



Mayor's message

Cr John Faker, Mayor of Burwood Council

Celebrating Burwood's artists

While it wasn't quite the Christmas and New Year many were hoping for, I would like to thank our community for continuing to respond brilliantly to changing restrictions and ongoing health advice around COVID-19.

On a lighter note, I would like to wish you all a Happy Lunar Year. We have strong Asian representation in our community, particularly in our businesses and we continue our support by welcoming the Year of the Ox with a Lion Dance Parade in Burwood Town Centre on Saturday 13 February.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our annual event in Burwood Park but look forward to celebrating this time next year.

As we head into the New Year Council's work schedule continues at pace with a range of projects underway to beautify and upgrade local infrastructure.

Projects like the new Urban Park and Cultural Centre which will provide a flagship piece of infrastructure in the heart of Burwood and a defined civic and cultural precinct within the Burwood Town Centre for generations to come.

Our new Community Hub, which sits proudly as part of the Burwood Council and Library is now open for the community to use and enjoy.

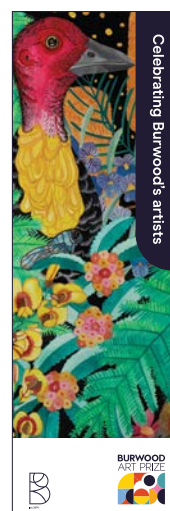
Meantime the day to day work of Council continues. Last year we handled over 35,000 calls, completed 600 maintenance jobs, and processed Development Applications three times faster thanks to our new Online Portal. We will continue to build on these achievements to make our local area a great place to live and work.

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The incredible showcase of local talent on offer in the 2020 Burwood Art Prize is now flying high and proud for all to see on new street banners across Burwood. Congratulations to everyone who entered the ever popular event and to the Artwork of the Year Prize winner Fan Dongwang and Emerging Artist winner, Eleanor Dillon. You can see the amazing artworks on Council's website.

The impact the pandemic has had on the arts community has been enormous in terms of income loss which is why Council is proud to support our arts community who inspire, provoke and bring joy to our lives.



2019-2020 Annual Report highlights

There's a vast amount of work being done to support and enhance our local community. The full report is on Council's website. Here are some of the highlights across the five themes identified in our Strategic Plan.

1. Community & lifestyle

300+ participants in 10 Australian Aged Care Information Sessions delivered in 8 languages.



1167 items in community languages were added to the library – 12% of total library acquisitions and 10% more than in 2018/19.



94% take up of Learn to Swim Program places in term 4 2019.

2. Leadership innovation



Burwood Cares program developed to support businesses and the community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Digitise forms, applications, requests and payment methods. More than 50 interactive online forms were published as part of the new Council website. The forms allow customers to fill, submit and, if necessary, pay online, substantially improving turnaround times and reducing the need to visit Council in person.

3. Healthy & sustainable environment



One third of Burwood's 91km road network is swept every week.

In late 2019, due to drought, extra sweeps were added as trees dropped leaves to conserve moisture.

More maintenance jobs completed. 600+ scheduled maintenance jobs were completed (27% more than in 2018-19) as well as 1700 customer requests relating to maintenance (6% more than in 2018-19).

4. Planning infrastructure

Burwood residents are more satisfied than the Sydney average with:

- Traffic management and road safety (82% in Burwood and 69% for Sydney)
- Footpath maintenance (85% in Burwood and 73% for Sydney)
- Local roads maintenance (84% in Burwood and 75% for Sydney)

Development Applications processed 3 times faster than in 2017-18 due to new technology.

5. Vibrant city & villages

Town centres to be proud of. The Town Centre Beautification Program has continued to enhance the aesthetics of the business centres with more tree planting, seating, planter boxes, hanging baskets, church façade lighting and shopfront improvements.



Burwood promoted as a food destination in The Official Sydney Guide published in Korean, Chinese and English.

Street beautification works

It's all systems go with a number of major upgrade projects being undertaken by Council to beautify our local area.



Burwood Road

Over the past two years \$2.4 has been allocated to upgrade Burwood Road. This includes a \$1M upgrade of the northern side of the Burwood Road shopping strip and \$1.7M of improvements to the southern end of Burwood Road last year. New pavers and landscaping are being installed.



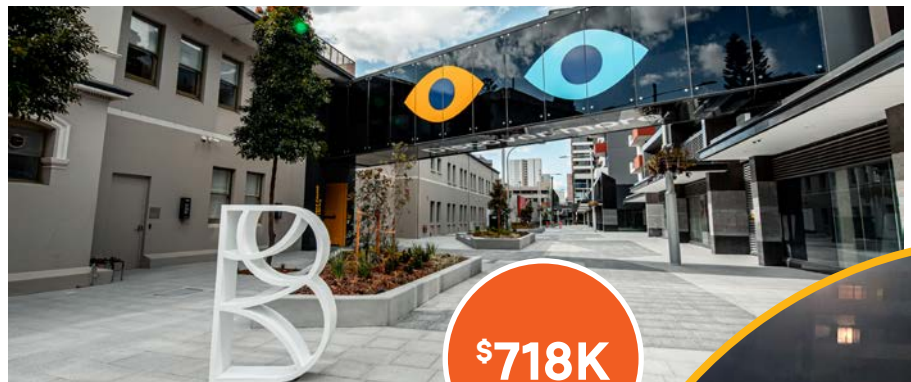
Railway Parade East upgrade

As part of a \$1M streetscape improvement program, new wider footpaths, multipurpose poles that integrate street lighting, hanging baskets and banners and new street furniture, including seats, and bins will be installed. Six mature *Livistona australis* cabbage tree palms will also be planted. Work is expected to be finished early this year.



Young Street

A \$55K upgrade of Young Street is now complete.



Hornsey Lane

The Lane between Conder Street and Wynne Avenue behind Burwood Council and Library has been transformed into a pedestrianised retail and artistic destination. The \$718K project, including a \$130K grant from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Streets As Shared Spaces program, has been fully landscaped with new paving, street furniture, tree planting, smartpoles for hanging baskets and street banners and catenary lighting zig zagging up high along the lane for a colourful festive night time atmosphere. Public art is a feature with three striking murals. See back page for details on renaming the space – Name the Lane competition.





Capital works

Enfield Aquatic Centre upgrade starts

The exciting redevelopment of the Enfield Aquatic Centre continues. The \$5.4M stage two upgrade of the Aquatic Centre will include a new 25 metre all-ages heated indoor Learn to Swim Pool.

\$5.4M



\$2.46M



Multipurpose courts and carpark

A \$2.46M upgrade at Grant Park in Enfield is now underway. This includes two new multipurpose courts, new lighting, plantings and car park. The project is supported with \$1 million grant funding from the NSW Government.





\$325K

Park upgrade works

A new playground, shade structure, equal access pathways, seating and bubbler will be installed over the coming months at Jackson Park. Park fencing will be extended with gates installed along the Tavistock Street frontage and on the Georges River Road fence.

New fencing and signage will also be installed early this year at Sanders Reserve Dog Off Leash and a new table tennis table, landscaping, seating, planting, and art work will be installed at Everton Rd Pocket Park.



\$3.6M



\$160K

1000 Trees Program

Following the success of the program, Council has doubled its target to plant 500 trees to 1000 new trees throughout the area. Another 91 native trees will also be planted in Wangal Park as a result of Council's successful \$160,000 Greening Our Cities Grant Application.



Henley Park

Over \$1.15M has been spent upgrading Henley Park with new flood and solar lighting, picnic shelters, exercise fitness stations, cricket pitches, a double flying fox and synthetic futsal field installed. In addition \$2M is being spent on works currently underway to upgrade and extend the existing amenities building, and \$500K of work is set to start to improve the turf, irrigation and drainage for sports fields 1 and 2.

What's happening

Lunar New Year

Saturday 13 February, 11am–1pm

A Lion Dance parade will be held to celebrate the Year of the Ox visiting businesses in the Burwood Town Centre.

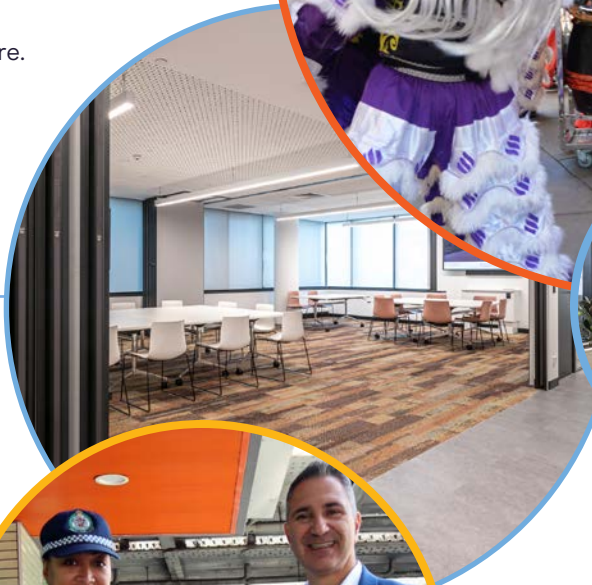
The parade will start and finish in Burwood Park.

Community Hub and spaces for hire

The Community Hub – a multi-million dollar venue in the heart of Burwood's central business district – is now available to hire! The state of the art space features expandable meeting rooms, interactive learning labs, and sound proof media rooms that are perfect for filming, rehearsals and recording. With beautifully crafted areas for study and reading, the Hub offers something for everyone. You can book the Hub or hire one of Council's other venues via our website.

New system for fines

Council has worked with Revenue NSW to improve our parking fine system following complaints from residents that the 'shopper docket' notifying fines were difficult to read. Letters will now be issued rather than dockets left on windscreens.



Look Out Look UP!

Stay safe – Look Out Look UP! It's easy to get distracted when you're on your phone – be aware of your surroundings and Look Out and Look UP! Wherever you are – on the street, shopping, waiting for a bus – stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.

Yellow Edge Lines – what do they mean?

Council is using unbroken yellow edge lines on the side of roads to indicate 'No Stopping' zones. This means a driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line. These areas need to be kept clear so drivers and pedestrians have a clear view of each other and road safety is maintained.

Stay in touch

With so much happening in our world sometimes it can be hard to stay in touch with what's going on in the local area. That's why Burwood Council sends out a regular electronic newsletter jam packed with information, local news and events. You can subscribe on the homepage of our website. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and WeChat for daily updates and news.

Community Spotlight



1/ New citizens are welcomed into our local community at our Citizenship Ceremony. **2/** Making history and headlines – Logan’s Piano Store in Burwood celebrated 100 years in business. **3/** Burwood’s Remembrance Day Memorial Service at the War Memorial Arch. **4/** Incredible local talent on display at the Burwood Art Prize exhibition. **5/** Thanking our wonderful Burwood SES volunteers who are always there to help. **6/** One of our happy Burwood Eats winners. **7/** Local charities received funding from the Mayor’s Christmas initiative. **8/** Celebrating International Day of People with Disability, Burwood Council’s GroovAbility Festival 2020 went digital.



Your input and feedback are a valued part of what makes Burwood an inclusive, dynamic and vibrant place. We'd love your thoughts on a number of exciting new projects for our local community. Visit our website to Have your Say!

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Library & Community Hub

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 Due to COVID restrictions,
 at time of printing:
 Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5pm
 Sunday 12 – 4pm.
 Please check the website or contact
 the Library for updates.
 @burwoodlibrary

Enfield Aquatic Centre

Portland Street, Enfield
 P: 9747 4319
 E: eac@burwood.nsw.gov.au
 Monday to Friday 6am – 8pm
 Saturday and Sunday 8am – 6pm
 Public holidays 8am – 4pm
 See website for opening times.

New Urban Park and Cultural Centre

The proposed Centre on the corner of Conder Street and Railway Parade Burwood, is the current Council carpark site in front of Burwood Council and Library. The project will be a flagship piece of infrastructure and open space, and create a defined civic and cultural precinct in the heart of Burwood Town Centre for generations to come. The consultation program is open until Sunday 28 February 2021.



Name the Lane!

Don't miss your chance to make your mark in history. Vote on the final shortlist of names to rename Hornsey Lane and go in the draw to win some great prizes. Stay tuned. Details will be available on our website in the coming weeks.



Youth Survey

Are you aged between 12-24 and live in the Burwood Council area? Let us know what you think about local youth needs and what you would like to see delivered for young people in Burwood. Fill in the online survey by Sunday 28 February 2021 and be in the running to win one of five \$50 Westfield gift vouchers.



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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.