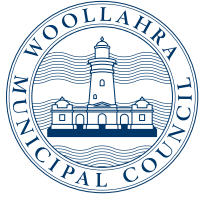


Celebrating our local area

Woollahra News



Autumn 2025

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Festival of Fun

Power up with rooftop solar

Free clothing and battery pick-up

New Vauclose library kiosk for families

School holiday fun & more!

Come along and enjoy the
Woollahra Festival 2025





Randall Kemp from Ray White Woollahra, Mayor of Woollahra Sarah Swan and Giles Edmonds, Queen Street & West Woollahra Association President on Queen Street.

Woollahra Festival 2025

The Queen Street & West Woollahra Association is hosting a weekend of celebrations around the Queen Street village from Friday 28 March to Sunday 30 March.

“2025 will be an exciting year for Woollahra. The 2025 Festival will showcase the best our area has to offer, from our amazing retail and hospitality to unique cultural experiences. I encourage everyone

to come along and enjoy a great community experience,” Queen Street & West Woollahra Association President Giles Edmonds said.

Highlights include:

- Woollahra Writers’ Festival 2025 featuring conversations with leading contemporary writers Anna Funder, Suzie Miller and Nikki Gemmell and creative talents John Bell, Heather Mitchell, Tim Olsen and Christabel Blackman
- Art and Design talks

- Jazz in the Park, hosted by Chiswick restaurant
- Late night shopping and special in-store activations
- Free live entertainment, food and fun family activities throughout the weekend, including a visit from the Woollahra Libraries’ Spark Truck and the Woollahra Fire and Rescue team, guided local history walks – and much more!

Proudly supported by Woollahra Council and Ray White Woollahra.

Find out more and book ticketed events:

woollahrafestival.com.au

Book a free recycling pick-up



For a full list of accepted items visit:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/recycle

We’ve expanded our popular e-waste pick up service and we will now also collect your old batteries, clothes and accessories!

Use this service to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill, contribute to a circular economy and protect our truck drivers by keeping batteries and e-waste out of bins where they can start fires. Once collected, your unwanted clothes will be sold by Vinnies or turned into recycled material like new textile products including rugs, mats and commercial rags.

Book a free pick-up via the Woollahra App or by phone 9391 7000 and we’ll collect it from your kerb or rear lane the next business day.

We’ll collect and recycle:

Batteries
household (AA, AAA etc), rechargeable and car (lead acid) batteries.

Clothes, shoes and accessories
in good condition.

E-waste phones, computers, TVs and small and medium sized appliances.





Tree inspection program

Council arborists inspecting a fig tree

Our local area is known for our big and beautiful trees, some of which are hundreds of years old. There are more than 16,000 public managed trees throughout our Municipality, along our streets and roads and in our parks and reserves.

Our team of arborists regularly inspect public trees to identify symptoms of pests, disease and structural defects to help us prolong the life of our urban forest. Information about every inspected tree is recorded on our data base. When we identify trees that need some attention, we apply industry standards and best practice so our trees are managed with an acceptable level of risk.

Large and mature trees on public or private property should be inspected by a qualified arborist about every 18–24 months.

Here are some top tips for identifying poor tree health and potential structural defects in your garden or on your street or in your local park:

- Potential characteristics of a tree in decline can include:
 - Unusual discolouration of leaves,
 - Reduction in crown density (fewer leaves than normal)

- Excessive production of deadwood (of course make sure the tree isn't deciduous)
- Following an extreme weather event, have a look at your tree to see if there is anything unusual such as hanging or failed branches or splits or a lean in the trunk which you haven't noticed before.

If you have concerns about the health of a public tree, you can report it to us via the Woollahra Council App.

Trees play a crucial role in the cooling and wellbeing of our community and local (tree canopy) environment, which is why we recently adopted a new Urban Forest Strategy, which sets a target of planting 13,410 trees across our local area over the next 25 years.

You will start to see new trees being added to our parks, reserves and streets, and we are encouraging community members, schools and businesses to plant more trees on their properties, so we can reach our 30% canopy cover target by 2050, and continue to grow a green and leafy Woollahra that benefits everyone.

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Mayor Sarah Swan, with Councillor Mark Silcocks and Councillor Toni Zeltzer gearing up for the Festival of Fun events for seniors!

Mayor's Message

This year you're invited to join us in celebrating the iconic suburb of Woollahra and its postcode 2025.

We're supporting the Queen Street & West Woollahra Association's launch event, the *Woollahra Festival 2025* to be held from 28-30 March. Gather your friends, family and neighbours and enjoy food, drinks, live music, family-friendly entertainment, art, design and literary talks and local history walks. View the full program at: woollahrafestival.com.au

Throughout March we're also hosting a range of free and ticketed events to celebrate our seniors, including a Gatsby themed high tea dance, trishaw bike rides, guided tours and talks at the Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf. Find out more about the Festival of Fun, and book your spot: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/festivaloffun

Councillor Sarah Swan
Mayor of Woollahra

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

New beach mat improves accessibility at Camp Cove

We recently installed a new accessible beach mat at Camp Cove to make it easier for everyone in our community to swim at one of Sydney's most beautiful beaches during summer

The accessible beach mat provides a sturdy and visible path to help people with mobility challenges and parents with prams to move safely from the concrete ramp behind the kiosk, down to the water.

Mayor Sarah Swan at Camp Cove checking out the new accessible beach mat



Add a battery to your rooftop solar with NSW incentives

The NSW Government is offering new incentives to help home and business owners add batteries to their solar systems to maximise the use of the solar energy they generate and cut power bills.

If you already have rooftop solar you can work with an accredited supplier to access:

- between \$770 to \$2400 off the up-front installation costs of a battery
- between \$120 to \$400 for connecting your battery to a demand response contract, also known as a Virtual Power Plant.

For homes and businesses without solar, the incentive can be priced into a quote for a new solar and battery system installation.

Find out more:

energy.nsw.gov.au/households

Workshop: How to Install Rooftop Solar and Batteries

Wednesday 26 March
6.00pm–7.15pm
Woollahra Library at
Double Bay

Join our free workshop to find out how to install a rooftop solar system on your home or business and take advantage of new government battery incentives.

Bookings essential:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/events

If you have a great idea for a project, you may be eligible for grant funding.



woollahra.nsw.gov.au/grants

Woollahra Grants Program

We are proud to support great initiatives like the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia's 'Cuddle Bundles' program through our Grants Program.

'Cuddle Bundles' supplies vulnerable new mums with bundles of pre-loved baby wear and accessories, donated by other local families – reducing waste to landfill and contributing to a circular economy.



Cuddle Bundles used an Environmental Grant to help them purchase a new shed to store donated items.

You can apply for our 2025/26 grants program from 31 March–11 May. We'll be running an online information session on 11 March and two face-to-face workshops on 20 March to help you prepare your application.

Lyne Park Playground fun

If you haven't checked out our recently upgraded playground at Lyne Park, Rose Bay, it's worth a visit. You can enjoy the new slide, flying boat plane, swings, flying foxes and a bike trail for younger kids. Thanks to all the parents and kids for their positive feedback. We are so glad you love it!

The playground is just plane fun!



Our Woollahra Libraries Courier Ray topping up the kiosk.

Vaucluse Kiosk: a valuable new library resource for families

Located at the entrance of the Vaucluse Bowling Club and Community Facility, our new self-service library kiosk has a collection of thoughtfully curated books to support families visiting the Maternity, Child and Family Health service. There are kids' picture books and fiction and non-fiction books on topics like parenting, self-care, yoga and family meals.

Use your Woollahra Libraries membership card to access the kiosk. Items taken out are automatically checked out to you and can be returned to the kiosk or any of our library locations.

You can access the kiosk during the Maternity, Child and Family Health service opening hours (weekdays 10am-4pm) or while you're on site for a group activity or event.

The Vaucluse Bowling Club and Community Facility at 80-82 New South Head, Vaucluse is a great venue for hire.
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Woollahra
Libraries

Autumn School Holiday Program

14–24 April 2025

Be a knight for a day:
Be brave and bold these holidays.

Step into the realm—knights, dames,
royalty, and adventurers welcome!

Woollahra Libraries is hosting
a variety of fun and affordable
activities during the school holidays.

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



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**FESTIVAL
OF FUN**
MARCH 2025



Join us for an
exciting program of
events for seniors.

For a full list
of events and to book,
[woollahra.nsw.gov.au/
festivaloffun](http://woollahra.nsw.gov.au/festivaloffun)




Guided Tour + Artist Talk

Saturday 22 March, 2–3.30pm

You're invited to join us for a free guided tour
of our upcoming exhibitions, and to hear
from the artists as they share insights into
their creative practices.

Exhibitions 12 March–6 April: *We Were Only
Inches Away* by Sandie Don and Mark Gowing,
The Public Square by Joel Dickens, and *Shape
Experiments 24–25* by Oscar Nimmo, and
Oars by Drew Connor Holland.

woollahragallery.com.au
Open Wed–Sun, Free Admission
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548 New South Head Road, Double Bay
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