



Mayor's message

Cr John Faker, Mayor of Burwood Council

1000 tree program continues apace

As we head towards the end of the 2020-21 financial year I am proud to highlight our achievements in enhancing the local area and supporting our community.

The year started with a traditional smoking ceremony to mark the COVID-safe official opening of the upgraded Burwood Council and Library Building and new state of the art Community Hub. This transformational project has already proven to be major success and a legacy for future generations.

While COVID impacted our events program we did celebrate Australia Day's Movies in the Park at Wangal Park, welcomed over 2,000 people to the Unity Place Community Day, commemorated Anzac Day at Burwood Park, and remembered local Trooper Michael Tognolini who was tragically killed in the Vietnam War aged 19.



We recognised our older residents during Seniors Week and outlined the opportunities that lie ahead for

some of our youngest during the Careers Expo.

Our Capital Work Program saw major developments commence such as the new indoor pool at Enfield Aquatic Centre, the multipurpose courts at Grant Park and the Sports Amenities Building in Henley Park. Our town centres continue to get a makeover with more planter boxes and trees, new lighting, footpaths and seating.

There's a lot to look forward to in the next financial year and I will be highlighting the budget spend and projects in the next newsletter. Until then, stay informed by signing up for our e-news on Council's website and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and WeChat for daily updates and news.

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This year we've reaffirmed our commitment to greening the Local Government Area by planting an additional 500 trees on our streets. This follows the completion of the first 500 tree planting program in 2020 with the aim of the program to beautify the natural environment, help reduce pollution, keep the area cool, and protect the homes of our native animals.

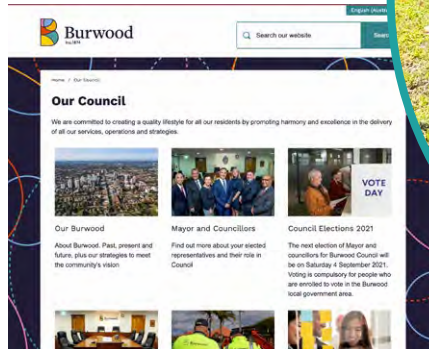


2020-2021 highlights



New Burwood Council Library and Community Hub

A small celebration ushered in a new era for residents in August with the official opening of the \$15 million upgraded Burwood Council and Library Building and the new Community Hub is proving to be popular asset in its first year. Since September we have logged more than 88,000 visitors. Some of the facilities available to use include multi-media studios, interactive digital lounges and learning labs where people can hone their creative skills as well as a garden amphitheatre used for a variety of activities.



Focus on digital customer experience

Last year we launched a new website to enhance the customer experience with real time feedback capability. This allows users the opportunity to have their say on each individual page as they experience it allowing us to make changes as we seek to deliver the best possible experience. In addition, around 50 Forms were moved on-line to streamline the community's interaction with Council services. Our e-planning lodgement system in particular has proved a huge success with reduced processing times and positive community feedback.



Looking after our four-legged friends

Exercising our dogs is a great way to keep fit and healthy. Sanders Reserve has recently become the fifth off-leash area across the LGA and dogs can be exercised without one at all hours. For information about our other off-leash areas and other useful tips please visit the animal and pet section of our website.

Challenger Obstacle Course

Fitness enthusiasts including the young and young-at-heart have relished the physical and mental challenges of the Challenger Obstacle Course since it opened in Grant Park. Thanks to a \$330,000 grant from Sport Australia we developed an innovative youth-targeted obstacle course that boasts timed climbing, balance and upper body challenges.



Burwood Cares program continues

The Burwood Cares program continued to meet the COVID challenges faced by our community. As well as providing practical support and access to important information initiatives such as The Let Us Shout you lunch program supported businesses. The community were encouraged to eat at local dining venues with the chance to win a \$100 voucher to eat out again. The Christmas spirit was ignited with the popular Christmas Lights Competition. Households displayed their creativity which encouraged residents to emerge back into the neighbourhood after lock-down.

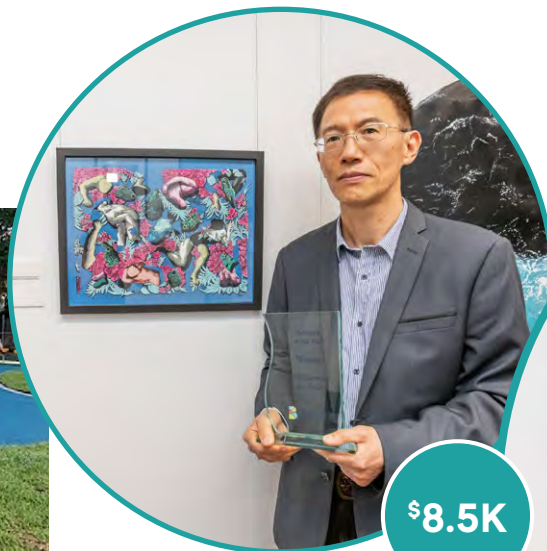




\$200K

New playground at Woodstock

An upgraded playground at Woodstock Park has proved to be a hit for our littlest residents and their parents. The \$200,000 upgrade included the installation of new play equipment, a sensory garden and street furniture. Find out more about our local parks on our website.



\$8.5K

2020 arts prize captures attention

The 2020 art prize open to artists who live, work, or study in the local area received 110 submissions featuring an amazing range of work. The \$5000 Artwork of the Year Prize went to Fan Dongwang for “Pandemic Body”. The \$2,500 new and Emerging Artist category was won by student Eleanor Dillon for “Bush Reverie” and the popular People’s Choice Award Winner Shirley Yin received \$1000 for her work “Sands of Time”.



Shopfront Improvements Grants Program

This program supports local businesses, improving community safety and enhances the overall appearance of the LGA by providing funds of up to \$3,000 to those wanting to improve the appearance of their shopfront. The first of eight total applicants in Zoom Real Estate and Wok n BBQ unveiled their improved shop fronts recently.



\$718K

Creating new urban spaces

The former Hornsey Lane was successfully revitalised into a smart, urban community space. The lane was converted into a pedestrianised area with new landscaping, street furniture and tree planting among a host of improvements. Most striking of all were the public art murals which provide a unique backdrop. Following completion of the project we invited the community to have the unique chance to ‘name the lane’ with more than 90% of respondents settling on the name ‘Unity Place’. The project worth \$718 was part funded by a grant from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment’s Shared Spaces Program with an additional ‘Festival of Place’ Summer Fund also supporting the event.

Capital works



\$1M

Railway Parade beautification works continue

In April six Australian Cabbage Tree Palms were successfully installed on Railway Parade. These Australian natives are over 5 metres tall, around 80-years-old, and were sourced from the Bulahdelah region and nursed in a farm in Topi Topi NSW before being safely transported to their new home. It's the latest part of the \$1 million Railway Parade East Upgrade.

Strathfield town centre beautification

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting a vibrant precinct for our residents and businesses, we will be undertaking a range of works on The Boulevard and Everton Road to enhance the Strathfield Town Centre.

Works include:

- Replacement of the existing bench seating
- Replacement of the existing waste units
- Replacement and upgrading of the existing planter boxes
- Landscaping providing a kaleidoscope of colour

The works will be delivered in a staged approach from May to September 2021 with the \$200,000 upgrade funded as part of the Australian Government – Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program.

\$200K



\$1M

Burwood Road main street refurbishment

Works to keep our town centres looking their best will continue on Burwood Road North. The \$1 million project which will commence in June includes civil works on footpaths, kerbs, and pavers, replacing bins and benches, and installing planter boxes.



Nominate now for the inaugural Mayor's Business Commendation Award

Nominations are **now open until 31 July 2021** for these awards to recognise small businesses that have made a significant contribution to Burwood's sense of place and community over a long period of time. Businesses are encouraged to nominate for the following categories:

- **Bronze Commendation (10+ years)**
- **Silver Commendation (25+ years)**
- **Gold Commendation (40+ years)**
- **Generational Family Business Commendation (2+ generations)**
- **Business Impact Commendation**

Self-nomination is encouraged and the awards will be presented at a ceremony during the NSW Small Business Month in October. Find out more about the award criteria and nomination forms on our website.



Business information

Businesses play an important role in our community. They provide employment opportunities to residents, support charities, school groups and local sport clubs, and are a key driving force in stimulating growth in the local economy.

We're committed to helping businesses maximise their potential and providing support to ensure they meet Council guidelines and regulations.



Eat local with Dine & Discover vouchers

Members of the community are racing to cash in their \$25 dine and discover vouchers before they expire on June 30. We've made it easier to know which local restaurants are participating in the program across our area.

Simply look out for the pink Burwood Eats poster in the window of your favourite eatery!

Eligible businesses can still register their interest in the program.

Business Concierge Program

Businesses feeling the strain from COVID-19 don't need to manage its impacts alone. This program can provide tailored case management to support your business, help you with applying for a range of government grants and services, and assist you as you start, run and grow your business as you adapt and recover in times of crisis.

To access business support programs visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/covid-19-help-smallbusinesses>

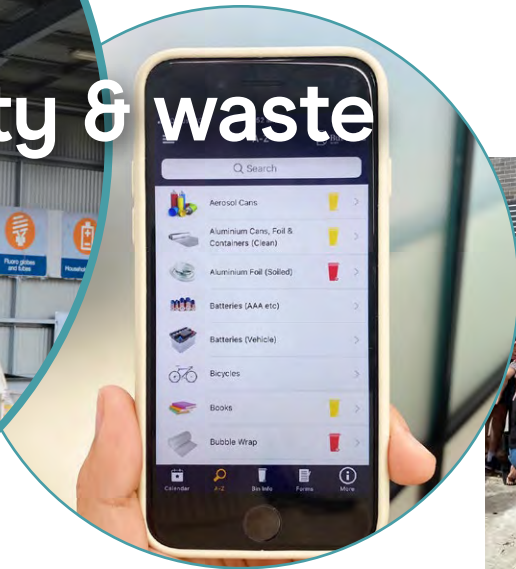


Apply for the small business fees and charges rebate

If you are a sole trader, the owner of a small business or a not-for-profit organisation in NSW, you may be eligible for a small business fees and charges rebate of \$1500. Rebate is available until 30 June 2022.



Sustainability & waste



Community Recycling Centre partnership a success

The partnership between our Council and Canada Bay on our Community Recycling Centre over its first full year has proved extremely successful. Residents are taking advantage of the program to carefully dispose of problematic waste such as gas bottles, paints, fluoro light globes, and smoke detectors. This waste is then sent to specialist centres for disposal. Find out more about the program on our website.

Waste App

Having trouble remembering the bin collection schedule? Wanting to report a problem but unsure of who to contact? Our Council Waste App makes it easy for residents to manage waste and recycle properly. Download the free App through Google Play or the App store today!

Sky high composting trial continues

Three apartment buildings in the local area continued their research into a Composting Pilot Trial. The program aims to investigate whether a communal compost facility can be successful in the high rise environment. Data is still being analysed with a decision on whether to expand the program to be made later this year.



Getting rid of your E-waste and white goods

Twice a month residents can call in from 8am-midday at our Operations Centre to get rid of household quantities of items such as fridges, washing machines, televisions, and computers. It's a great way to declutter your house and also know that the items will be disposed of in the proper way. Upcoming dates are June 5 & 19, July 10 & 24, and August 7 & 2.

Giving clothes a new lease on life

Australians are the second biggest consumer of new clothes on the planet and shockingly almost 85% of our clothing waste ends up in landfill. To help address this problem, we've partnered with Clothing CleanUp. This free service aims to increase the amount of textiles that are recycled and also sells many preloved items to developing countries. Find out more about the service by checking out their website.

Recycle your mattress

Getting enough sleep is vital for your health and wellbeing but what do you do when your trusty mattress reaches the end of its design life? Mattresses are a clunky part of the bedroom and traditionally end up as landfill or dumped on a street corner. Now there's a new option thanks to our partnership with Envirobeds. Your used mattress can now be collected, processed and recycled. Contact customer service to discuss your options when booking your yearly household clean-up.

Have
your
say

There are a number of Plans and Policies currently on public exhibition including our Draft Operational Plan and Budget and Fees and Charges 2021-2022. Make your voice heard by sending in a submission. Further information is available on our website: burwood.nsw.gov.au



It's official!

Council have endorsed the name change from Hornsey Lane to Unity Place after it was accepted by the Geographical Names Board of NSW in April.

Unity Place lights up the community

The recent Unity Place Community Day was a celebratory event held to thank the community for participating in the 'name the lane' competition. The space was lit up with interactive light installations and the event itself drew large crowds enjoying the music, magic and entertainment provided by local community groups, and outdoor library activities. The food trucks were very popular! Don't forget to stay tuned for our Burwood Spring month long program of events commencing in September.



Congratulating our 2020-21 Community Grant recipients

Our annual program of Community Grants provides much needed funding to local organisations to run activities, events and programs.

In 2020-21, a pool of \$60,000 was available for projects that could successfully benefit and support our local community. This year 33 organisations applied for the highly competitive grant with 18 projects receiving funding after they were assessed against Council's criteria.

The application process for the Community Grants Program for 2021-22 opens in October and we encourage all eligible organisations to apply.

Congratulations to the following recipients;

CASS Care Limited

Creating a virtual social gathering group for people with special needs. This project will run over 12 sessions and will help improve communication skills and develop a sense of community for participants.



St Paul's Church Burwood

Installation of a cool room to facilitate new outreach program of food provision to international students impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Little Helpers on the Run

Project seeks to improve the mental wellbeing of elderly residents living in nursing homes by implementing a community-based program that connects them with youth from schools across the area.



Ebenezer Mission Incorporated

Their latest project in partnership with the Australian Korean Disability Welfare Association Eben Care provides youth living with a disability the opportunity to participate in training and find employment.

Women and Girls Emergency Centre

A 10-week art therapy course which will be a pilot program to support women who are in emergency accommodation. This will give these women their own space and the opportunity to connect, receive support and share experiences.

Milk Crate Theatre

Creative workshops for women and children escaping domestic violence. The program will create social connections, build confidence, and teach participants new skills.

Metro Assist

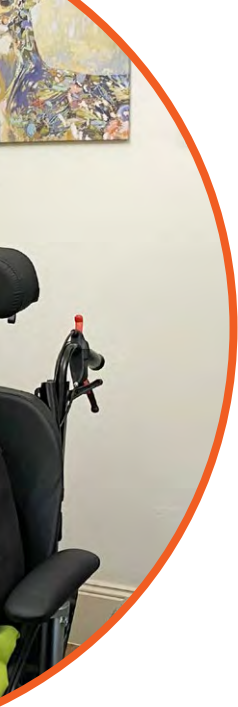
This project will support 25 young people aged 16-25 who are disengaged from society by helping them remain connected to family, the community and education. A key focus of the program is on training which will lead to better employment outcomes.

St Merkorious Charity Association Incorporated

Creating a Burwood Community Youth Volunteering Video. This campaign will showcase all the opportunities to become involved with charities with the specific aim of reaching out to young people to encourage them to volunteer.

Eurella Community Services

Speak-of-what-you-love project. This is a 15-week mixed ability voice course which will encourage a small group of participants to create their own voice through developing an original monologue.



The Greek Orthodox Parish and Community of Burwood & District Saint Nectarios Limited

Greek Street Fair Burwood 2021 – This traditional celebration is an opportunity to celebrate Greek culture through performance, food, music and activities for everyone to enjoy.



Burwood Community Welfare Services

Caring For Our Carers – This program held over six weeks will provide vital support to the carers in our community who have become socially isolated as a result of the COVID-Pandemic.

Sydney Chinese Drum Art Troupe Incorporated

Chinese Drum Dance and Chinese Traditional Dance Program. This project is targeted at local elders and aims to enrich their mental and physical health through dance.

Asian Women at Work Incorporated

Be connected, not isolated. This project will connect migrant women online where they can provide each other with support, learn new skills, and keep updated with what's happening in their community to overcome the challenges posed by being isolated.

Wrap with Love Volunteers Burwood Library

Volunteers come together on a weekly basis to knit blankets which are then distributed overseas and domestically to those in need.

Burwood Seniors Computer Club

Updating electronic teaching equipment for the use of volunteer tutors. This upgrade will ensure this vital service will continue so that our seniors are able to stay engaged with modern technology.

Inner West Neighbour Aid Incorporated

Ciao Buongiorno Intergenerational Morning Tea – Opportunity to bring together students learning Italian with those who speak it within their own community.

The Men's Table

Creating two new Men's Tables in the LGA to assist men with mental health issues. The group provides support and meals once a month.

Participate Australia Limited

School holiday activities for teenagers living with a disability. This project aims to help teenagers across the LGA with the physical and mental health by providing a safe and enjoyable environment for them to come together and participate in activities.



What's happening

Creating Worlds exhibition

1 May–31 July

How does virtual reality and immersive technologies change the way we interact with the world around us and each other? It's a profound question and we're giving residents the opportunity to immerse themselves in the 'Creating Worlds' exhibition during library hours.

NAIDOC Week

8 July

Time: Film screening starts at 6pm
Where: Burwood Library Garden Terrace

In Celebration of NAIDOC Week, Burwood Library is hosting a free film screening for teens on the Garden Terrace. Come and join us for a laugh, a bit of romance and celebration of culture, family and belonging set against the natural beauty of the top end.

Stay up-to-date with all the events planned for the week and other local news by subscribing to the regular Burwood Library E-Letter.

Sandakan Memorial Service

1 August

In the final stages of the Second World War Japanese soldiers in Borneo forced Australian and British servicemen to march more than 250 kilometres from Sandakan to Ranau.

The prisoners were often barefoot and marched without rest with those not fit to work, or who tried to escape killed or left to die.

In modern times this incident is regarded as one of the worst atrocities in Australia's military history with Australian and British forces losing 2,345 prisoners from the death marches.

The Burwood area was touched by the tragedy with 23 local men among those who lost their lives.

In 1993 the Sandakan Memorial in Burwood Park was unveiled with the community gathering each year to commemorate this event and ensuring those who died will never be forgotten.

Council Elections

4 September

NSW Local Government elections will be held from 8am-6pm.

You can check to see if you are enrolled at roll.elections.nsw.gov.au



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Keep informed with Newsbank Service

Library members have been able to tap into the wider world thanks to the Newsbank service as well as a host of other digital programs. Additionally, there's also a huge range of magazines such as the New Yorker and The Economist among other titles with many also available in foreign languages. Use your library card to log in.



TVB Anywhere Carnival 28 August

Time: From 10am
Where: Burwood Park

The TVB Anywhere Carnival is back in Burwood Park, celebrating its 7th year. From 10am the Park will be filled with stalls, rides, food trucks, roaming entertainment, craft activities and a full festival stage program, all celebrating Burwood's Asian culture. This will be a great day out for families.

For further details on this and other events go to Council's website and follow the links to the event calendar.

Community spotlight



1/ Crowds gather for the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Burwood Park. **2/** Visiting the Linburn Nursing Home. **3/** Greek National Day was celebrated in a splash of colour. **4/** Talking with students at the Careers Expo. **5/** Some members of Trooper Michael Tognolini's squadron gathered at the garden named in his honour on the 51st anniversary of his death. **6/** Participants are enjoying the annual morning tea during NSW Seniors Festival **7/** The 2021 Volunteer Recognition Awards. **8/** The Wrap With Love group celebrate its 11th birthday

Council News



Want to be a Councillor?

The election of Mayor and Councillors for Burwood Council will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021.

Are you keen to make a difference in the local area? Why not nominate to stand as a candidate in the Local Government Election.

We are encouraging all residents to consider becoming a candidate, especially women, young people and people from non-English speaking backgrounds to ensure Council represents the community it serves.

It's also important that you are correctly registered to vote. When you move house or if you change your name, you must update your details on the electoral roll otherwise you could be removed from the roll and will be unable to vote.



Pensioner rebate

Local pensioners have received a boost to help ease the cost of living with Council endorsing a special payment for the 2021-22 Financial Year.

The one-off rebate of \$25 brings the total rebate available to pensioners to \$400 and will apply to the upcoming rates notice.

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Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

24/7 after hours phone service.

Library & Community Hub

2 Conder Street, Burwood

New extended opening hours!

P: 9911 9999

E: library@burwood.nsw.gov.au

Monday & Friday 9.30am – 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am – 8pm

Wednesday 9.30am – 6pm

Saturday 11am – 4pm

Sunday 12noon – 4pm

Please check the website or contact the Library for updates.

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Enfield Aquatic Centre

Portland Street, Enfield

P: 9747 4319

E: eac@burwood.nsw.gov.au

Monday to Friday 6am – 8pm

Saturday and Sunday 7am – 6pm

Public holidays 8am – 4pm

See website for opening times.



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If you need an interpreter, please call the National Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450 to speak to a Council officer.