

# MOSMAN NOW

## NEWSLETTER

### It's festival time!

The biennial Festival of Mosman is happening from 23 October to 2 November, showcasing nearly 80 events across an 11-day celebration.

The festival kicks off with a big opening night on Thursday 23 October in the civic precinct with a SpringFeast Night Market activating part of the roadway along The Crescent and flowing through to Mosman Square and Village Green.

On Friday 24 October, officers and sailors from HMAS *Penguin* will conduct a Freedom of Entry parade, starting from Prince Albert Street, via Military Road to the Mosman War Memorial. Later that evening, Dinner on the Green will provide an authentic Italian experience in an intimate setting under the stars on the Village Green, with a three-course feast prepared by Fourth Village Providore, and live entertainment.

Middle Head Road will come alive on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October with a lively two-day Festival Street Party, which will transform Mosman into a buzzing hub of entertainment.

On Saturday 1 November, as the sun sets over Headland Park, stories will come alive, through art, music and culture. This new event will feature Whale Song, a magical interactive outdoor theatre procession, celebrating the seasonal humpback whale migration.



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## Advocacy on planning changes

The State Government's planning reforms continue to be a focus for our Council and the community as we advocate for development that is guided by community-led planning controls, located in the right places and supported by appropriate infrastructure investment.

Council has supported a series of actions aimed at advocating for better development outcomes for our local area and will continue to work with its state counterparts to ensure the voices of Mosman residents are heard.

Discussions to date have been respectful and positive and regular updates will be provided to the community as matters progress.

Helping ensure the best possible outcomes for Mosman, with respect to our area's unique character and environment, and putting infrastructure requirements, particularly around traffic and transport, front and centre, will remain at the forefront of the conversation.

A resident-led petition, highlighting infrastructure concerns, is open via the NSW Parliament website.



Find out more about the Low and Mid-Rise planning reforms: [mosman.nsw.gov.au/lmr](https://mosman.nsw.gov.au/lmr)

## Top designs celebrated



Mayor Ann Marie Kimber with TRIAS Founding Director Jennifer McMaster

Outstanding contributions to the built environment and heritage of Mosman are featured in this year's Mosman Design Awards, with one nominee awarded three prizes. Cloaked House, a project by TRIAS architects that created a modern twist on a 1960s classic, was named the overall winner and picked up prizes in the alterations and additions and sustainable design categories. A Beauty Point build by CO-AP (Architects) was named best new house, and a reimagined residence - Vastu House by McNally Architects, was voted the People's Choice. The winning designs were revealed at an awards night in September at Allan Border Oval Pavilion. View the winners at [mosmandesignawards.com.au](https://mosmandesignawards.com.au)



## Creation Space

Looking for a space to experiment, create, and connect? The Creation Space in Mosman offers weekly adult drop-in sessions designed to inspire hands-on learning and creativity in a relaxed, social environment. Whether you're a seasoned maker or just curious to try something new, you'll have access to a range of creative tools including the Cricut Maker, podcasting studio, 3D printer and more. Free. Weekdays from 10am-12pm. To learn more visit [mosman.nsw.gov.au/creation-space](https://mosman.nsw.gov.au/creation-space).

## Youth literature awards



The creative endeavours of young writers and poets have been awarded through the 2025 Mosman Youth Awards in Literature (MYAL). More than 500 entries were received, an increase of more than 100 compared with 2024. For the first time, students can see their work published on the digital platform BorrowBox. The *MYAL Writers' Anthology 2025* includes winning and shortlisted entries and can be accessed with a Shorelink Libraries membership.

## Library futures plan

Mosman Library Service is developing a new futures plan to help guide services and programs over the next five years and beyond. Preliminary engagement with the community through consultations with key groups of children, youth and adults, as well as a customer survey and a pop-up stall at Mosman Market is helping guide the way. Additional feedback is strongly encouraged when the draft plan is made publicly available later this year. Council is also looking ahead to early community engagement and planning for a proposed new library and community hub.

## Rosherville playground upgrade



Plans for a new playground at Rosherville Reserve have received a \$250,000 boost, with the project among 15 across Sydney and the Central Coast to share in NSW Government Metropolitan Greenspace program grant funding. The project is scheduled for delivery next financial year, with design work and community consultation happening this year. The upgrade is set to: deliver a new nature-based playground with natural play elements, paths and landscaping; restore 5,000 square metres of adjacent bushland through weed removal and native planting; and create 260 metres of new and upgraded nature pathways, improving access and connections.

## Prized works on show



Finalists' works for the 2025 Mosman Art Prize are on show until 2 November, including the winner of the \$70,000 acquisitive award, *Blue boat (crowd on the island of Mangaia)*, by Mark Maurangi Carrol. This year's prize, judged by Justin Paton, Head Curator of International Art at the Art Gallery of NSW, brings together the work of 72 artists from across Australia, offering an insight into the different ways artists are telling stories, reflecting on identity, and responding to the world around them. Find out more at [mosmanartgallery.org.au](https://mosmanartgallery.org.au)

## Art gala

Mosman Art Gallery is hosting an inaugural Art Gala, a new fundraiser and celebration of art and creativity. The Grand Hall will be transformed for an evening that brings people together to enjoy art, performances and encounters with artists, while raising funds to support the gallery's programs. Guests will be welcomed with art theming, artworks, portraits painted of them by artists and live performances, before enjoying a dinner designed by chef Simon Ekas. The night will feature a live art auction, art experiences' auction, pledges and an art raffle, all dedicated to raising funds for the gallery's community initiatives. For details contact [a.shoebridge@mosman.nsw.gov.au](mailto:a.shoebridge@mosman.nsw.gov.au)

## Community grants



Projects fostering inclusion, creativity, and wellbeing that contribute to the vitality of Mosman and enhance a sense of belonging have received funding through our 2025/26 Community Grants Program. Each year Council provides financial support to groups with projects and initiatives that support the community. This year Council endorsed 22 grants of up to \$4,000 each, totalling \$70,051.

Read more about the recipients at [mosman.nsw.gov.au/news](https://mosman.nsw.gov.au/news)

## Journey to net zero

Be part of our net zero future! Simple actions like switching to renewable energy, choosing sustainable transport, and reducing waste can make a huge difference towards the goal of a net zero Mosman by 2040. We're also committed to achieving net zero emissions for Council operations by 2030. We've taken significant steps to reduce our carbon footprint, including switching to 100% renewable energy for Council facilities, upgrading to energy-efficient LED lighting, installing solar panels on Council buildings, and improving sustainable transport options such as electric vehicle charging stations. Find out more at [mosman.nsw.gov.au/environment/climate](https://mosman.nsw.gov.au/environment/climate)

MosmanNow's printed edition is available at locations throughout Mosman.

To download a PDF of the digital edition go to [mosman.nsw.gov.au/news/mosmannow](https://mosman.nsw.gov.au/news/mosmannow)

# What's On

There are so many great events and activities taking place in Mosman over the next few months. Here are some highlights of what's on offer - visit [events.mosman.nsw.gov.au](https://events.mosman.nsw.gov.au) for more.

## Mosman Children's Fair

Tuesday 28 October, 10am-12pm  
Mosman Square and Village Green

Enjoy face painting, carnival rides, animal displays, storytelling, crafts, music and sensory play in a safe, welcoming space designed just for toddlers and preschoolers.

Join us for a fun morning full of playful learning and memorable moments!

## Halloween Cinema Under the Stars

Friday 31 October, 7-9.30pm, Mosman Village Green

Get into the spooky spirit at our Halloween Cinema night! Enjoy eerie pre-movie entertainment, tasty movie snacks and pizza before settling in for a screening of *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. It's a family-friendly fright night full of fun, food, and a little Halloween magic.

## Mosman Market

Saturday 1 November, 8am-3pm  
Mosman Square and Village Green

Feel the festive spirit starting to bloom at Mosman Market. With the holiday season just around the corner, it's the perfect time to browse the unique selection of handmade goods. Discover artisan home décor, jewellery, fashion, stationery, children's gifts and more.

Enjoy ambient music and a lively atmosphere, while indulging in gourmet treats.

## Pet's Day Out

Sunday 2 November, 10am-2pm  
Mosman Square and Village Green

Get ready for a tail-wagging good time at Pet's Day Out! Hosted by Farmer Dave, with entertainment from Dr Katrina Warren and the Wonderdogs, plus a DOGA class by Rancan Sisters Fitness. Enjoy competitions (with or without your furry friends), animal-themed market stalls, a petting zoo, reptile display - and maybe even a unicorn! It's a paw-some day for pets and their people.

## Dementia Forum

Monday 17 November, 12-1.30pm  
Mosman Square Seniors Centre

Beyond Physical Activity and Puzzles: The Bigger Picture of Dementia Risk Reduction

Join Associate Professor Susanne Roehr, Phd as she discusses the latest science on dementia prevention. Beyond exercise and diet, brain health is shaped by sleep, learning, social connection, and even our environment. Find out what you can do - and why collective action matters for healthier ageing.

Bookings essential via [trybooking.com/DFSAAO](https://trybooking.com/DFSAAO)

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# Venue bookings

Council offers a range of publicly bookable venues and spaces, including the award-winning Allan Border Oval Pavilion, Clifton Gardens Reserve, Marie Bashir Mosman Sports Centre and more.

Browse each venue online, check availability, see what each site offers and the associated fees and conditions.

To learn more visit [mosman.bookable.net.au](https://mosman.bookable.net.au)



# HSC SUPPORT

The Library and Youth Centre will be open for extended hours between Monday 29 September and Wednesday 5 November.

## BARRY O'KEEFE LIBRARY

Mon 9.30am-9pm\*  
Tue-Thu 9.30am-9pm

## MOSMAN YOUTH CENTRE

Wed 3-8pm\*

\*evening food provided for Year 12 students

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