



MOSMAN NOW

NEWSLETTER



Work is progressing strongly on Mosman Council's Masterplan, a major planning initiative that will guide how the area grows and evolves over coming decades. This plan is seeking to amend how the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy (LMR) applies in some areas of Mosman. Council is seeking to ensure local character and infrastructure capacity are properly considered.

Council is working with SJB – consultants experienced in supporting councils responding to state planning reforms, including Ku-ring-gai – to develop the Masterplan.

Council's executive team recently met with the NSW Department of Planning's LMR Team, one of several scheduled strategic meetings intended to secure the best outcome for Mosman. This accompanies Council's progress in its affordable housing plan.

A detailed assessment of Mosman's existing infrastructure and housing capacity analysis is also underway, ensuring that we put forward a case for future planning decisions that are realistic, sustainable and in the community's long-term interest.

Community feedback will play an important role in shaping the Mosman Masterplan, with a dedicated consultation period to be undertaken as part of the process.

Stay informed about the latest developments and opportunities for community consultation. Regular updates on the Mosman Masterplan are available on Council's website and at yourvoicemosman.com.au

Harbour program

Have your say and help shape the future of Sydney Harbour. Be part of developing the Coastal Management Program – a long-term plan to manage coastal hazards, boost ecological health and improve public amenity.

You can add your comments to the interactive Community Feedback Hub to address issues such as waterway health, heritage, biodiversity, foreshore use and community activity.

Mosman Council is a partner in this collaborative initiative, alongside six other coastal councils and state government agencies. The study includes the coastal use area, as well as locations that drain to the harbour, comprising a variety of built and natural foreshore environments.

These include sandy beaches, rocky foreshores, mangrove wetlands and saltmarsh, coastal fringe rainforest and coastal cliffs. It also covers public assets and private development affected by coastal processes such as seawalls, open space, roads and buildings.

You can access the interactive map and provide feedback until 31 March at sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/cmp and help ensure the harbour remains a vibrant and resilient asset for generations to come.



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Animal compliance



Mosman has such a wide range of parks, reserves and designated beaches perfect for taking dogs out for a walk. It's great for fitness and social connection, for both us and our furry friends.

To help everyone enjoy our shared public spaces, it's important for dog owners to follow the guidelines for on-leash, off-leash and restricted areas.

The Pets and Animals section on our website makes it easy to plan your walk, with a simple guide to leash-free areas, on-leash zones and restricted locations.

It also provides information on dog and cat registration, along with general advice on responsible pet ownership – from protecting wildlife to disposing of dog waste properly and caring for your pet.

We are committed to being a genuinely pet-friendly Council, always working to provide safe off-leash opportunities, maintaining designated on-leash areas, and ensuring all residents can enjoy Mosman's beautiful parks, reserves and beaches.

Library Strategy

The draft Mosman Library Strategy builds on more than 1,400 items of feedback from our community, reflecting our Community's enthusiasm for this exciting vision for library services. The strategy sets the direction for modern, community-focused library services that meet the needs of all users.

The 2026-2030 strategy highlights strengthened community wellbeing, creative opportunities and complementary services such as recreation facilities, cafes, partnerships and inventive public programming.

Your voice's were key to the creation of the strategy and community feedback will also play a vital role in the final strategy report presented to Council.

Cycling in Mosman

Our suburb boasts more than 33 kilometres of cycle routes including on-road, shared and dedicated cycleways.

We are seeking community input to help improve cycling opportunities for both cyclists and non-cyclists. We want to understand local needs, barriers and ideas to encourage more people – including school children and young adults – to choose cycling for everyday trips. Your feedback will guide future cycleway improvements and support our goal of making cycling a safer, more appealing active transport option for everyone.

Submit your feedback and ideas on Council's Have Your Say page at yourvoicemosman.com.au before Monday 20 April.

Middle Head Oval update



Work is well underway on the new amenities building at Middle Head Oval to support greater access and inclusion in sports and community activities. Scheduled for completion in early to mid-2027, the upgrade will deliver modern, accessible, and sustainable facilities for local AFL and football clubs, as well as the wider community.

The design respects the area's cultural heritage, featuring low height, natural colours and an integrated landscape plan.

With \$2 million in funding from the Australian Government's Thriving Suburbs Program, the upgrade will deliver female-friendly change rooms, solar panels, rainwater reuse systems, accessible pathways, and new barbecue areas. You can visit the project page for details at yourvoicemosman.com.au

Walk your Bike

Our Council continues to roll out new 'Walk Your Bike' signage to improve safety in busy pedestrian areas. The initiative reminds bike riders, including e-bike users, to dismount and walk their bikes on footpaths and in high pedestrian activity zones. Signs have been installed along Military Road and are progressively being extended to other locations such as Balmoral Beach, supporting Council's commitment to safer, more comfortable shared spaces for everyone.

Acquisition fund



Artist Jo Bertini with her artwork *Sea-bite Headland*

Play your part in Mosman Art Gallery's bid to acquire *Sea-bite Headland*, a remarkable new work by acclaimed Mosman artist Jo Bertini.

The 2025 painting is the focus of this year's Acquisition Fund – a dedicated fundraising initiative that supports the purchase and commissioning of significant artworks.

Sea-bite Headland holds deep personal meaning for Bertini, depicting a view from her childhood home in Mosman, and offering a contemporary reinterpretation of the Edwards Bay landscape.

You can contribute to the Acquisition Fund at mosmanartgallery.org.au and help bring this special work into the Mosman Art Collection

Mural magic



A new mural at the Vista Street car park has turned a normally mundane space into an eye-catching kaleidoscope of colours and shapes.

The mural was created by street artist Happy Decay (Bjarni Wark) at the well utilised car park.

Wark brings his signature whimsical designs to life at the entry and exit point of the car park, adding visual vibrancy to a public space in Mosman Village and enhancing amenity, interest and safety.

Look out for playful depictions of cats, birds and clouds brightening the trip for drivers and pedestrians who can view the piece from the street.

e-waste effort

A vintage dial telephone and slide projector were among the quirky items dropped off at Council's free e-waste drop-off day on Sunday 1 March.

More than 600 people emptied their car boots of unwanted electrical goods, marking a 20 percent increase from the previous collection day.

More than 250 computers were dropped off at the Mosman Square car park, with residents parting ways with 120 televisions.

People also bid farewell to stereo equipment, DVDs, heaters and fans, along with plenty of smaller items like batteries, mobiles and light globes.

Destined for landfill, many of these items will now be given a new life through recycling projects.

Unwanted electronic goods contain finite resources such as gold, copper and silver, as well as materials that can be environmentally toxic if they end up in landfill, such as lead and mercury.

Our next biannual e-waste drop-off event will be held on Sunday 30 August, from 9am to 4pm.

Check the e-waste page for more details on where and how to recycle at mosman.nsw.gov.au/e-waste

Verge garden creation



We are offering a free onsite design consultation and complimentary native plants to help transform your nature strip into a thriving garden.

Native gardens boost biodiversity, create habitat, reduce urban heat and reduce the need for mowing.

Use of native tube-stock plants to improve survival rates and benefits for local fauna is encouraged.

Register your interest to receive an onsite consultation and plant selection to ensure the new garden will complement the site conditions and meet any access requirements.

Then it's over to you to plant and maintain your beautiful new verge garden! Visit mosman.nsw.gov.au/community-gardens

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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.

Youth Art Prize 2026

Sydney's rising creative talents are once again stepping into the spotlight at Mosman Art Gallery. The Mosman Youth Art Prize exhibition showcases selected works of the prestigious competition which supports the artistic development of Sydney-based artists aged 12–21.

Initiated in 1988 by celebrated artist and local resident Ken Done AM, the competition is one of the richest youth art prizes in Australia, boasting a prize pool of more than \$10,000 this year. The exhibition opens on Friday 27 March and runs through to Sunday 3 May.

Gallery Exhibitions

Until 3 May

Mia Boe's *Portal*, presents an immersive installation that lets audiences feel as though they are stepping directly into one of her paintings. The work reflects on resilience, resistance and the layered histories shaping contemporary Australia.

The InProfile gallery showcases a collection by Clive Taylor, who gives form to the ideas that have deeply influenced his thinking. He hopes the collection of watercolours spark a smile or perhaps a moment of insight.

School Holiday Program

Wednesday 8 – Friday 17 April, Barry O'Keefe Library

The library is offering a fun and free school holiday program this autumn. Learn how to sew funky scrunchies, improve your storytelling skills and craft compelling narratives, build a world on Minecraft, make your own galaxy universe slime and more. All events are free, some require bookings. Visit events.mosman.nsw.gov.au/holidays

Men's Discussion Group

Thursday 16 April, 12.30–2pm, Mosman Square Seniors Centre

Join Mosman Community Care's new trial Men's Discussion Group that will bring together men from across the Lower North Shore for relaxed, engaging sessions where we share stories, explore current topics of interest, and build genuine friendships. To register your interest or find out more call Mosman Community Care on 9978 4128.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Thursday 28 May, 10.30am, Barry O'Keefe Library

The library is celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime, a time to celebrate the joy of reading, storytelling, and connection. Join us to read this year's book *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* by Adam Jackson. For preschoolers aged 3–5yrs and an accompanying parent or carer. Free, no bookings required.

Practical workshops for the home

Residents who sign up on the Good for the Hood website can take part in online workshops, access expert resources, and join live Q&A sessions with industry professionals. Sessions cover topics such as energy, composting, and gardening, along with practical advice on cutting food waste, understanding electric vehicle basics, and finding ways to reduce household energy and water consumption. To register for the @Home online workshops, please visit tinyurl.com/mosmanathome

Become a volunteer

Council's volunteering programs enhance services across Mosman for residents, while offering volunteers the genuine satisfaction of making a real difference. We are so fortunate to have more than 270 volunteers making a huge difference across 28 programs.

If you've got an hour or two to spare each week or fortnight, we're looking for volunteers to help with programs like the JP Service, Community Transport and Connections Playgroup. Or join the Community Links program to connect with residents who would value a visit for a shared walk, or a chat over coffee.

By giving a little of your time, you'll help people who really need it, and boost your own wellbeing by being part of something bigger.

For more information contact Lourdes Moreno on 9978 4126 or visit mosman.nsw.gov.au/volunteering

ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

Mosman RSL Sub-Branch
Dawn Service

Saturday 25 April, 5.30–6.30am
Georges Heights Parade Ground



Youth Awards in Literature open

The Mosman Youth Awards in Literature is an annual short story and poetry competition that attracts budding poets, playwrights and authors from primary and secondary schools.

Winners are awarded cash prizes and the opportunity to showcase their work. Write, submit, and share your voice today! To enter, check out the competition page on the library website at mosman.nsw.gov.au/myal

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