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Voolahra News



Winter 2023

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Plant a native seedling with us on National Tree Day

More parking in Rose Bay

New accessible pathway through Trumper Park

Apply for a grant

Mayor Susan Wynne planting a tree with Onaree de Silva from Rose Bay and Mitchell Kirsch from Council's Sustainability team.



Tuckerbox's cup library

Ditch single-use plastics for good



But there's still so much more work to do – we need to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill. This can be as simple as using your own re-useable coffee cups, bags and drink bottles and refusing plastic packaging and other products whenever possible.



Local businesses are jumping on board to support the plastic-free movement too, like Tuckerbox café in Paddington. They've set up a 'cup library'. If you forget to bring your reusable cup, they'll give you one of their mugs for your takeavvay coffee. Just wash and return next time you visit. This is a great way to reduce your waste and support the circular economy.

Read more about how to reduce your plastic use: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/ plasticfreejuly





Plant a tree or shrub with us on National Tree Day

Christison Park Sunday 30 July 9.30am – 12.30pm Register online: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/treeday



Mayor Susan Wynne at a public EV charging station, Vaucluse.

Mayor's Message

I know our community is as passionate as I am about protecting our local environment. We'd love you to get involved with some exciting environmental events and initiatives we have coming up.

National Tree Day is **Sunday 30 July** and you're invited to join us at Christison Park, Vaucluse to plant a native seedling.

We're also running our popular Kids Truck Art Competition again, and local primary school students are invited to create an artwork around the theme 'Caring for our Environment' before **4 August**. The winning artworks will be printed on our waste trucks for everyone to see!

In this edition of *Woollahra News* find out how to make the switch to a GreenPower renewable energy electricity plan. If you're unable to install rooftop solar at home, this is the next best action you can take to lower your carbon emissions and your impact on the environment.

Councillor Susan Wynne Mayor of Woollahra

Woollahra Council supports the Voice to Parliament



Woollahra Council is committed to reconciliation and has resolved to support the Voice to Parliament (the Yes vote) and the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Our support for the Yes vote in the referendum, which will be held in late 2023, involves educating the Woollahra community on what the Voice will mean for Indigenous people and Australian society as a whole, providing a platform for First Nations voices to be heard. Your vote will decide if words that recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia will be added to the Australian Constitution. The referendum will pass if most voters in at least 4 of 6 states vote yes and most voters in Australia vote yes.

The Voice to Parliament would be an independent advisory body which makes representations to the Australian Parliament and Executive Government on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"It is well beyond time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be recognised in the Constitution and to have a say in their future and that is why we are supporting a Yes vote in the upcoming referendum," Woollahra Mayor Susan Wynne said.

To find out more about reconciliation and about upcoming local events taking place, visit:

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/voice ulurustatement.org voice.gov.au wentworthforthevoice.com.au

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Special Rate Variation to fund priority projects for the next 10 years

In response to increasing costs, budget deficits over recent years and with the intention of securing long term financial sustainability, Council lodged a Special Rate Variation (SRV) application in February 2023, which was approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in June 2023. Council will be applying a SRV to the July rate instalment.

The SRV will help Council become financially sustainable and enable the delivery of a range of priority community projects over the next 10 years.

For more information: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/srv



We're upgrading the pathways through upper Trumper Park to provide a safe and accessible route for pedestrians from Quarry Street, Paddington, through Trumper Park – including access to the tennis courts – and onto Bowes Avenue and the Edgecliff Centre.

The first section of pathway, which has just been completed, is two-metres wide and fully accessible, with multiple ramps to bypass stairs and new seating along the route for when you need a break. We're also adding a new section of footpath along the southern end of Quarry St (starting near Harris and Forbes Streets) to provide a safe, off-road connection for people to walk through the carpark and onto the tennis courts.

This project was jointly funded by Woollahra Council and grants from the NSW Government's Metropolitan Greenspace Program and the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund.



Concept design

More parking and a new community space for **Rose Bay**

We're proposing to redevelop the Wilberforce Avenue, Rose Bay car park site in response to the public demand for more parking in the area, more community space, and the need for greater economic viability of the Rose Bay village. The redeveloped car park will offer 105 new public car parking spaces (200 compared to 95 currently), plus 29 new spaces for the small complementary retail spaces and community centre, as well as accessible public toilets and amenities and sustainability initiatives, including new greenery.

Make the switch to **GreenPower**



In the Woollahra local area, our biggest source of carbon emissions is from household electricity consumption (35% of total emissions). So if you want to do more to help fight climate change and protect the environment, switch your home to renewable energy.

If installing rooftop solar at home isn't an option for you – because you rent, live in an apartment, or don't have enough solar access – switching to renewable energy can be as simple as phoning your electricity provider to switch plans. The Development Application is currently under assessment and will be determined by the independent Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel.

To read more about this project visit the Your Say page and subscribe for updates: yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/ wilberforce

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Why GreenPower?

- You'll help get more electricity from wind and sun made in Australia.
- It's the only government accredited and audited green energy program.
- You can switch in as little as 10 minutes – depending on how much you want to shop around.





The South Head Anglican Parish's monthly community lunch, a 2022/23 grant recipient.

How to switch to GreenPower

Call your current provider and ask them to switch you to 100% GreenPower. If they quote you a much higher price, get quotes from other providers, or use the Energy Made Easy comparison tool to find the cheapest deals.

Visit our website for more resources to help you make the switch: **woollahra.nsw.gov.au/** greenpower



Apply for a grant and help make Woollahra even better

We're inviting individuals, schools, organisations, and businesses from across our local area to apply for a share of \$255,000 in grant funding.

Our Grants Program, which has been expanded this year, supports projects that work towards a connected, liveable, creative and sustainable community, with funding available across four categories:

• Community and Cultural Grants

- Placemaking Grants
- Environmental Grants
- Business Sector Support

Small grants of up to \$3,000, large grants of up to \$7,500 and business grants of up to \$10,000 are available.

"If you have a great idea that would benefit the community and just need some assistance to get it started, our Grants Program is here to help," Woollahra Mayor Susan Wynne said.

"We are looking for projects that promote inclusivity, reduce social isolation and benefit people with a disability, so I encourage you to apply and share your expertise and vision in these areas and help to make Woollahra a better place to live, work and enjoy."

Grant applications close on **30 July 2023**.

Find out more and apply at: **woollahra.nsw.gov.au/grants**

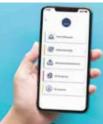
Bellevue Hill 2023

During 2023 we're celebrating everything about this wonderful neighbourhood – which shares the same postcode – the people, the businesses, the leafy streets and the wild beauty of Cooper Park.

"I love this school. I love the students, the community, the parents and the teachers."

Suzanne Bennett, Principal of Bellevue Hill Public School

Bellevue hill 2023



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'Caring for our Environment' **Kids Truck Art Competition**

Local primary school students (K-6) are invited to enter our Kids Truck Art Competition for the chance to see their artwork printed on one of our waste trucks for everyone to see!

Entries close 4 August. To find out more, including artwork specifications and where to send entries, visit: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/truckart

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2022 WINNER Senior category Highly Commended Behind the Glass David Kim, Yr10, Sydney Boys High School

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Recycle It Saturday

Saturday 26 August **Alexandra Canal Depot** 67C Bourke Rd, Alexandria (City of Sydney Depot) 9am-3pm

Woollahra Council has joined with City of Sydney and Waverley Councils to host Recycle It Saturday - a free drive-in, drop-off event where you can bring a range of items for recycling that can't go in your recycling bin at home.

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/problemwaste

Acknowledgement of Country

Woollahra Council acknowledges that we are on the land of the Gadigal and Birrabirragal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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