

MOSMAN NOW

NEWSLETTER

Christmas time is here

Celebrate the season in Mosman with plenty of activities to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and the wonderful sense of community in and around Mosman Village.

Residents are giving generously to our annual Christmas Gift Appeal, with new toys, books, puzzles, science kits, sporting gear, beach towels, personal accessories and toiletries being donated up until 8 December, before being distributed by The Salvation Army to children and families across the Northern Sydney region. The hundreds of gifts given this year will add to a tally of more than 2300 items collected over the past four years.

Businesses are beautifying their window displays as part of the annual Rapt decorating competition, providing an extra spark of joy and wonder as shoppers and pedestrians enjoy the retail, hospitality and services around Mosman Village, Avenue Road, Bridgepoint and Mosman Junction. This year you can also vote for your favourite display in the People's Choice Award. Scan the QR code at your chosen business premises or visit mosman.nsw.gov.au/rapt

Christmas lights can also be enjoyed in all their glory at Prince Albert Street on 14 December when residents host the annual Mosman Christmas Lights Party. Running from 7pm to 10pm, the event offers food, music and a chance to meet Santa alongside the dazzling festive displays. Council is among the event's supporters. Held annually since 2015, the Christmas Lights Party also raises funds for the Taronga Conservation Society Australia.

Action on planning

Actions and advocacy aimed at delivering the best outcomes for Mosman while catering to future housing growth are continuing at pace, as the state-driven planning reforms rapidly evolve. Council is:

- undertaking an infrastructure audit, which will help guide requirements around future development
- preparing an application for a new Developer Contributions Plan to include a potential 400 per cent increase in developer levies to help pay for future infrastructure
- developing an Affordable Housing Policy
- the Mayor is meeting with key Ministers to advocate for infrastructure investment, long-term transport solutions and local input into planning controls
- meeting with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure about a framework to determine the potential for an alternative plan to the LMR in Mosman.

This key strategic work will support future planning scenarios and form the foundation for how our Council manages increased housing density.

Ensuring planning assessments remain transparent, accountable and environmentally responsible will continue to be a key focus of Mosman's advocacy, as we seek to work collaboratively with the NSW Government, fellow councils and other stakeholders to address the housing crisis.

Advocacy efforts are focused on having community-led reforms that deliver a well-planned built environment that allows our community to grow while maintaining its unique character.



Stay up to date with the latest information at mosman.nsw.gov.au/lmr

Support local



When shopping, heading out for a meal, choosing a personal service over the summer break ... *Think Mosman First*. This community-driven initiative, led by the Mosman Chamber of Commerce with the support of our Council, aims to encourage residents and visitors to prioritise local businesses when shopping for goods or seeking services. Asking yourself, "Can I get what I need right here in Mosman?", to foster our culture of supporting neighbourhood retailers, service providers, and artisans. As well as sustaining the local economy, it strengthens our sense of community, ensuring that Mosman's unique character and charm continue to thrive.

More joy, less waste

Christmas can have a significant environmental impact, but with a little planning, it's possible to make the season joyful while reducing waste. Choose reusable items, handmade crafts, and solar-powered lights for decorations while avoiding plastics and opting for compostable or DIY alternatives. When gift giving, you can opt for thoughtful, eco-friendly choices such as experiences, thrifted items, plants, and handmade items, beautifully presented in reusable wrapping (think cloths or drawstring bags), or recycled brown paper decorated with natural trimmings. And plan that festive feast to help ensure the right amount of food is enjoyed by you and your guests – the bin does not need good food! For more tips and tricks visit mosman.nsw.gov.au

Foreshore showcase



Pay a visit to Mosman Art Gallery for its summer exhibition, *Foreshore*, open until 15 February. Works by contemporary artists and pieces from the Mosman Art Collection tell stories of local waterfront history, including indigenous, military, industrial and leisure aspects of the past. The show also features photos of White's Seahorse, the culmination of a citizen scientist competition and collaboration between our Council and the Sydney Institute of Marine Science. Details at mosmanartgallery.org.au

Jetty upgrade



Clifton Gardens jetty is set for a facelift. We've secured and will match the \$220,000 from Transport for NSW's Boating Infrastructure for Communities Grants Program. Rehabilitation and upgrade works will include structural improvements and accessibility enhancements such as extending the jetty landing to reduce distance between berthed vessels and the platform, and installing a handrail for the lower jetty platform, as well as other works. Designs will be completed early next year with works to be undertaken in mid- to late-2026.

Celebrate Australia Day

Join us on 26 January as we host a celebration of community and Aussie spirit with free entertainment, family-friendly games and activities, and a barbecue at Allan Border Oval. This free community event, supported by funding from the National Australia Day Council, will follow a citizenship ceremony at Allan Border Oval Pavilion where Mosman's 2026 Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will also be announced. Details at events.mosman.nsw.gov.au

Promote your event



Let people know about your next community-led event with a free listing on our Events Mosman website. We consider submissions for upcoming activities that support Mosman's unique identity and lifestyle and encourage participation in local initiatives. About 80 community events were featured alongside Council-led programming as part of this year's Festival of Mosman program, which wrapped up in early November after a fun-filled 11 days of festivities. Find out how to submit your event or see what's coming up at events.mosman.nsw.gov.au

Library renewal

Progress towards a new library and community hub has taken a step forward with Council endorsing a strategic initiative to transform the Barry O'Keefe Library into a modern, inclusive, and multifunctional civic facility. Informed by extensive studies and Council planning documents, the Mosman Library Renewal Project proposes a redevelopment that integrates the library with upgraded carpark facilities, improved public spaces, and enhanced accessibility.

The renewed library will serve as a central hub for learning, culture, and community connection, supporting Mosman's evolving civic needs. Public consultation and funding options will help inform the project's next steps. It follows recent community engagement about future library services, events and programs.

Aged care reforms

Visitors to our Seniors Centre and residents who receive support from our Community Care team may have heard about a new national regulatory framework for aged care services. All activities and support provided by Mosman Community Care and at the Seniors Centre will continue as is, but anyone who also receives help through a Home Care Package (now called Support at Home) is encouraged to chat with their service provider about the new framework. Find out more at health.gov.au/aged-care-reforms, call 1800 200 422 or drop into the Seniors Centre to chat with staff.

Inclusive community

Our Access and Inclusion Community Consultative Committee is helping us shape a community where everyone can participate fully, regardless of ability. Guided by our Disability Inclusion Action Plan, the advisory committee is working on recommendations for ideas and strategies to remove barriers and create opportunities through practical initiatives such as accessible public facilities and inclusive community events. To coincide with International Day of People with Disability on 3 December, we're sharing stories from committee members about their experiences and what inclusion means in Mosman. View the video via our Mosman Council YouTube channel.

Pool safety



With summer well and truly here, residents are reminded to be aware of swimming pool safety. Pool owners are advised to check that pool gates are self-closing and latching, that objects such as furniture and vegetation are not within 90 centimetres of a pool fence and that children are always actively supervised around water. Find out more at swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au

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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 for more.

School Holiday Program

Tuesday 6 to Thursday 29 January, Barry O'Keefe Library
Mosman Library Service is offering an exciting and educational program to keep children and youth in school years K-12 engaged over the summer break. Learn how to make your own mini-zines or DIY terrariums, join an all day library scavenger hunt, puzzle your heart out and more. All free, some require bookings. Visit events.mosman.nsw.gov.au/holidays

Shorelink Summer Reading Challenge

Until Friday 30 January

The Summer Reading Challenge aims to show that reading can be enjoyable and encourages children and young people to keep exploring and learning throughout the summer months. Pick up your activity booklet and get started today!

Earn a Golden Ticket to the inaugural Summer Reading Party on the final day of the challenge. Drop into Barry O'Keefe Library to find out more.

Christmas Night Market

Thursday 11 December, 4.30–9pm
Mosman Square and Village Green

With more than 100 stalls brimming with high-quality artisan wares, it's the perfect place to find unique gifts and seasonal treasures. Browse beautiful home décor, unique jewellery, fashion, children's products and more.

Stroll through twinkling lights, snap a photo with Santa and his dazzling Baubles, enjoy market stalls, live music and savour delicious street food. We can't wait to see you there!

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Balmoral Carols

Saturday 13 December, 5–8.30pm
The Rotunda, Balmoral Beach

Gather to sing and celebrate the Christmas season at the popular Balmoral Carols. Remember to pack your picnic blanket. Kids' activities, including face painting and crazy hair and craft, from 5pm. Carols will commence at 7pm. For information contact Mosman Village Church on 0499 681 888 or visit mosmanvillage.church

'Boronia' a Mosman landmark

Monday 15 December – Friday 30 January
During library opening hours, Barry O'Keefe Library

'Boronia' built between 1885 and 1887, was a family home to the Keary and Goodwin families. In the early 1950s Mosman Council purchased the home, and since then it has housed a library, a community centre, an advertising company, a restaurant and a function centre.

This exhibition illustrates the 'Boronia' story, with photographs and artefacts from the Mosman Local Studies Collection.

Nominate a local legend

Nominate someone you know who does great things for our community for an Australia Day Award. Nominations are open until 12 December for the Mosman Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

For more information and to submit your nomination visit yourvoicemosman.com.au



Happy Holidays

Council wishes all in the community a safe and happy festive season.

Civic Centre, Seniors Centre, Art Gallery and Library services will be available over the holiday period, except for public holidays and other selected dates.

Council Rangers will be on duty throughout the holiday period, while waste collections will continue as normal, except for pre-paid waste and pre-paid green waste bookings, which will not operate between 25 December and 1 January.

For more information about operating hours for other Council services over the holiday break visit mosman.nsw.gov.au or call 9978 4000.

NYE road closures

Information on New Year's Eve road closures, special event clearways and alcohol free zones can be found on Council's Works & Alerts website: works.mosman.nsw.gov.au

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