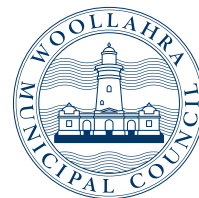


Celebrating our local area

Woollahra News



Summer 2024–2025

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Woollahra Libraries

Stay a little longer at Watsons Bay Library

To give our library members greater flexibility, we're trialling extended unstaffed hours at Watsons Bay Library, offering 19 additional hours of access each week and for the first time you can visit Watsons Bay Library on a Saturday!

Approved members can access the library to browse and borrow items, use the free Wi-Fi, public computers and printers. We've enhanced security and infrastructure to ensure you have a safe and seamless visit.

You will need to register for access on the Woollahra Libraries website before you visit, and undertake a quick tutorial on access procedures and safety. Once your application is approved, you can visit to pick up your summer reads before or after a swim, ferry ride or coffee!

For more information, to register and see opening hours:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/wblibrary

Sunset Sessions at Watsons Bay Library

Join us on the lawn of Watsons Bay Library as local author **Ailsa Piper** shares her top picks for summer reading (Wed 11 Dec, 5.30–7.30pm) and **Chris Baker** shares his stories of Sydney's best swimming spots (Wed 15 Jan, 5.30pm–7pm).

Tickets \$10, with light refreshments provided:

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/events



More time to explore Watsons Bay Library

Download the Woollahra Council App



Your free, fast and easy way to request a service anytime, anywhere.

Summer fun at Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf

After a swim at Murray Rose Pool, pop into the Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf to discover our exciting summer program from **11 December – 9 February**.

Open Wednesday to Sunday (closed public holidays), admission is free:

woollahragallery.com.au



Gabbee Stolp's *Mother of Pearl* is a suite of contemporary jewellery and objects crafted with oysters, reflecting on place and honouring the life ingrained within the strata of each shell.



Mayor's Message

I am honoured to be the Mayor of Woollahra and I'm looking forward to working with all Councillors and staff to serve our local community.

I'm going to focus on: making Development Application processing quicker and simpler; opposing over-development; supporting local businesses; working with service providers and the community to reduce family violence; giving young people a voice and promoting mental health.

There are many local events happening over the festive season; from community carols to Chanukah by the Bay,

and Christmas window displays on Queen Street. See a list of local events at woollahra.nsw.gov.au/festive

The festive season can be a challenging time for some, but please know you are not alone. If you need support please reach out to Lifeline (13 11 14) Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636) or Kids Helpline (1900 55 1800).

On behalf of everyone at Woollahra Council, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and may the New Year bring you joy.

Councillor Sarah Swan
Mayor of Woollahra



Simon Greiner's *Here Be Dragons*

draws inspiration from medieval and renaissance maps, creating a menagerie of maritime sculptures created from recycled cardboard. You can join Simon at his family-friendly workshops at the gallery on **Saturday 18 January** and create your own sea monster!



Kristy Kross' *National Treasure*

explores human relationships with the ocean through textiles, video and performance.



Woollahra
Gallery
at Redleaf



When an item is no longer sparking joy: think before you throw it!

If you're de-cluttering these holidays, think about how you can get rid of your item responsibly and sustainably.

1. Make re-use your first choice

Your trash could be someone else's treasure, so try listing your item on Facebook Marketplace, eBay or donate to The Bower (Marrickville) or another local charity. Check our re-use options: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/reuse

2. Book an e-waste pick up, or drop off at Recycle It Saturday

Some household items can be recycled, but not via your yellow-lid bin. Book a free e-waste pick up and we'll collect items from your kerb the next business day. Batteries, polystyrene, small metal items, bikes and lots more can be dropped off at Recycle It Saturday events, held in conjunction with City of Sydney and Waverley Councils. The next event is on 22 February 2025.

3. Use our scheduled clean up service

Dispose of your larger household items and items not accepted in yellow and red-lid bins, on three scheduled dates each year. Can't wait until your next clean-up? You can book a special paid pick up of household rubbish.

In December households will receive more information about our waste services, including your Scheduled Clean Up dates for 2025, also available online: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/rubbish








Never bin batteries. They cause fires.
Please dispose of your used batteries safely.



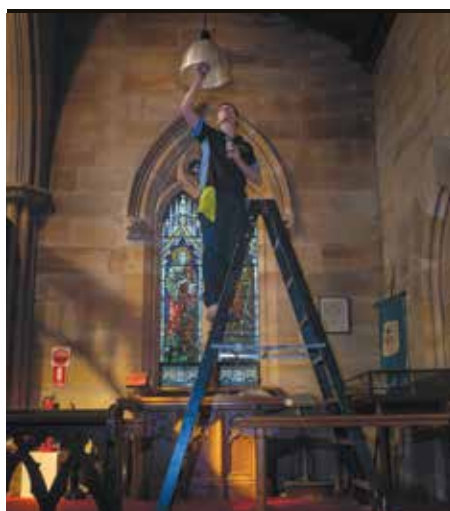
Scan QR for info on the safe disposal of batteries.

Top tips to save money on water & electricity bills this summer

Long, hot summer days are here. You can be kinder to the environment and your wallet by following these handy tips:

-  Water lawns and gardens before 10am and after 4pm using a hand-held hose with a trigger nozzle or install a drip irrigation system with a timer.
-  Add some mulch to your garden to help soil retain water for your plants. You can pick up some free mulch from The Gunyah car park, entrance at the junction of Old South Head Road and Salisbury Street, Watsons Bay.
-  Use fans to cool your home or set your air conditioner temperature to 25–27 degrees. Every degree makes a difference.
-  Check NSW Government incentives to upgrade your air conditioning, hot water system or pool pump.
-  Add a battery to your rooftop solar system and take advantage of new NSW Government incentives.

Find out more at: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/environment



Let there be light!
















Our Environmental Grant has helped the 148-year-old All Saints Church in Woollahra to install LED lighting, cutting down on both their power bills and greenhouse gas emissions.

"With energy costs ramping ever higher, we needed more light from less electricity, and that is what your grant has given us," said All Saints' Woollahra Senior Minister Marcelo Morbelli.

We were proud to support 11 local community organisations and schools with over \$50,000 in funding in this year's Environmental Grants program.

Woollahra Councillors 2024–2028

To find out which Ward you live in, who represents you and how to contact them, go to: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/councillors

Bellevue Hill Ward	Cooper Ward	Double Bay Ward	Paddington Ward	Vaucluse Ward
 Sean Carmichael Deputy Mayor	 Torsten	 James Ardouin	 Alexander Andruska	 Mary-Lou Jarvis OAM
 Lucinda Regan	 Jeanette Mitchell	 Mark Silcocks	 Harriet Price	 Julian Parmegiani
 Hugh Woodgate	 Sarah Swan Mayor	 Toni Zeltzer	 Matthew Robertson	 Merrill Witt



“The things that I enjoy most about the Home Library Service is their kindness and efficiency,”

Bernard Machliss
Home Library Service member

Library Courier Ray delivering books to Bernard

Home Library Service: bringing the library to you

Are you unable to come to the library because of illness, disability, limited mobility or caring responsibilities? If so, our Home Library Service may be able to help you.

“I receive a bag of books once a month and I can request what I would like to read on a note which I place in the bag. It is most efficient as they find copies of everything I would like to read, even if the books are from other libraries,” Home Library Service member Bernard Machliss said.

Members can request up to 10 items per month including books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, audiobooks and community languages. Magnifiers and assisted reading devices can be supplied and we can help with setting up access for eResources including eBooks, eAudio, and streaming services available through the library.

Carers of people living with dementia are also encouraged to borrow our new Memory Boxes to spark connection and memories with their loved one.



A Memory Box

We also provide a monthly bus service to assist members to get to the library.

Find out more:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/homelibrary



Flying Boat landing at Lyne Park Playground!

We've loved seeing so many people of all ages and abilities enjoying the recently upgraded Lyne Park Playground.

We're working hard to install a fun and interactive piece of equipment we are calling the 'Flying Boat', and a new intergenerational activity trail by Christmas.

Read more about the playground upgrade:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/lynepark



Summer fun at the library

There's so much happening at Woollahra Libraries over the summer holidays.

For **kids** we're running fun circus themed activities including a Sideshow Alley Escape Room (ages 8+), Circus Brick Build (ages 7-12), Paper Circus Craft (ages 5-12) and more. For **young adults** (ages 13+) there's a table tennis pop-up and board game sessions. Most events are free, but bookings are essential. Find out more and book your spot:

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

Kids, youth and adults are invited to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge for the chance to win some great prizes!

Find out more: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/summerreading



Woollahra Libraries

Season's Greetings

Our Customer Service Centre and offices will be closed from **4.30pm Tuesday 24 December until Thursday 2 January 2025**. During this holiday period you can contact us via our website, the Woollahra App or by calling 9391 7000.

Waste and recycling services will continue as usual. Real (organic) Christmas trees can be left next to your green bin for collection on your usual service day. Read more: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/rubbish



NYE 24

Plan ahead for a fun and safe New Year's Eve

For information on New Year's Eve fireworks vantage points, local road closures and traffic management information, visit: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/nye



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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