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Guilhem Doat at the new multi-use court at Heffron Park, Maroubra. Photo by Mark Bond.

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## Welcome to the **WINTER** edition of **SCENE**

This year has passed by surprisingly quickly and I find myself astonished that we're already at the mid-way point of 2019. They say that time flies when you're having fun, but I'd also add it swoops past when you have a tonne of fantastic projects on your plate.

We've completed a number of capital works projects recently, including the new basketball and handball courts at Heffron Park. We spoke with some regular users of the courts when we took the photos on the cover and page 8, and they told us that they've used them every single day since they opened. That's music to my ears.

One of the plans I'm most excited about is finding and using the latest technology so that we can make living in Randwick City better. Our story on page 9 shows you how technology will improve a trip to Coogee Beach.

To give you an idea of what other great projects are on the horizon, we've included a 2019-20 Budget breakdown (page 10), which explains how we will use your rates. We've also talked to our Customer Service teams to find out which questions they get asked the most (pages 12-13). You may find some answers to questions you were curious about.

Fifty years ago artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude covered the cliffs at Little Bay to make an environmental statement that is still relevant today. Our feature on page 14 delves deeper into the story and I encourage you to read it, if only so you can impress people with your cultural, historical and artistic knowledge!

I hope you enjoy this little snippet of life in Randwick. Let's get out there and enjoy it before the rest of the year flies by!

**Kathy Neilson**  
Mayor of Randwick



## Nursery Winter Sale



**Saturday 1 June**  
**9am – 4pm**

There will be native and indigenous plants on sale, as well as a range of hardy exotic species.

Nursery staff will be on hand to answer questions, help with plant selection and provide advice on weed and pest identification.

**Randwick Community  
Nursery 2B Barker Street  
Kingsford**

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## Live beach cams

You can now check out the conditions at your favourite Randwick City beach without getting out of bed thanks to new beach cameras streaming live on the Council website. The cameras are located at Coogee, Little Bay and Maroubra Beaches.



## Council endorses new heritage conservation zone in Coogee

A new heritage conservation zone will be established in Coogee along Brook and Dudley Streets. Eight interwar properties will be protected under the new heritage conservation zone. Three of the properties will be placed on the heritage schedule (Schedule 5) of the Randwick Local Environmental Plan.

“Formal designation of a heritage zone allows us to conserve what is left of the interwar Californian bungalows typical of the south-eastern suburbs and ensure the distinctive architectural style is retained for future generations to enjoy,” said Randwick Mayor Kathy Neilson.



Left to right: Todd Clarke, Therese Manns, Kerry Kyriacou and David MacNiven

## GM appoints leadership team

Randwick Council’s senior leadership team is taking shape with General Manager **Therese Manns** appointing **David MacNiven** as Director Corporate Services and **Todd Clarke** as Director City Services. David and Todd join City Planning Director **Kerry Kyriacou** to form Council’s new executive team. This team is responsible for leading organisation culture and developing quality frameworks to assist our 700+ committed staff in achieving quality services and infrastructure for the Randwick community. David MacNiven joins Randwick from Sutherland Shire Council where he was the Chief Information Officer. David has worked in Australia and the UK and has a strong background in information management technology, business planning and solutions. He will be responsible for driving Council’s technology and digital projects. Todd Clarke has forged his career at Randwick Council since 2007 in building services, assets and projects and recently as the Manager Infrastructure Services. Todd will be responsible for service delivery, infrastructure management and construction, including major projects.

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High Life

## Fight for Yarra Bay

The fight to protect Yarra Bay from a proposed cruise ship terminal continues. Council will write to NSW Transport Minister Andrew Constance to invite him to a special Council meeting to address concerns associated with the proposed terminal including traffic congestion, environmental destruction, loss of open green space and flow-on land-use pressures. Council will pursue the plan to obtain a National Heritage listing for Yarra Bay and Frenchman's Beach and will apply for funds through the Australia Heritage Grant Program.

## Sima Truuvert Planning Scholarship

A perpetual scholarship has been established in memory of Randwick Council's former Director of City Planning Sima Truuvert. Sima was a Little Bay resident and a highly regarded urban planner who worked for Council for 20 years. The Sima Truuvert Planning Scholarship offers student planners and recent graduates 12 months paid work placement at Randwick Council and a \$5,000 HECS contribution. Check our website to find out when applications open.

## Your voice on Clovelly Road improvements

Thank you to the hundreds of local residents who participated online or through our interactive workshops to help develop a masterplan for the future of Clovelly Road. We received more than 300 pins on our interactive map and 61 ideas on our ideas board as well as hundreds of great comments and ideas from the 70 people who attended our two workshops. Council staff and our consultants, GSA, are using the feedback to help develop a masterplan to guide future projects and budget allocation for the precinct for the next decade. The masterplan will be put on public exhibition for comments later in 2019.



## Tennis Centre set to open

The final touches are being added to Randwick Council's latest addition to Heffron Park – a new tennis centre. The centre features nine courts and an acrylic surface show court with spectator seating. Work also includes a clubhouse, kiosk, changing facilities, landscaping and lighting. Council is in the process of appointing an operator to run the centre.

## It's in the bag

Compostable dog poo bags are being offered at 30 parks and off-leash areas across Randwick City as part of our plan to reduce single use plastics. The new bags are made of plant-based materials which break down without leaving toxic residue or microplastics in the environment. Previous bags were biodegradable plastic bags made from petroleum, which although biodegradable, still leave microplastics in the environment. "Council has taken a strong stance against single-use plastic, banning its use in Council operations and this is an extension of that approach," said Randwick Mayor Kathy Neilson.



## Budget on exhibition

Find out what's proposed for your City in the 2019-20 draft Budget and Operational Plan which is currently on public exhibition from 2-30 May for community comment. Council's \$165M budget includes a range of new projects and programs including investing in environmental programs and smart technology to make our town centres and beaches more accessible. Turn to pages 10-11 to find out more.

## Thumbs up

Hot chocolate at night

Free e-books from the Library

Facetiming with family



Litter down the stormwater drains

No more Game of Thrones

Owners who don't pick up their dog's poop



## Thumbs down



### myRandwick app

Did you know the myRandwick app tells you your next bin night and scheduled cleanup? You can also book a cleanup, report a problem, get daily Lifeguard reports and track Development Applications in your area. Download it from the App store or Google Play.



### Increase to pensioner rebate

Randwick City's pensioner rates rebate will increase by \$25 to \$350 per year from 1 July 2019 to help offset the cost of continuing the Environmental Levy should the Environmental Levy continue. It's the second time in 12 months the pensioner rebate has been increased. Randwick Mayor Kathy Neilson said the increase is a small, but positive gesture. "This proposed discount helps offset rising costs by helping those most in need in our community," Mayor Neilson said. IPART was due to make a decision on the levy continuing on 14 May 2019.

# RANDWICK COMMUNITY RACE DAY



## // SAT 6 JULY

FREE entry for Randwick residents and rate payers when you redeem online at [theRaces.com.au/RCC2019](http://theRaces.com.au/RCC2019) using code word **RCC2019**

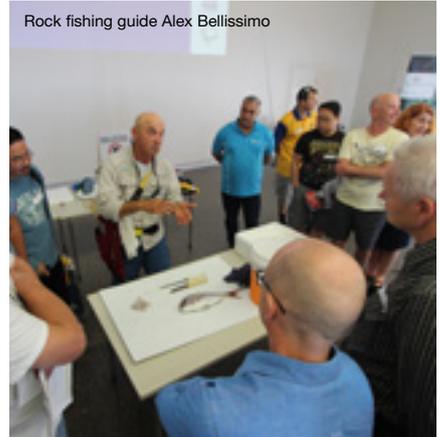


## Final funds for surf club reno

The iconic Coogee Surf Life Saving Club is set for a facelift in 2020 with Randwick Council agreeing to contribute the remaining \$720,000 required for a \$3.6M planned revamp. The upgrade will overhaul part of the façade of the building, provide a new entry way, a new east-facing deck with glass balustrades as well as a reconfigured interior providing more useable space for the surf club and for events and functions.

Randwick Mayor Kathy Neilson said, "The Coogee Surf Life Saving Club was founded in 1907 and is one of Australia's oldest surf clubs. The Coogee nippers is one of the largest in Australia providing local kids with positive and healthy activities while building their water safety skills."

Coogee Surf Club President Matt Fernandez said: "Coogee Surf Club is extremely grateful for the generous contribution from Randwick City Council, building on the already substantial funds allocated to the club rebuild. With a new, first class facility, Coogee can continue to train and educate new and current lifesavers, thereby meeting the community needs and providing a safe aquatic environment for all."



Rock fishing guide Alex Bellissimo

## Become a better rock fisher

Free rock fishing workshops are being offered by the NSW Government Department of Primary Industries and Randwick City Council. The workshops are aimed at beginner to intermediate level rock fishers and will give you the essentials on how to rock fish safely and catch more fish. The workshops are being held on Sunday 26 May and Sunday 16 June at the Prince Henry Centre in Little Bay. Registrations are essential. Visit Council's website for more details.

# 2019 SPORTS AWARDS

**NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW UNTIL JULY 12**

**The Bradley Matthews Memorial Award for Sporting Excellence** (for 13-18 year olds)

**The Randwick City Junior Sports Award** (for 5-12 year olds)

**The Randwick City Hall of Sporting Champions**

**Nominate online**  
[randwick.nsw.gov.au](http://randwick.nsw.gov.au)



# Playing for keeps

**The new multi-use court at Heffron Park gives basketballers, handballers and four-square fanatics more excuses to get outside and play this winter. Chelsea Hunter is game.**

Australia, it seems, is mad keen for basketball. More people participate regularly in a formal or informal game of hoops than they do rugby, according to a recent Roy Morgan survey. This may not come as a surprise to any of the regular users of the basketball court at the Kensington Community Centre, the full court on Elphinstone Road in South Coogee or the full-sized junior courts at Coral Sea Park in Maroubra, which are popular venues.

Fans of b'ball can now add the new half court at Heffron Park to their list. Located on the western side of the park, close to Bunnerong Road, the court provides yet another opportunity for players to pull together a quick game of pick-up or a more formal get together.

All around Sydney, there is an increasing need for courts as well as sportsfields so people have increased opportunities to participate in sports like basketball, as well as the growing sport of handball. The fast-paced game, which is like playing squash but without the racquet, is fast growing in popularity.

The new handball courts, which are located alongside the basketball court, provide the opportunity for one-wall and three-wall games and can be hired for \$10/hour for casual use or for a season via Council's website.

For those who enjoy a little old-school fun, the north-west corner of the court includes four-square markings, so kids who aren't quite ready for basketball or handball can participate in beginner-level ball handling games.

#### Where to play:

- Heffron Park, Maroubra
- Wassell Street Reserve, Maroubra
- Kensington Park, Kensington
- Elphinstone Road, South Coogee,
- Coral Sea Park, Maroubra
- Woomera Reserve, Little Bay



Luca Nott and Oliver Elliott shoot hoops at Heffron Park

# Street smarts

**Randwick Council is leveraging new innovations in technology to provide better service delivery and improve liveability within our City. Chelsea Hunter techs out what is coming up.**

We want to create a more connected, innovative and resilient Randwick City. To do this we need to harness all the great technology that's on the horizon, designed to make our lives easier and more convenient.



Randwick City last year created a Smart City Strategy and Digital Strategy, which outlined a range of infrastructure and projects that will allow us to harness wireless networks, data, real time information and mobile applications to make living in and moving around Randwick much easier. This year we have started to roll out some of these projects.

Coogee Beach will be home to a range of new smart technology innovations (see breakout box). Other projects include new CCTV cameras on Coogee Bay Road to improve public safety, and at Coogee Beach to help lifeguards monitor the shoreline, Wedding Cake Island and the rocky outcrops around Coogee and keep swimmers safe.

In June there will be electric vehicle charging stations operational at Brook Street in Coogee, the Randwick Community Centre and the Silver Street car park in Randwick. The charging stations, which will be powered by 100% renewable energy, will provide open source level 2 AC charge with a power output of 22kW, which is appropriate for all electric vehicle models.

Creating a smarter, more digitally savvy place to live isn't just about embracing technology and data; it's about identifying innovation that will help people to lead better, more connected lives and become more involved in the community.



TECH SCENE

## How do you make a beach smart?

On a day in the not-too-distant future you may find yourself contemplating a trip to Coogee Beach. Before heading out, you check the beach conditions including the water and air temperature, wave height and have a quick look at the beach cam. Everything looks great and it's not too crowded on the sand. You're not sure if you'll catch public transport or drive, so you check realtime travel information on your phone to see what parking spots are available near the beach. You're in luck! It looks like Coogee is not too busy today and there are quite a few parking spots around.

When you arrive, a large digital display sign tells you that even though it's not too hot, the UV rating is quite high, which reminds you to slip, slop, slap and slide. It also tells you about any hazards, such as rips or jellyfish, that you may need to be aware of and what the swell conditions are like. Before you head into the water you pop into the bathrooms, which have just been cleaned because sensors notified Council staff that usage had been high earlier in the day and should be attended to sooner than had been scheduled. After your swim, it's time to find some shade and read a book. Using the high speed wifi that's available for free you download an e-book from one of Randwick's libraries and settle in for the rest of the afternoon.

Top: Improved CCTV cameras will assist lifeguards. Above: The new electric vehicle charging station at Randwick Community Centre. Top right: Free high speed wifi at Coogee Beach is one of many tech innovations being rolled out.

# What's in the budget?



**Randwick City Council's 2019-2020 Draft Budget and Operational Plan has been released and is set to continue Council's commitment to delivering exceptional services and community improvements. Jillian Lewis takes a closer look.**

**A**s a ratepayer, it's your right to know and be involved in how Council spends its revenue. Each year, the budget is put on review for members of the public to have their say. This year, the 2019-2020 budget is set to continue many of the initiatives that have been put in place, as it's the second year of the Our Community, Our Future initiative. It's important to note that this proposed Budget assumes the approval of the Environmental Levy, which is currently sitting with IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) for review. If not accepted by IPART, the Budget will be altered to account for this.

With this draft Budget, Randwick City Council continues in our tradition of providing quality services and projects for our community. We're pleased to let you know that Council's finances

are in a good position with a total revenue of \$165M and compliance with all seven of the state-required financial indicators. Council works hard to keep rates as low as possible, while providing the necessary revenue to deliver the services and projects our community expects.

## What it costs you

The draft budget includes an increase to Council's overall rates income of 5.52%. This increase is in line with the second year of Our Community Our Community package of works and services, as backed by the community and approved by IPART this time last year. An average ratepayer can expect a total rate bill of around \$2,000 in 2019/20. However, around 27,000 ratepayers (more than half of all ratepayers) live in units and can

expect a total rate bill much less – somewhere between \$1,450 and \$1,500 for the year. The waste charge for all residents will increase by 3.2%, up to \$586 per year.

In mid-May 2019, IPART will advise Council of its decision as to whether the Environmental Levy will be continued or not.

## Have your say

The 2019-2020 Draft Budget and Operational Plan is on public exhibition for community comment from May 2 – May 30, 2019. You can review it online at [www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au) or at Council's Customer Service Centre (8.30am-5pm) and Randwick City Libraries (opening hours vary, please see our website for details).

## Prioritising our environment

In addition to continuing our community services, this budget has a sustainability focus, to ensure we're doing our best when it comes to looking after our environment. Here are some of the highlights:

### Coastal Walkway

Planning for the extension and amenities at Malabar near the rock pool will begin.

### Maroubra foreshore

New stormwater harvesting system and irrigation for foreshore parks will take place. This will improve the quality of the stormwater run-off.

### Native tree planting

We'll be investing in planting trees across the Council.

### Coogee Beach Stormwater

We'll be working in partnership with the State Government to address community concerns around stormwater pollution at Coogee Beach.

### Gross Pollutant Trap Rehabilitation Program

We'll be investing in repairs and upgrades to our existing GPTs to improve performance and cleaning.

Construction of the coastal walkway through NSW Golf Course in La Perouse



## Improving with smart tech

Another big focus for the 2019-2020 budget is continuing our digital strategy, which involves using smart technology at our beaches and town centres to make moving around as simple as possible. Council is committed to taking advantage of technological advancements to improve services and efficiencies. Here's what we're focussing on:

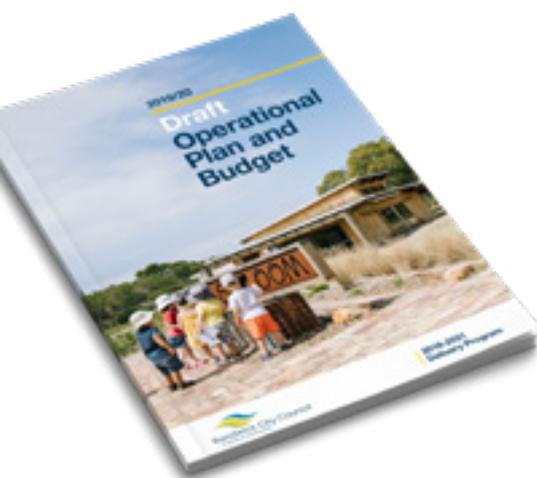
- Extending free public wifi to more areas
- Installing smart parking sensors to give real-time information on street parking availability
- Live beach cams and digital signage to give real-time beach conditions
- Sensors on bins, BBQs and toilet blocks to alert Council when they need servicing

Free wifi will be extended to Coogee Bay Road

## Keep your eyes peeled for these projects

Across Council, we'll be looking at a number of projects to improve our current services and infrastructure. Here's what we've got planned:

- Funds from the 2019-2020 budget will continue to go towards the works in accordance with the 'Our Community our Future Program' from last year, including the undergrounding of powerlines at The Spot.
- New sports field construction as part of the continued Heffron Park Masterplan.
- Construction of a new plaza and new public domain space in Kingsford at Meeks Street.
- Remediation, drainage and regrading of Lower Pioneers Park in Malabar, including synthetic field.
- Realignment of kerb and gutter as well as footpath and road works in High Cross Park and Belmore Road, Randwick.
- Necessary remediation works, draining and re-grading of Purcell Park, Matraville.
- New outdoor gym to be constructed at Malabar Beach.
- City wide, we'll continue with our bushland and dune restoration, native tree planting, general park facilities upgrade, signage upgrades where needed and public art installation.
- New cricket facilities at Snape Park, Maroubra.
- The preparing of a masterplan for Coogee Croquet Club.
- Installation of a new PA system, Coogee Oval.
- New water fountain and bike racks at Coral Sea Park, Maroubra.
- New change rooms for the Des Renford Leisure Centre (DRLC), Maroubra.
- Safety and environmental improvements to be made to Council Depot.
- Upgrade the public toilets on the first floor of the Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra.
- New toilets, change room, shower and storage facility as well as construction of car parking at South Maroubra Beach Surf Club.
- Upgrade Blenheim House to create a cultural facility.
- Improvements to Randwick Town Hall and Council chambers, in accordance with the approved Heritage Management Plan.
- New accessible toilets, kitchen and storage as well as an upgrade to lighting, insulation, heating and cooling at Malabar Memorial Hall. Plus, new solar cells and rainwater tank.



# Your Council FAQs answered



**Each day, Council receives numerous requests from our residents. Here Jillian Lewis looks at the top five most commonly asked questions and shares the answers.**

**W**ith more than 150,000 people living in Randwick City, we get a lot of questions. Between our call centre and customer service email inbox, we received more than 34,500 requests from our residents last year alone. Here, we answer some of the most commonly asked questions.

**Q: Someone has dumped rubbish in my street. What can I do about it?**

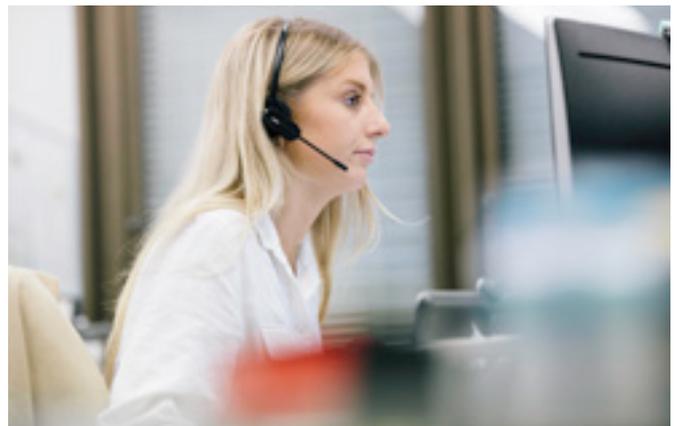
Illegally dumped rubbish is one of Council's biggest issues. In March this year, we received 1,197 reports from residents of dumped rubbish that we collected. If rubbish, old furniture or a mattress has been dumped on your street, you can report it to Council and we will collect it.

How do you report it? Call 1300 722 542 or visit our website and search 'report illegally dumped rubbish'. Or, you can send an email to [council@randwick.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@randwick.nsw.gov.au) with the address, name and what kind of rubbish has been dumped and Council will organise to pick it up. It's important to note

that each household is offered two free booked clean up services each year (in addition to the two scheduled clean ups). Reporting illegally dumped rubbish will not be counted towards your allotted services.

**Q: There's an abandoned car or trailer parked in my street. Can you tow it?**

Before Council can tow a vehicle, a thorough investigation needs to take place to ensure the vehicle is actually disowned. Once a vehicle is reported as abandoned, Council waits for a period of 28 days before investigating. If the car is



still there, Council will gather information such as registration, make and model of the car. Council will also place a sticker on the vehicle to alert the owner that the vehicle is under investigation. Council will contact the last registered owner of the vehicle. If no reply is received from the owner, and a significant amount of time has passed, the vehicle may be towed. It will be taken to our nominated auction house where it's kept for a period of at least 35 days before it is sold through auction.

**Q: There's a street light that's not working, can you fix it?**

We receive a lot of calls about damaged or broken street lights. Although we pay the bill to keep these street lights functioning, we are not responsible for maintaining all of them. If a streetlight is broken in your area, you're best to log onto the Ausgrid website ([www.ausgrid.com.au](http://www.ausgrid.com.au)) and report it. Their website is very easy to use and you'll receive a reference number for the job. Or, you can call Ausgrid on 1800 044 808. If the light you're wishing to report isn't maintained by Ausgrid, contact Council to look into who is responsible for its maintenance.

**Q: My neighbours are renovating and it's noisy. What hours are they allowed to work?**

If it's a Development Application (DA) that was approved by Council, generally the working hours are Monday to Friday, 7am-5pm and Saturday, 8am-5pm. Additional restrictions may apply to rock excavators, jack hammers and pile drivers or sensitive sites. For work that is a Complying Development the hours are slightly different. Residential work can take place Monday to Saturday from 7am-5pm. While commercial or industrial work can take place Monday to Friday, 7am-6pm and Saturday 8am-1pm. However, internal building work may be carried out in a commercial or industrial premises at any time, providing it satisfies relevant noise criteria.

For work that is classed as an 'exempt development' and does not require Council approval, there are no restrictions on the working hours, however certain limitations do apply to the use of power tools and other equipment under the Noise Control Regulations.

We recommend talking to your neighbours and letting them know if the noise is disturbing. If you're in a strata building, contact your strata manager for their help in this matter. If the noise continues, contact Council.



**Q: The footpath in my street needs repair. Can you fix it?**

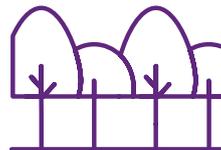
We are responsible for maintaining 511km of footpaths across the City. We recently conducted a condition inspection and we're now prioritising the work that needs to be done. If you're concerned about a footpath you can send an email to [council@randwick.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@randwick.nsw.gov.au) and our team will assess and action it appropriately.

**March by the numbers**

In March 2019, we received 4,102 service requests from our residents. Here's a breakdown of what some of those calls were about.



**198**  
Dumped mattresses picked up in one month



**286**  
Requests to prune trees



**119**  
Damaged signs reported



**166**  
Reported abandoned vehicles



**91**  
Footpaths reported as needing repair



**1,197**  
Instances/items of illegally dumped rubbish we collected



**83**  
Reported potholes across Council

# Unwrapping the past

Courtesy Ellen Waugh Collection, Randwick City Library.

***It's been 50 years since Christo and Jeanne-Claude famously wrapped Little Bay. We commemorate the installation with an exhibition at Lionel Bowen Library. Local Studies Librarian Georgina Keep uncovers the story.***

This year marks the 50th anniversary of an iconic moment in Australian art history and our own local history. In 1969, the 'Wrapped Coast' installation by Christo and Jeanne-Claude covered our coastline at Little Bay. Visitors from all over Sydney travelled to Little Bay to marvel over the installation, which was in place for 10 weeks.

One million square feet (92,900 square metres) of erosion-control fabric was used for the wrapping. More than 56 kilometres of polypropylene rope, 1.5cm in diameter, tied the fabric to the rocks. Ramset guns fired 25,000 charges of fasteners, threaded studs and clips to secure the rope to the rocks.

Major Ninian Melville, retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, was in charge of the climbers and workers at the site. It took 17,000 hours over a period of four weeks with 15 professional mountain

climbers and 110 workers including art students, architects and teachers to install the exhibition. It cemented Christo and Jeanne-Claude as artists of global reputation and marked a defining point in the life of John Kaldor, who commissioned the piece.

Ahead of its time in terms of scale, this project was widely acknowledged and recognised by the global art community. In Sydney, the installation received mixed appreciation. At the time, Sydney was a different place to the global community it is today. Sydneysiders were in awe and some a little confounded by the art. Locals souvenired pieces of the fabric and were involved in the decommissioning of the installation after it was impacted by a heavy sea storm. Was this the first "Clean Up" campaign on Australian shores?

The 50th anniversary is a chance to reflect on this iconic piece of art history,

now embedded in our own city's local history. With the benefit of hindsight we can recognise the ambition of the installation. The 50th anniversary of the installation will be marked with a free exhibition celebrating the triumph of the work. Iconic images, documentary footage, ephemera and oral histories from those who visited the installation, as well as some of the original fabric from the installation, will be included in an exhibition at Lionel Bowen Library from September 1 to December 15 2019.

***Get involved:***

***If you have images or memorabilia of the Christo and Jeanne-Claude installation, please contact the Lionel Bowen Library on 9093 6400 or [contactus@randwick.nsw.gov.au](mailto:contactus@randwick.nsw.gov.au)***



# WHAT'S ON

June to August 2019

**SAT 1**

JUNE

NURSERY WINTER  
SATURDAY SALE

9am-4pm

Randwick Community Nursery  
2B Barker St, Kingsford



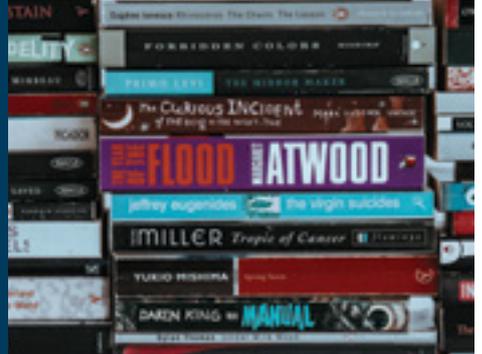
**SAT 1**

JUNE

WINTER BOOK SALE

9.30am-4pm

Lionel Bowen Library  
Maroubra



**WED 26**

JUNE

AUTHOR TALK: AN EVENING  
WITH CANDICE FOX

6.30pm-7.30pm

Lionel Bowen Library

Cost: Free



**SAT 29**

JUNE

INTERMEDIATE BIKE  
MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

1.30pm-4.30pm

Randwick Community Centre

Cost: Free (Bookings essential)



**SUN 14**

JULY

BASTILLE DAY COMMUNITY  
CELEBRATION

9.30am-2pm

La Perouse Museum,  
1542 Anzac Parade, La Perouse

Cost: Free



**WED 17**

JULY

CODE CLUB FOR ADULTS

10.30am

Lionel Bowen Library

Cost: Free



**SUN 28**

JULY

BEACH BREAKS CARNIVAL

12pm-4.30pm

Maroubra Beach

Cost: Free



**TUE 6**

AUGUST

THE KNIT-IN GROUP

12.30pm-2.30pm

Lionel Bowen Library

Cost: Free (Bookings essential)



# Beach Breaks Carnival



**Sunday 28 July 2019**

Maroubra Beach  
12pm-4.30pm

