful and more real for everyone."

Community consultation took place between November 2024 and May 2025 and revealed clear priorities that now underpin the plan.

These include the importance of strong, trusting relationships; shared responsibility for reconciliation; deeper cultural understanding; greater visibility of Aboriginal culture; economic opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and culturally responsive engagement that ensures Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices are heard in Council decision-making.

The plan was publicly exhibited in April and May 2025, giving the wider community an opportunity to provide feedback. Following refinement, the revised plan was endorsed by Randwick City councillors at their December 2025 meeting.

Council began implementing its Reflect RAP in December and over the next 18 months will develop guidelines for cultural protocols and expand cultural learning opportunities for staff, and integrate Aboriginal knowledge and perspectives into its core business.

Council will also continue to work closely with local Aboriginal community members and organisations such as the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, La Perouse Aboriginal Community Alliance and the Gujaga Foundation, as well as First Nations





businesses and service providers, to deliver new initiatives across the City.

Implementation will be guided and monitored by a Council RAP governance team and working group, alongside an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Advisory Committee.

Looking to the future

Noeleen says Council's Reflect RAP represents an opportunity not only for action, but for understanding.

"Some of our history is really awful, but from a cultural perspective it's really beautiful," she says. "I want to see it embraced by the broader community. I think we can achieve this through working with Council, in a true partnership, on the RAP."

Randwick Council is now one of more than 3,000 government, corporate

and not-for-profit organisations across Australia that has made a formal commitment to reconciliation through the RAP program.

Noeleen says Council's RAP stands apart because it builds on years of relationship building.

"The RAP isn't just something that Randwick Council jumped on because they thought everyone else is doing it," she says. "It's a logical step that came after many years of building relationships with the local Aboriginal community first.

"My vision is for the RAP to lead to a deeper understanding of where we, the local Aboriginal community, are coming from. If we can all embrace our history in all its blood, guts and glory, we have a better opportunity for a united future."

Council's annual Culture on Country event at La Perouse recognises the survival and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Islander cultures and communities.

Examples of Council's RAP actions

- Investigate opportunities to share local histories and stories through public art, signage, monuments and dual naming practice in consultation with Traditional Custodians.
- Develop a proposal for a community-focused NAIDOC Week event in partnership with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, to celebrate and share the significance of NAIDOC Week with the wider Randwick Community.
- Establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee with external Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives to provide strategic guidance and oversight for RAP implementation.

Stages of reconciliation

Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is a journey and a collaborative partnership with Reconciliation Australia.

The four types of RAPs – Reflect, Innovate, Stretch and Elevate – allow organisations to continuously develop their reconciliation commitments.

A Reflect RAP helps prepare an organisation to engage in reconciliation meaningfully and is implemented over 12 to 18 months.



Safety overhaul for Maroubra Road

Randwick Council is set to deliver major safety upgrades along Maroubra Road, transforming one of the City’s busiest corridors to better protect pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

The \$8 million project will upgrade nine key intersections between Bunnerong Road and Malabar Road — a vital link used every day by thousands of people travelling between South Coogee and Maroubra Beach, and Pagewood, Botany and Sydney Airport.

Stage one of construction will begin this year focusing on two priority locations: the Cooper Street and Mons Avenue intersection, and the Flower Street intersection and pedestrian crossing near Café Positano. New roundabouts and raised pedestrian crossings will be installed at both sites, improving visibility, slowing traffic and making crossings safer and easier for everyone.

Further upgrades will be implemented at Anzac Parade, Hannan Street, Bunnerong Road, Malabar Road, Royal and Hinkler Streets, Garden Street, and Walsh Avenue and Bruce Bennetts Place intersections. Works will include a mix of new roundabouts, traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, refuge islands and shared paths.

The improvements follow a traffic corridor study commissioned in 2021, which examined safety and traffic conditions along Maroubra Road between Bunnerong and Malabar roads.

More than 200 people — mostly local community members — took part in the study, raising concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing the wide road, lack of cycling infrastructure, drivers speeding, frequent crashes and near misses and ongoing congestion.

The study found that most crashes along the corridor occurred at intersections, with 80 per cent resulting in injuries.

Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker said the coming upgrades respond directly to community concerns about safety.

“We’ve listened to residents and businesses who have told us these intersections and others along Maroubra Road need to be safer,” Mayor Parker said. “This project is about protecting lives and creating roads that are safe for everyone using them.”

Community consultation on the proposed upgrades was held between December 2023 and February 2024, with the final plans endorsed by Randwick City councillors at the Council meeting on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

Intersections to be upgraded:

1 Bunnerong Road / Heffron Road

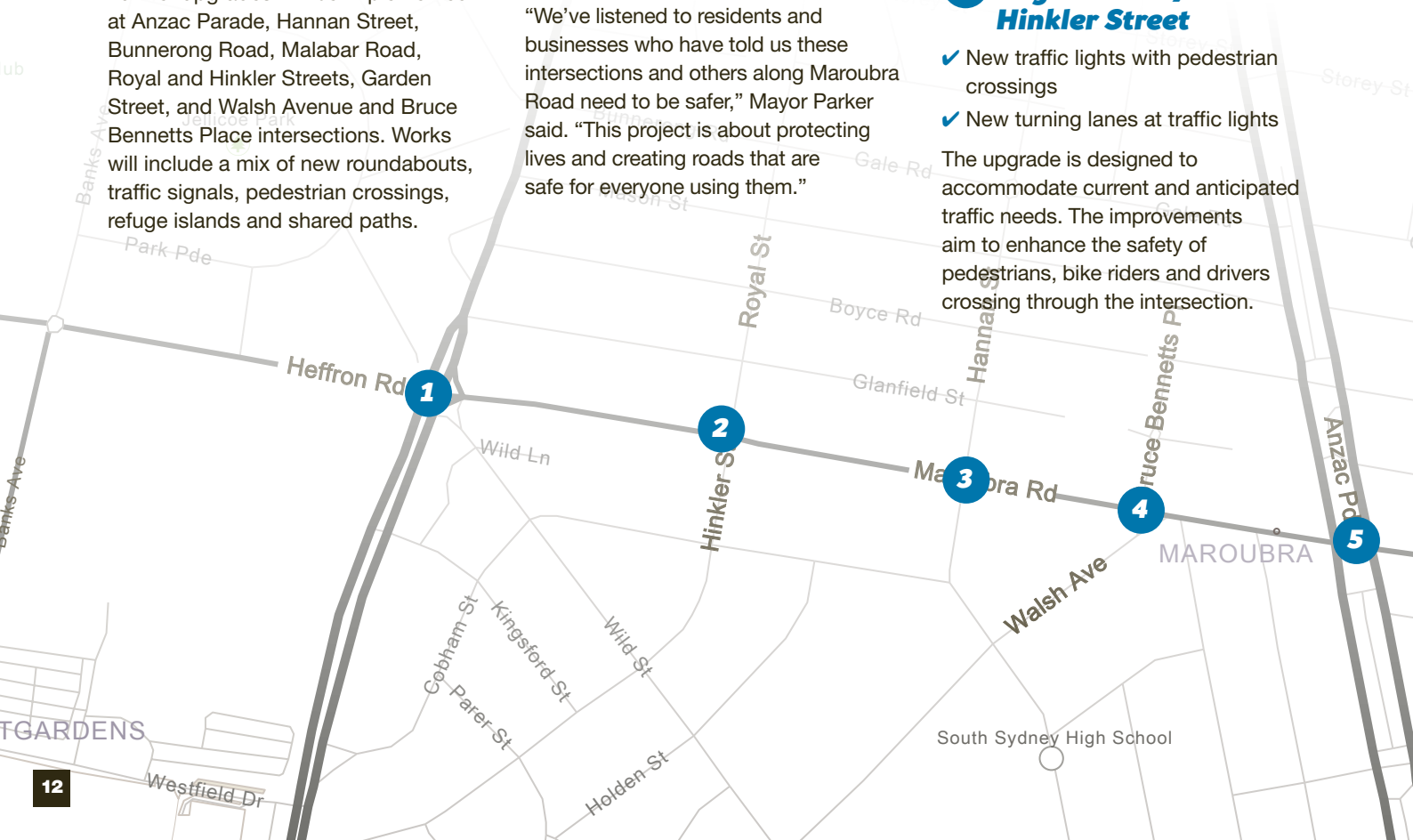
- ✓ Remove slip lane
- ✓ Extend right turn lane onto Bunnerong Road

The removal of the slip lane on the northern side of Maroubra Road will enhance safety for pedestrians, improve traffic flow and simplify navigation. It will provide an opportunity to introduce urban design improvements like wider footpaths and landscaping.

2 Royal Street / Hinkler Street

- ✓ New traffic lights with pedestrian crossings
- ✓ New turning lanes at traffic lights

The upgrade is designed to accommodate current and anticipated traffic needs. The improvements aim to enhance the safety of pedestrians, bike riders and drivers crossing through the intersection.



3 Hannan Street

- ✓ New pedestrian crossings and refuges
- ✓ Left turn only from side streets

This intersection upgrade will reduce motorist ambiguity and unregulated turning actions, enhancing road safety. Additionally, it will repurpose road space by upgrading pedestrian infrastructure, ensuring a more accessible environment for local residents walking within this area.

4 Walsh Avenue / Bruce Bennetts Place

- ✓ Remove slip lane and add new left turn lane
- ✓ New shared zone

The intersection's enhancement will facilitate better, safer, pedestrian connectivity. It will also provide a larger kerbside space and ensure a seamless transition between on-road and off-road amenities.

5 Anzac Parade

- ✓ New left turn only lanes onto Anzac Parade
- ✓ Investigate the implementation of a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area between Hannan and Garden Streets

The corridor upgrade will enhance connectivity in the vicinity. It will also introduce speed control measures in zones with high pedestrian traffic, promoting a safer environment for all.

6 Garden Street

- ✓ Upgrade traffic lights for longer pedestrian crossing times and new turning arrows
- ✓ New right turn lanes onto Maroubra Road
- ✓ Extend school zone

The proposal will increase pedestrian safety by eliminating the need for filtered movements, which previously led to inefficient traffic flow. It will also expand the capacity of side streets leading up to the intersection, facilitating smoother traffic management.

7 Cooper Street / Mons Avenue

- ✓ New roundabout
- ✓ Install raised pedestrian crossing

The upgrade at this intersection aims to better manage traffic volumes and improve safety of pedestrians traversing the intersection. This initiative is considered vital for the protection of pedestrians – especially for local seniors. The proposed treatments also address the high number of crashes, primarily associated with turning traffic to and from Mons Avenue.



8 Flower Street

- ✓ New roundabout
- ✓ Install raised pedestrian crossing
- ✓ Install wider median and realign parking and travel lanes between Mons Avenue and Flower Street

The intersection upgrade is crucial for managing both vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow. The introduction of a roundabout will support the current pedestrian crossing infrastructure and contribute to a reduction in traffic speed in the vicinity.



9 Malabar Road

- ✓ Upgrade traffic lights
- ✓ Extend merge lane and widen slip lane
- ✓ Improve footpath

The revised merge design aims to improve traffic flow associated with the brief merge distance and the queuing of vehicles awaiting a right turn. The introduction of a median serves to enhance the area's identity and beautify the streetscape.



Works coming to a suburb near you

From new beach amenities, artist studios, extended walkways and better water quality, Randwick City Council is getting on with the job of delivering \$46.8 million of new infrastructure and improvements as part of its annual capital works program. We highlight some of the projects that will be starting construction this year.

Cleaning up Coogee

A major project to divert stormwater from Coogee Beach is starting this year to improve water quality for beachgoers and swimmers. The works will include the construction of an underground pump station near the public car park outside Coogee Pavilion.

Locals have been concerned for many years about the water quality at Coogee Beach; the NSW Government’s Beach Watch program has rated the quality of the water ‘poor’ since 2022.



Once the project is complete, stormwater will be diverted away from Coogee and discharged further offshore using an old sewer pipe that is rarely used and the new pump station, which will work alongside eight existing Gross Pollutant Traps – giant underground filters that prevent debris and litter in stormwater from entering the ocean.

The \$7 million works is a joint project between NSW Government, Sydney Water and Randwick City Council.



New pilates studio coming to DRLC

A new reformer pilates studio will be built this year at Des Renford Leisure Centre (DRLC) in Maroubra. Construction of the 13-bed studio will start this year within the ground level atrium at DRLC. Council formally approved the project in February 2025. The \$1.2 million investment is part of Council’s broader vision to invest in facilities that promote community

health and wellbeing. The new studio builds on other successful expansions at DRLC, including a new splash park that opened in October 2023.



Accessible amenities for Malabar pool users

Construction of an accessible amenities building will begin this year at Malabar Ocean Pool.

The new building will provide pool users and walkers on the Coastal Walkway with unisex toilets, change cubicles and a fully accessible toilet/change area. Council will also install new seating and bike racks.

The project was consulted and improved with feedback from the community in 2020. Construction is anticipated to start in mid 2026.





Artist impression of the proposed new entry into Malabar Library and Malabar Memorial Hall.

Malabar Memorial Hall refurbishment

This much-loved venue adjoining Malabar Community Library on Anzac Parade is getting a major upgrade this year. The old 1970s foyer, ramp and façade will be removed to create a new entrance to both the hall and the library.

The hall will also be extended closer to the road, making room for an updated kitchen and indoor and outdoor serving area. The men's, women's and accessible toilets will be refurbished, and a new unisex toilet will be built in the library.

The revamped hall will feature modern finishes, improved lighting and better ventilation, bringing new life to a community space that has served Malabar since 1957. Community members will be able to hire out Malabar Memorial Hall for events and other activities at randwick.bookable.net.au.

Closing a gap on the Coastal Walkway

Construction of a public path between South Coogee and Lurline Bay will begin this year, marking a major milestone in Council's Coastal Walkway project.

The works will include the demolition of a property on Cuzco Street, which Council purchased from local artist, teacher and historian, the late Ellen Waugh OAM, and the construction of a new public reserve and walkway in its place.

Once complete, the project will provide walkers with a continuous path along the coast from Coogee to Maroubra. Currently, walkers are

forced to detour off the coastline to Malabar Road, south of Coogee.

The South Coogee to Lurline Bay link is a significant step towards Council's long-term vision of an uninterrupted public walkway traversing the City's beaches, wrapping around the coastline of Kamay Botany Bay National Park.

The project will also recognise the community contribution of Ellen Waugh who worked with council for decades to provide the land for the purpose of the walkway.

Blenheim House reimagined

Randwick's oldest home at 17 Blenheim Street is being restored and transformed into a vibrant creative hub that honours both its rich heritage and future potential.

Originally built in 1848 by the City's first mayor, Blenheim House is now undergoing significant changes, with works underway to create four artist studios, presentation space, and a new pocket park for the community.

The project is part of Council's commitment to support local creatives

and enrich cultural life across the City. When complete, it will offer a space for artists to create work it will offer space for artists to create work and expand their practice while offering opportunities for community to engage with arts and culture initiatives.

Another benefit to the community is the gardens in front of the building will be opened up to the public for the first time providing a new, leafy green space to enjoy year round.

Major restoration works started in late 2025 and are expected to be completed in late 2026.

Supporting women and girls to play sport

Heffron Park's bustling sporting hub is receiving a significant boost with construction of a new amenities building underway, to better support women and girls playing sport.

The new facility near the netball courts replaces an old block of toilets and will feature dedicated women and girls' bathrooms as well as a dedicated changeroom with private showers and toilets. It will also include an accessible bathroom, unisex toilets, a bathroom for referees, storage rooms, and water and building plant rooms.

The building is better located closer to the netball courts providing improved access and security. The building will also support the use of the netball undercover stadium, which is also used for markets.

The building is set to open in mid 2026.



Artist impression of the new Heffron Park netball amenities building, under construction now.

Life's a beach for local business



Beach Street General owners Amy and Tony.

From the newly built InterContinental Sydney Coogee Hotel to small family run cafes, Coogee's business community serves a diverse clientele, welcoming both loyal locals and visitors from around the world.

From sunrise brews to sunset bevs

For owners Amy and Tony, opening Beach Street General was the culmination of more than 30 years working in hospitality – and a long-held dream to create something of their own. “We always knew we wanted to open our own place,” Amy says, “somewhere we could leave our own mark.”

Beach Street General opened its doors in August 2025 and was embraced by the community almost immediately. “We felt the love from the very beginning,” Amy says. “And many of those first customers are still coming in every day.”

Operating as both a café and a wine bar, Beach Street General has become a place where people start their day with a cappuccino and return at night for a glass of riesling. A rotating menu of daily specials keeps things interesting, alongside much-loved staples such as prawn toast, which has become so popular it's earned a place on both the breakfast and wine bar menus.

More than anything, it's the sense of connection that keeps people coming back. “Customers tell us it feels like family,” Amy says. “Some people come straight here from the airport because they've missed it.”

A cut above the rest

Collective and Co Coogee was born from a shared passion for hairdressing. Owners Leanne and Caroline met in 2021 and quickly realised they shared the same values and complementary skills, each bringing a broad range of experience from across the hair industry. Together, they set out to create a salon where like-minded hairdressers could collaborate and clients could feel completely at ease.

“We both worked in Coogee for a number of years and had a thriving local and very loyal clientele,” Leanne explains. “So when the opportunity came to open a salon close to the beach we felt it was the perfect fit for us!”



Collective and Co owners Leanne and Caroline.

Since opening its doors in 2022, Collective and Co Coogee has been embraced by the local community. “We've always felt incredibly welcomed here,” says Leanne, crediting Coogee's strong shop-local mindset for helping the business flourish. Much of the business has grown through word of mouth, with returning clients forming the backbone of the salon.”

Surf, style and smiles

For Hayley, owning Coogee Surf & Co began with a chance conversation and a quiet moment of confidence. After years working in other surf shops in her early 20s, an opportunity to buy Coogee Surf & Co came up as she was planning to move to Coogee.

Hayley officially took over Coogee Surf & Co in 2019 – just months before the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the timing was daunting, the support of the local community helped carry the business through. “There were so many friendly locals and people who would shop regularly and tell their friends and family about the shop,” Hayley reflects. “And it sort of just went from there.”

Locals form the backbone of the business, bringing consistency, connection and familiar faces through the door. Tourists add a sense of excitement – drawn in by sunny beach days, holiday moods and the search for something special to remember their time in Coogee.

What Hayley is most proud of is her all-female team. “I value the relationships

I have built through the business – whether it’s with the customers, staff or the sales representatives I’ve worked with,” Hayley says. “Some I have known for over 10 years, as I worked with them at my previous job.”

Hook, line and a winner

For owner Ron, Above the Hook is the result of a lifelong connection to food, family and bringing people together. Growing up around hospitality and working in restaurants throughout university, the foundations were laid early – not just in professional kitchens, but around shared meals with friends.

“Our business grew out of a strong family tradition and passion for hospitality,” Ron says. “We’ve always loved entertaining and creating memorable dining experiences.”

Three years ago that passion eventually became Above the Hook – a café built on warmth, generosity and good food, served with genuine care.

Ron says many of their customers have become friends. “We make time to talk to our customers,” Ron says. “We want every visit to feel like more than just a transaction.”

Food-wise, the menu is generous, diverse and designed to cater to a wide range of tastes and dietary needs. From all-day breakfast favourites to vegetarian dishes and gluten-free options, value for money and quality are key.

Coogee nights done right

Yana Coogee started from a simple idea, owner Pat says. “We wanted to create a relaxed, welcoming venue that locals could genuinely call their own.”



Coogee Surf & Co owner Hayley (pictured in the middle).



Above the Hook owner Ron.

Since opening in early 2024, Yana has quickly become a local go-to for after-work drinks, long lunches, celebrations and casual catch-ups. Pat says the response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

“Regulars, neighbouring businesses and locals embraced Yana from the start,” he says. “Whether it’s a quiet drink, celebrating milestones in our function room upstairs, or supporting our events – that support has been a huge part of our growth.”

“Our margaritas are considered by many to be the best in Coogee,” Pat says, “and they pair perfectly with simple, well-executed food designed for sharing.”



Yana Coogee owner Pat.

Beach Street General Coogee

104 Beach St, Coogee

Collective & Co Coogee

23 Havelock Ave, Coogee

Coogee Surf & Co.

228 Coogee Bay Rd, Coogee

Above the Hook

Unit 24/50 Carr St, Coogee

Yana Coogee

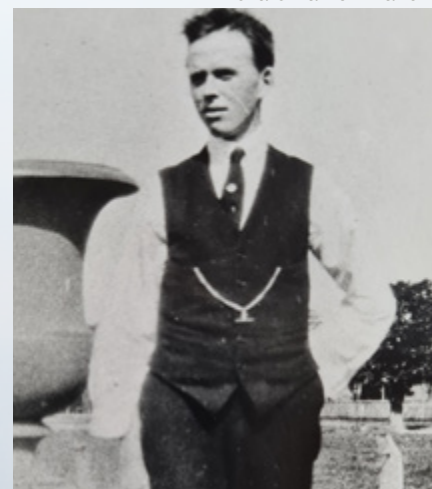
244 Coogee Bay Rd, Coogee

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Mahon Pool at 90

The story of the man behind Maroubra's ocean icon

The late Patrick Mahon.



March 2026 marks 90 years since Mahon Memorial Pool was named, honouring a man whose dedication to the community left a strong and lasting mark. But who exactly was Mahon and why was the pool named after him?

It's 27th August 1935 and Alderman Patrick Mahon is attending a special meeting of Randwick Council. The order of business is to review the Coogee Improvement Scheme and use of unemployment relief funds.

Council decides to defer the matter to get more financial details on the Coogee surf sheds and shark nets program before moving on to debate a report on 'beach bathing schemes'.

The early minute books are short on detail. Patrick Mahon is listed as attending, but is not listed as moving any motions. The meeting ends, without mention of anything further.

By the next regular council meeting held on 3 September 1935, Mahon is dead.

The minutes from the meeting indicate the Aldermen present spoke fondly about Patrick, or Pat as he was known, and resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs Mahon under the council seal.

Newspaper reports of the Council meeting are more expansive, recording that Patrick Mahon, aged 43, collapsed during a Council meeting and died shortly afterwards in hospital.

What most of his colleagues probably didn't know was that Pat's health had been failing for some time. His eyesight was going and it was later revealed he died from kidney failure.

This information is contained in private reflections published by son, John Mahon, one of nine children to Pat and Ellen.

The now 92-year-old Marist brother reflects on the hard times that followed his father's death.

"After Pat's death, mother went into a time of depression, crying a lot and unable to face people. She was always a person of deep faith and it was this that carried her through this great tragedy."

John says the family was always very poor, but through the help of friends and former colleagues of Pat, they got through – with some Labor stalwarts helping pay off the mortgage on the house and other friends providing discounted haircuts.

"In spite of our poverty, we never went hungry nor lacked clothing, footwear nor other necessities of life. Mother was a good provider and manager."

Council began a community wide fund to support the family, but Ellen faced the difficult reality of raising her young family alone.

"I once asked mother over 40 years after Pat's death had she ever thought of remarrying," John recalls. "Her only reply was a very emotional 'But I loved Pat!'"

Although his time on Council was brief, Mahon made a deep impression. His funeral at Botany Cemetery on 4 September 1935 showed the respect he had earned. Fr Fitzpatrick led the service, and the mourners included some of the biggest political names of Sydney's eastern suburbs: Heffron, McKell, Moverley and Roscoe Jones.

John Mahon reflects that as children, they were never told the burial place



Mahon Pool - original painting by John Mahon.



of their father and that it wasn't until his late 30s that he visited his father's grave. "My mother said it was much better to pray for him," he said. "The living had to get on with life, hence grieving and mourning were not done."

Patrick Mahon's fierce advocacy for the working-class families in Randwick's south was well known even before he entered public office.

Growing up during the economic hardship of the 1890s and shaped by his Catholic upbringing and Irish roots, he understood the struggles of ordinary people. Born in Gympie, Queensland on 13 January 1892, his early schooling was in Gympie before moving to Sydney. He did early schooling in Gympie before moving to Sydney.



Brother John Mahon is the son of the late Patrick Mahon.

During the Great Depression, he became a familiar voice for those living in the makeshift shanty settlements of the area. His leadership roles in the Liquor Trades Union and the Australian Labor Party strengthened his commitment to social justice and community welfare.

Once elected to Council, Mahon moved quickly. One of his earliest motions was an ambitious proposal seeking £13,500 per year for seven years from the NSW Government to support foreshore improvements and beach reserve works. He saw how public works could not only improve the coastline but also provide much-needed employment during a time of widespread joblessness.

His approach was practical and compassionate – beautifying the area while putting local people to work.

Mahon also championed coastal safety, advocating for shark nets at Coogee and Maroubra, which were common protective measures at the time. He strongly supported the idea of creating an ocean pool at the base of what is now Jack Vanny Reserve. Swimmers had long used the natural rock formations as informal bathing spots, and Mahon recognised how a formal pool would improve safety and attract more community use.

Mahon's work extended well beyond the beaches. He helped secure more

land for the expansion of Randwick General Cemetery, served on several council committees, and advocated strongly for improved working conditions for outdoor council staff. He pushed for affordable land options throughout the south of the municipality and continued to fight for better living conditions for families in the Long Bay Camps, particularly seeking state support for water connections.

In March 1936 Council agreed to a request from the Maroubra Bay Progress Association to name the pool after him – six months after his death.

Today, Mahon Pool stands as the most visible reminder of his work and vision.

Built during the darkest years of the Depression and completed sometime in either late 1935 or 1936, it continues to bring joy and connection to the community.

As we celebrate the pool's 90th birthday, we also celebrate the man whose efforts helped bring it into being.

Patrick Mahon dedicated his short political life to the working families of Randwick, and his legacy still ripples through every splash at the pool that bears his name.

Georgina Keep is the Local Studies Librarian for Randwick City Library



AI tech steps in when seconds matter

A new trial using AI-enhanced live cameras at rock-fishing blackspots is paving the way for a safer future for the sport.

It's a cloudy, drizzly winter morning on Sunday 7 July 2024. Two men walk across the rock ledges at Little Bay looking for a place to fish. They choose a ledge just north of the beach – not the infamous Julianne's, which may have been too rough that day – but a quieter spot often protected from large waves.

The beach is almost empty. Cold weather, the threat of rain and rough swell conditions have kept most people at home.

The two fishermen, reportedly aged in their 30s and of Thai background, keep fishing. But at 7.42 am, everything changes. A large wave hits both men and sweeps them off the rocks. It's unclear whether they were trapped in a crack, washed straight into the sea, or both.

Hours pass. Nobody realises they are missing.

At about 11 am, beachgoers find their unattended belongings and raise the alarm.



bringing the total deaths along the Randwick coastline to 24 since 2001. Nationally, more than 200 people have died rock fishing in the same period.

Tragically, this story is repeated up and down the coast. Rock fishers who are swept into the water rarely survive unless they wear a lifejacket and help arrives quickly.

But a new initiative launched in December 2025 aims to prevent tragedies like this.

Surf Life Saving NSW, with funding from the NSW and Federal Governments and support from Randwick City Council, has installed AI-powered live cameras at two major blackspots – Little Bay and Kiama.

Three cameras at Little Bay, covering the north and south ledges, have been trained to detect fishers and track their movements. The technology can identify when someone disappears or is washed into the water and instantly alert emergency services with live photos and video.

Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker said the technology is already saving lives.

“When an emergency occurs, being able to respond quickly is the difference between life and death. It's an absolute tragedy that people continue to die while rock fishing. My

heart goes out to everyone who has lost a loved one,” Mayor Parker said.

The technology has already proven successful. On 11 January 2026, two men fishing near the Kiama Blowhole were swept into the water. The AI cameras detected the incident and notified emergency services. One man managed to climb out and a 29-year-old floated about 50 metres offshore before a rescue helicopter winched him to safety.

“This technology is a game-changer,” Mayor Parker said. “We're already seeing lives saved as a direct result – and the AI is improving all the time.”

The 14-month trial will be evaluated in early 2027 and if it continues to prove successful, could be expanded to more locations.

Warning: Rock fishing is a dangerous sport. Please do not go rock fishing unless you can swim, are wearing a lifejacket, have experience and are wearing non-slip cleats.



Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker and NSW Surf Life Saving CEO Stephen Pearce.

Police and Council lifeguards respond. A body is found near the rocks. At 1.40 pm, the second man's body is recovered.

They become the seventh and eighth people to die rock fishing at Little Bay,

Visitor pay parking- A fairer way to fund beach services

Visitors to Randwick City beaches could soon be chipping in towards the cost of beach maintenance and services, under a proposal now open for community feedback.

How easy was it to find a park at the beach this summer? With more than nine million visits made to Randwick City beaches each year, and beachside street parking at 90-100% capacity most summer days, the answer is very likely to be 'difficult', verging on 'impossible' at peak periods.

Randwick City is home to some of Sydney's most loved beaches. Our beaches are part of what makes our community special, but keeping them safe, clean and enjoyable requires ongoing investment.

Right now, Randwick ratepayers cover 100% of those costs. Council funds lifeguards, beach cleaning, coastal

walkways, surf clubs, amenities, stormwater systems, events and emergency works. In 2024-25, this added up to \$23.5 million.

Visitors to our beaches are welcome – they contribute to the local economy. However up to 84% of beach visitors are from outside the Randwick LGA. Visitation rates are highest in La Perouse (84% visitors), Yarra Bay (78%) and Little Bay (77%).

"Everyone is welcome, but fairness suggests that everyone should contribute towards maintaining the coastal areas they enjoy. This is currently not the case," Randwick Mayor Dylan Parker said.

"In addition, locals regularly tell me they are now finding our beaches so crowded that they often cannot secure a car park. This is not fair."

For these reasons, Council is now asking the community for feedback on a proposal to install paid visitor parking at beachside areas at Clovelly, Coogee, La Perouse, Little Bay, Malabar, Maroubra and Yarra Bay. The proposal would introduce parking meters for visitors, with local households fully exempt through a free annual permit. Residents already contribute through rates and rent, and Council is committed to ensuring locals do not pay more.

Every household in Randwick City is receiving a special information package and survey seeking your feedback. Please look out for this letter in the mail.



HAVE YOUR SAY

The consultation is open between 4 March and 15 April 2026.

Visit our website to take the survey or look out for an information booklet and survey in the mail.
yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/visitorpayparking

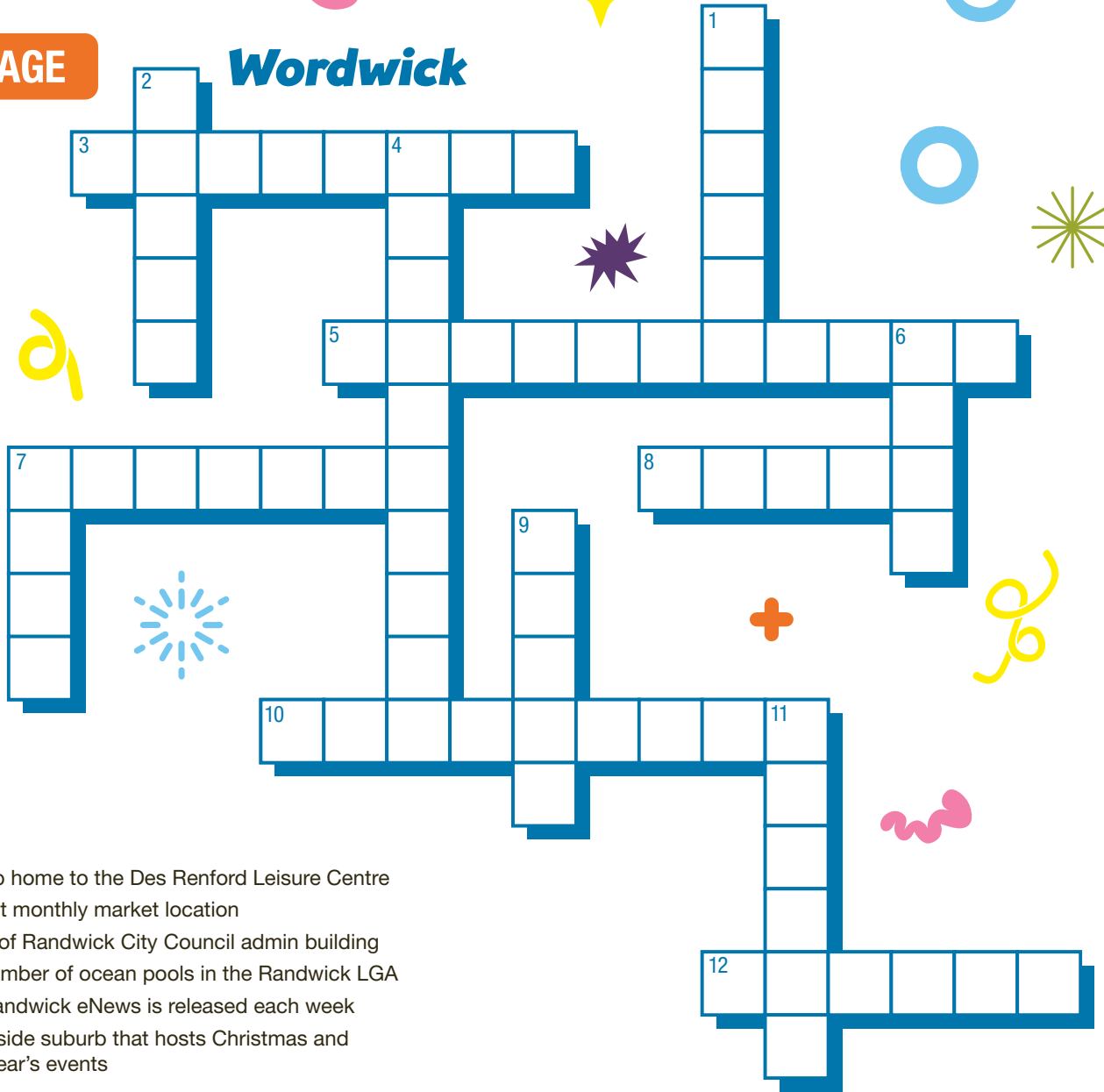
- ✓ **A fairer approach for everyone**
- ✓ **No charge for residents – permits provided making it easier for locals to secure a park**
- ✓ **Additional funds used for beach services, coastal infrastructure and sustainable transport**

RESIDENTS EXEMPT

Residents and ratepayers are already contributing to the cost of beach services directly through rates and indirectly through rent. Residents would not be charged to park at the beach as each household will be entitled to a free parking permit.

FUN PAGE

Wordwick



ACROSS

- 3. Suburb home to the Des Renford Leisure Centre
- 5. Newest monthly market location
- 7. Street of Randwick City Council admin building
- 8. The number of ocean pools in the Randwick LGA
- 10. Day Randwick eNews is released each week
- 12. Beachside suburb that hosts Christmas and New Year's events

DOWN

- 1. First female Mayor of Randwick Margaret _____
- 2. Month of The Spot Festival
- 4. Heritage-listed islet at La Perouse
- 6. Prolific cinema at The Spot
- 7. Name of Council's composting program
- 9. New inaugural festival Culture _____
- 11. Coloured lid of recycling bin

Sudoku

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WORDWICK
ACROSS: 3. MAROUBRA 5. HEFFRON PARK 7. FRANCES 8. EIGHT 10. WEDNESDAY 12. COOGEE
DOWN: 1. MARTIN 2. MARCH 4. BARE ISLAND 6. RITZ 7. FOGO 9. VIBES 11. YELLOW



MARCH 2026

MAROUBRA BEACH MARKETS

Sat 7 Mar, 8 am – 2 pm
Broadarrow Reserve

BLAK MARKETS

Sun 8 Mar, 10 am – 3 pm
In front of the La Perouse Museum

SENIOR'S FESTIVAL EVENT: NAVIGATING TRAVEL WITH DEMENTIA

Tue 10 Mar, 1 pm
Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra

SATURDAY CIRCLE

Sat 14 Mar, 10 am – 12 pm
Randwick Sustainability Hub,
Randwick

LET'S CHAT – EAST, WEST AND NORTH WARD COUNCILLORS

Sat 14 Mar, 10 am – 12 pm
Coogee Beach, Kensington
Community Centre and cnr
Frenchmans / Clovelly Rd

HEFFRON PARK MARKETS

Sun 15 Mar, 8 am – 2 pm
Undercover Netball Stadium

LET'S CHAT – SOUTH AND CENTRAL WARD COUNCILLORS

Sun 15 Mar, 10 am – 12 pm
Heffron Park Markets

COOGEE NIGHTS

Wed 18 Mar, 5.30 – 9 pm
Coogee Bay Road

AUTHOR TALK: LINDA MARGOLIN ROYAL: A STAR ON THE GRAVE

Wed 18 Mar, 6.30 pm
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

TRANSMISSION POINT: OPENING PROGRAM

Wed 18 Mar, 2 - 6 pm
La Perouse Museum

AMPLIFY LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

Sat 21 Mar, 11 am - 2 pm & 6 - 9 pm
Various locations

THE SPOT FESTIVAL

Sun 22 Mar, 1 – 8 pm
The Spot, Randwick

PLANT WITH US

Sun 29 Mar, 9 am – 12 pm
Heffron Park, Maroubra

APRIL 2026

COOGEE NIGHTS

Wed 1 Apr, 5.30 – 9 pm
Coogee Bay Road

EAT DRINK PLAY EASTER FOOD TRUCKS

Fri 3 Apr – Sun 5 Apr
Pioneers Park, Malabar

AMPLIFY LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

Sat 4 Apr, 11 am - 2 pm & 6 - 9 pm
Various locations

MAROUBRA BEACH MARKETS

Sat 4 Apr, 8 am – 2 pm
Broadarrow Reserve

INCLUSIVE ART WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Wed 8 Apr – Wed 29 Apr, 1 pm
Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra

SATURDAY CIRCLE

Sat 11 Apr, 10 am – 12 pm
Randwick Sustainability Hub,
Randwick

COOGEE NIGHTS

Wed 15 Apr, 5.30 – 9 pm
Coogee Bay Road

AUTHOR TALK: GRAEME SIMSION AND ANNE BUIST: THE GENERAL HOSPITAL

Wed 15 Apr, 6.30 pm
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

AMPLIFY LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

Sat 18 Apr, 11 am - 2 pm & 6 - 9 pm
Various locations

HEFFRON PARK MARKETS

Sun 19 Apr, 8 am – 2 pm
Undercover Netball Stadium

AUTHOR TALK: CAROLINE HAY: OFF I GO... FROM MEDIA TO MINDFULNESS

Wed 22 Apr, 6.30 pm
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

ANZAC DAY COOGEE DAWN SERVICE

Sat 25 Apr, 5.30 – 7 am
(gates open 5am)
Goldstein Reserve, Coogee

ANZAC SERVICES

For other Anzac dawn services, marches and commemoration events across Randwick City, please see details on the back page of this magazine.

JOURNEY OF AN ARTIST: SNAPSHOTS, BY SANDRA ROUTH

Mon 27 Apr – Thu 28 May

MAY 2026

AMPLIFY LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

Sat 2 May, 11 am - 2 pm & 6 - 9 pm
Various locations

MAROUBRA BEACH MARKETS

Sat 2 May, 8 am – 2 pm
Broadarrow Reserve

SATURDAY CIRCLE

Sat 9 May, 10 am – 12 pm
Randwick Sustainability Hub,
Randwick

PLANT WITH US

Sun 10 May, 8.30-10 am &
10.30 am - 12 pm
Heffron Park, Maroubra

HEFFRON PARK MARKETS

Sun 17 May, 8 am – 2 pm
Undercover Netball Stadium



KOOJAY CORROBOREE

Fri 29 May
Coogee Beach

AMPLIFY LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

Sat 30 May, 11 am - 2 pm & 6 - 9 pm
Various locations

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: TOURS OF RECYCLING CENTRE

Sat 30 May, 9 am - 1.30 pm
Randwick Recycling Centre

ANZAC DAY 2026



ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES

MARCHES

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Coogee

5.30 am
Goldstein Reserve
Coogee Beach

Maroubra

4.30 am
Cenotaph
Juniors Maroubra

Maroubra

11 am
March leaves
Maroubra Rd

11.30 am
Service at
Cenotaph

Little Bay

5.30 am
The Coast Chapel
Little Bay

Matrville

5 am
Memorial near
Club Matto

Matrville

10.45 am
March leaves
Daunt Ave

11.15 am
Service at
Cenotaph

COMMEMORATION SERVICES

SUNDAY 11 APRIL

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Malabar

11 am
Malabar War Memorial

Kensington

11 am
Randwick Bowling Club

Hosted by the RSL sub-Branches of Coogee, Clovelly, Randwick, Malabar, Maroubra and Matrville, the Prince Henry Hospital Museum and proudly supported by Randwick City Council.