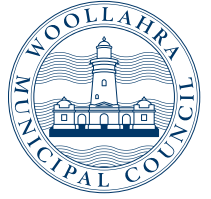


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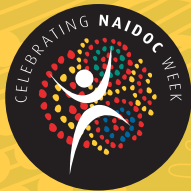
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A stroll along Queen Street,
Woollahra



**KEEP THE FIRE
BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD
AND PROUD**
7-14 July

Celebrate NAIDOC Week



During NAIDOC Week we celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

You are warmly invited to our free NAIDOC Week community open day on **Saturday 13 July** from **12.00pm** at Cooper Park Community Hall. Join us for a Welcome to Country, enjoy cultural music, dance performances, food and more as we celebrate the oldest continuous culture on earth.

Woollahra Libraries are also hosting a **Weaving Workshop (9 July)** and kids will love **Animals of the Dreaming with Uncle Col (10 July)**.

You can also explore an exhibition by Murriwarri artist **Virginia Keft** at Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf **(19 June-14 July)**.

To find out more, visit:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOC



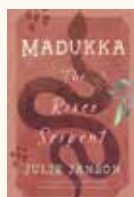
Main image: Gamay Dancers
Above: *Matjam yapinj yapin tja* (Flying Fox in the Spring) by Virginia Keft; animals of the dreaming; weaving workshop at Woollahra Libraries.

5 NAIDOC Week recommended reads

All available at Woollahra Libraries.



Always Will Be
by Mikaeyla Saunders



**Madukka
the River Serpent**
by Julie Janson



**Black Duck:
A Year at Yumburra**
by Bruce Pascoe,
with Lyn Harwood



**The Broken
Rainbow**
by Tasma Walton &
Samantha Campbell



The First Scientists
by Corey Tutt;
illustrations by
Blak Douglas



Mayor with the winners of the Anzac Day Writing Competition, Ashira and Benjamin; with Deputy Mayor Sarah Swan on the new court at Harbourview Park.

Mayor's Message

It has been a great privilege to serve our community as Mayor of one of the most beautiful locations in the world. I won't be seeking re-election on 14 September at the local government elections, so I wanted to share how grateful I am for the support I have received from the community, my family and Councillor colleagues, especially the Deputy Mayor, Sarah Swan.

It's been a busy and productive 12 months as Mayor. I have fought for the community on a number of important issues including:

- Opposing the NSW Government's housing reforms and targets, which will have catastrophic local impacts on building density and height, traffic congestion, tree canopy, public transport, education and

other infrastructure as well as irreversibly changing the character of our area.

- Providing even better outdoor recreation options for our community, we unveiled new mini basketball and netball courts at Harbourview Park and Moncur Reserve, and we're upgrading the playgrounds at Lyne Park and Spring St Reserve.
- Lobbying the NSW Government to stop the proposed Oxford St cycleway, which would reduce one of our major roads from four lanes to two, and cause severe disruption to local businesses and our community.
- Addressing the impact of cost shifting from other levels of government to our Council, which costs Woollahra more than \$14 million a year.

As part of our commitment to achieving greater efficiency, I have proposed a reduction in our Councillor numbers from 15 to 9. This would bring us closer into line with neighbouring councils, and result in less money and time spent on politics, with more focus on service delivery. You'll be asked to vote on this at the upcoming election – read more below.

On a personal note it was a highlight to unveil a portrait of Woollahra's first female Mayor, Brenda 'Dutchie' Backhouse, with Deputy Mayor Sarah Swan on International Women's Day. Dutchie's portrait is a legacy to all the incredible women who have dedicated their lives to public service, and continue to do so.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in our beautiful local area.

Councillor Richard Shields
Mayor of Woollahra

NSW Local Government Elections are on Saturday 14 September 2024

On election day, you will be asked to vote in a local government election for Woollahra and respond to a Constitutional Referendum question:

Woollahra Municipal Council currently has 15 Councillors.

Do you favour reducing the total number of Councillors from 15 to 9?

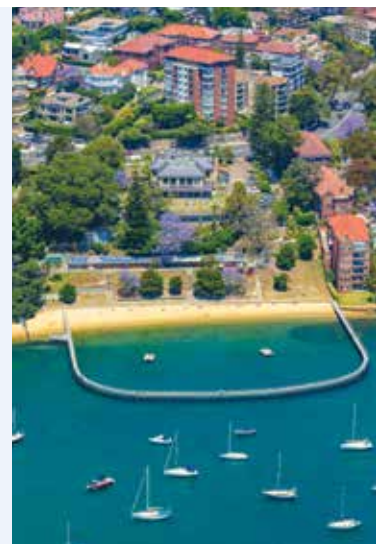
If the majority of electors vote yes, it is likely the number of wards in our Local Government Area would be reduced from 5 to 3, with changes coming into effect in 2028.

yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/referendum-election

The Local Government election and the referendum will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission.



Scan for more info.



New power pole EV chargers



Electric vehicle (EV) owners can now access even more public charging options with the introduction of new power pole mounted EV chargers.

21 new power pole chargers have been installed across the eastern beaches, as part of a 12-month trial led by provider Intellihub, with funding from the Australian Government. The chargers are powered by 100% accredited GreenPower (renewable energy from government accredited sources).

Mayor of Woollahra Richard Shields said providing easy access to kerbside public chargers was essential to encouraging people to make the switch to EVs and lowering our carbon emissions.

“More than 70% of Woollahra residents live in apartments, townhouses or terraces and have difficulty charging at home,” the Mayor said.

“These new chargers are a simple but smart way to increase EV charging options in the east, both for residents and our many visitors.

“The new chargers have already been used hundreds of times since installation, demonstrating the strong demand,” he said.



Check out our Seed Library

Watsons Bay Library recently launched a Seed Library, to help the community grow their own food and practice sustainable gardening.

Seeds are free for library members to take home. While there's no pressure to return the seeds you've borrowed, we encourage you to harvest your own seeds and contribute to the sharing and swapping system. This way there are always seeds available.

Read more: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/seedlibrary

Locations of power pole EV chargers:

- 71 Adelaide St, Woollahra
- 3 Trelawney St, Woollahra
- 1 Quarry St, Paddington
- 27 Campbell Ave, Paddington
- 23 Royston St, Paddington
- 176 Sutherland St, Paddington
- 7 Laguna St, Vacluse

To view a map of all public EV chargers:

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/EV



Scan for a map of public EV charging stations.

Mayor and Deputy Mayor with a power pole charger on Sutherland Street, Paddington.





Create compost, not landfill by using your green bin for food scraps



Make sure your compostable bag displays this logo.

A recent audit showed that food waste comprises roughly 30% of the contents of our red bins.

You could divert this waste from landfill and create nourishing compost instead, by putting food scraps into your green bin.

We accept all kinds of food scraps including fruit and vegetables, meat and bones, pantry food and leftovers, eggshells and cheese.

Items can be placed loosely into your green bin or you can contain them in newspaper or a compostable bag (must display the AS 4736 certification seedling logo).

You can pick up a free kitchen caddy from our Customer Service Centre to help you separate food scraps from general waste in the kitchen.

Find out more:

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/kitchentocompost

Fighting NSW Government housing demands



As the Mayor of Woollahra, I'm concerned the NSW Government's housing demands for Woollahra, almost quadrupling the size of previous targets to 1900 new dwellings by 2029, will be catastrophic for our community.

We are already one of the most heavily populated areas in Sydney, with 77% medium and high density housing in an area just 12 km², compared to a density of 43% in Greater Sydney.

In late May I met with NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully on behalf of the Woollahra community and conveyed



Artist impression: Court Road, Double Bay, current dwellings and proposed changes

to him the heavy lifting that our area has already done to contribute to additional housing supply in Sydney over many years, having met all of our previous housing targets.

In consultation with our community we proactively planned to provide more housing in parts of Edgecliff and Double Bay, the most appropriate locations for increases that would deliver 915 new dwellings in total: a more sustainable approach led by realistic capacity.

I am disappointed that the government has chosen to disregard these facts and force excessive

bulk and scale in new development across our LGA, without consideration of the current or future strain on infrastructure. I fear these demands will lead to the destruction of green canopy, erosion of heritage protections and place further pressure on local public transport and education services, with no regard to our already congested roads.

I will continue to fight for our community in an effort to stop this disastrous policy being forced on our beautiful area and I am grateful to our Councillors for their unanimous support.



Megan Cheung *Sky Rat Myriad*
 First Prize Black and White Category
 Yr 9, Loreto Kirribilli, 2023

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Meet your Ward Councillors



People living or working in the Vaucluse and Paddington Wards are invited to meet with their Ward Councillors.

Paddington Ward
Tuesday 9 July

Vaucluse Ward
Tuesday 23 July

6pm–7.30pm
 Woollahra Council Chambers
 536 New South Head Rd
 Double Bay

This event provides an ideal opportunity to hear from your Councillors and to share your ideas, concerns and questions.

To find out more and to RSVP, visit:

yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/ward-councillors



Unsure which Ward you are in? Visit woollahra.nsw.gov.au/ward

Woollahra Libraries



MAGIC school holiday fun 6-21 July

Join Woollahra Libraries these school holidays for magical writing workshops, a magic show, craft and film screenings.

For teens, there's a VR session and crochet workshop.

Find out more and book your spot:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays



Join us on National Tree Day

Sunday 28 July, 9.30am – 12.30pm
Christison Park, Vaucluse



Re-connect with nature and do your bit for our local environment by planting a local native species.

Plants, gloves and tools will be supplied. Afterwards, join us for a snack and kids can enjoy our interactive native wildlife program.

Register on the Planet Ark website:
treeday.planetark.org/site/10029266
 or scan the QR code.



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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