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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

In late August, Council was proud to launch its draft Economic Development Strategy, which takes a place-based approach that aims to build upon the existing world class health care facilities in our area, and capitalise and develop the area’s talented, skilled and culturally diverse workforce.

We are encouraging community feedback on the draft strategy which needs to be provided by Friday 26 October. This can be done through Your Say, on Council’s website. Your input can help inform the future direction of the community, so please take a look and get involved.

Another important area of focus for Council over the coming months will be the development of a Cultural Strategy. We want you to help Create Georges River, so we’ve put together a discussion paper which can also be found on Your Say. This outlines our thinking and aims to stimulate discussion in relation to the Arts, festivals and major events, cultural industries, heritage, and community facilities and cultural infrastructure.

In other news, I’m extremely pleased to be able to share with you the success of the recently held inaugural Councillors’ Ball, which took place in July and raised $30,000 for the Rotary Club of Hurstville’s Kids at Play garden project.

300 guests attended, and their generosity and support was truly overwhelming and much appreciated. On behalf of all the Councillors, thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy what was a highly enjoyable and successful evening. The funds raised on the night will help refurbish the indoor and outdoor play areas at St George Hospital, and provide enjoyable and relaxing spaces for sick children and their families.

Moving into spring we experienced some welcome rainy days following a long dry spell. Living in the city, it can be easy to forget what an enormous impact the drought is having on our farmers. Council felt it was important to offer support to our farmers, and did so through a $50,000 donation to four charities, including Aussie Helpers, Rural Aid Buy a Bale, Drought Angels and the Lions Club’s Need for Feed. We hope it goes some way to easing the pressure during what must be an incredibly stressful time.

Springtime also marks the start of what is always a busy and exciting events season, so we encourage you to take a look at what’s coming soon.

I hope you enjoy this Spring edition of Community.

Kevin Greene,
Mayor Georges River Council
Have Your Say

If you would like to get involved in important projects that will shape the future of the Georges River area, then make sure you contribute to Your Say Georges River. It's the new online platform that allows members of the community to provide feedback that will inform Council’s decision making. Whatever your interests, there is a range of upcoming projects, programs, policies and initiatives that you can provide feedback on.

Keep up to date

If you’re interested in Council’s news and events make sure you subscribe to our Community eNewsletter. By signing up, you will automatically receive Council’s fortnightly email which is packed with the latest news and upcoming events, plus we will keep you up to date on projects you can provide feedback on.

To subscribe, visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and sign up via the eNewsletter form located at the bottom of the home page.

Do you have a favourite local tree?

If the answer is yes, simply upload an image to Your Say and tell us why it’s your favourite. Take a look at this one Council received:

“The blood of my suburb runs thick like honey down the trunk of the tree...And although it bleeds it stands tall for all to see and be inspired. My suburb is Cass Bush Park, but only while the bush still bleeds.”

At Georges River Council, we actively seek feedback and input from members of our community on a range of projects, programs, policies and initiatives.

For more information, visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and click on the Your Say icon.
YOUR SAY
Beverly Hills Town Centre Visioning Project

Georges River Council is undertaking an engagement program to better understand the community’s views and aspirations for the Beverly Hills Town Centre. This will enable us to develop a vision statement that will guide plans for the area, and form the foundation of the Beverly Hills Town Centre Masterplan and Future Development Strategy.

The town centre is an important place for many people who live, work and visit there. The visioning project offers an opportunity to enhance the centre and its immediate surroundings, and improve the quality, accessibility and amenity of the public domain. Your involvement, either as a resident, a local business owner, employee, or visitor to Beverly Hills, will ensure our plans meet your needs. So please tell us what you love about the town centre, what you think needs changing and how you would like it to look and feel in the future.

Think about how we might provide a safer and more appealing public domain; transport considerations; and how we can support and enhance a bustling night-time economy. What other food and entertainment options are needed to support the local community?

If you would like to help us shape the vision for the Beverly Hills Town Centre, we encourage you to take part in our upcoming engagement activities. Please visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Council/Have-Your-Say or call Council’s Administration Officer in Strategic Planning on 9330 9435 to register your interest.

To have your say, visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and click on the Have Your Say icon.
Planning for the future with our draft Economic Development Strategy

Council’s draft Economic Development Strategy takes a place based approach to delivering ongoing economic growth and increasing the competitive advantage of the Georges River area in a modern economy.

The Strategy, which is currently on public exhibition, was developed using considerable consultation with our business and broader community to provide a high-level plan for economic development and place-making in our centres for the next four years.

The key centres - Kogarah, Hurstville, Kingsgrove, Peakhurst and Riverwood - were identified as places with high levels of employment and employment opportunity, or places expected to experience significant population growth, with two emerging centres being Beverly Hills and Ramsgate-Beverley Park.

The Strategy’s delivery plan provides tactics for economic growth divided into three themes:

1. Building on local jobs for local people for a local lifestyle
2. Attractive and healthy places to work, live and invest in – day and night
3. Growing a progressive, innovative, diverse and productive economy

So if you are in business or perhaps just interested in the future of the Georges River area, make sure you take a look at the draft Economic Development Strategy on Your Say and provide us with your feedback before the exhibition period closes on 26 October.

To have your say, visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and click on the Have Your Say icon.
Kogarah – ‘Health and Knowledge Hub of the South’

Kogarah in the 1800s, was known for producing healthy produce - fruit, vegetables and oysters for the Sydney market. St George Hospital, originally established in the 1890s, later became a teaching hospital and, after following significant investment - a major tertiary teaching hospital.

The adjoining St George Private Hospital, established in the mid-1990s has also continued to develop, affirming Kogarah’s position as the major health precinct for Southern Sydney. Kogarah is also home to the Westpac Innovation Centre, which includes a specialist IT Hub and the TAFE NSW St George Campus.

People living in and working in Kogarah enjoy exceptional road and rail access to the Sydney CBD and Kingsford Smith Airport. Kogarah is ranked as the 16th most accessible centre in Greater Sydney.

“With the right approach, Kogarah can develop into a world-class health and knowledge hub.”

Home to numerous schools, a teaching hospital and the TAFE, Kogarah is identified as a health and education precinct in the South District Plan.

In keeping with its precinct status Kogarah also provides health, wellbeing and fitness services and facilities including Jubilee Oval, gyms, yoga studios, seniors’ fitness and dance classes. With the right approach, Kogarah can develop into a world-class health and knowledge hub.

To view the Kogarah Snapshot Economic development Strategy in full visit www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au and click on the Have Your Say icon.
As our organisation continues to grow relationships with the community, we realise the need to honour the history of our area and commemorate the efforts made by those who first made the Georges River area home.

The Historical Markers Project identifies people and places of historical and cultural importance. Similar to the London Blue Plaques Scheme and the City of Sydney Green Plaques program, the markers are nominated by community members and cast in bronze. They include important details about the person, place or event being recognised and, collectively, create a growing open-air museum of historical places.

Joe Anderson (King Burraga), who was recently immortalised by the project, owned a large parcel of land on the shore of Salt Pan Creek, a tributary of Georges River in Peakhurst, where he lived with a camp of Aboriginal people. Together, they fished the river and farmed the foreshore using ancient, sustainable practices.

An Aboriginal activist and leader in both the local Aboriginal and wider community, Joe Anderson was acknowledged for a message he delivered using the then new technology of film with sound. In 1933 he was filmed on the banks of Salt Pan Creek, appealing to the people of Australia to acknowledge Aboriginals as the lands oldest culture and for Aboriginal people to be represented in Federal Parliament. This video can be viewed at www.burraga.org.

In September, Joe Anderson was honoured with an historical marker in Charm Place, Peakhurst. Joe was represented by his great grandson, Dr Shayne Williams, an esteemed Indigenous academic and specialist in Indigenous Studies, education and research. Like his great grandfather, Dr Williams is committed to the empowerment of his people and their culture.

The marker commemorating Joe Anderson was placed near the end of Ogilvy Street, Peakhurst.

For more information contact Council’s Cultural Development Officer on 9330 9580 or email arabella.lee@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au
The Georges River and surrounding area is home to a unique and diverse ecosystem which Council is committed to helping protect. With this in mind, we have banned single-use plastic carry bags and straws at Council-owned venues and facilities, as well as at Council-run functions and events.

Future Council events will require stallholders and sponsors to agree to new terms and conditions which prevent single-use plastics being used or distributed. It's a small step, but an important one, and we encourage businesses in the area to try to identify ways to reduce their use of single-use plastics to help support this initiative.

Reduce your use!

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So much so that Tom Heath, Council’s Co-ordinator of Environment and Open Space Projects, was invited to present at an international workshop in Hong Kong.

Tom’s presentation on the Carss Bush Park Foreshore Construction project was attended by global experts specialising in eco-shoreline designs for sustainable coastal development. This multi-phase project, which commenced in 2016 and will be completed in 2019, demonstrates how, through eco-engineering, we can improve habitat complexity while increasing the aesthetic, social, educational and cultural values of the foreshore for the enjoyment of the community.

As a result of this project, Carss Bush Park foreshore has benefited, with increased complexity of intertidal habitats, including water retention at low tide, crevices and cut-outs, increasing aquatic biodiversity.

Mangrove, saltmarsh, coastal dune and shoreline vegetation communities will also be introduced, along with a tidal mudflat/beach on the naturalised creek line.

The project has received considerable community support regarding the overall design and improved community access and use.

Construction of stages two and three of this globally-recognised foreshore will commence in October, with completion expected in mid-2019.

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Fresh new look for Customer Service Centre in Hurstville

Council will soon open the doors to its fresh, contemporary and more welcoming Service Centre at the Georges River Civic Centre.

We want our community to have access to quality and responsive services, and the refurbishments currently underway will result in a flexible, multi-use space – a Customer Service Centre during the day with designated rooms for the public to meet with Council officers, and added capacity for after-hours presentations as required.

Upon completion there will also be additional and enhanced meeting rooms equipped with smart boards and internet access, providing a technologically modern space for Council presentations and events. The two meeting rooms will have capacity for 20 persons and 10 persons respectively. A vertical garden wall will create a pleasant setting for customers as they enter, and a concierge will greet customers and triage enquiries to minimise customer waiting periods. The new waiting area will provide comfortable lounges, informational display monitors as well as self-service computers for public use.

Stay tuned for the reopening, and when it’s ready please come and take a look!

Business as usual

In the meantime, Council’s Customer Service Team has been temporarily relocated to Hurstville Library on the corner of Queens Road and Dora Street – just a two-minute walk from the Georges River Civic Centre.

All Council services will be available at Hurstville Library between 8.30am-5.00pm weekdays.

For further information related to the Customer Service team relocation, please contact Customer Experience and Events Manager, Margaret Le on 9330 6206 or mle@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.
Georges River Council is encouraging local people to get involved with its Community Open Day Program as part of its commitment to increased face-to-face engagement with the community.

Georges River Council Mayor Kevin Greene is calling for community members to share their views on a range of initiatives that impact the community.

“We are committed to providing platforms for local people to have their voices heard and share their thoughts on Council projects and services, and are always eager to work towards finding solutions for any concerns raised,” says Mayor Greene.

Feedback from the community called for stronger community engagement processes facilitating valuable community participation and two-way communication.

“We have already had a fantastic response with local people expressing interest in discussing a broad range of topics, including Development Applications, waste and recycling, community services, heritage properties and much more,” Mayor Greene adds.

“It is important that we continue to engage community members to ensure Council decision-making supports community interests, so I encourage local residents to come along and share any feedback, issues and ideas for improving the local area, no matter how big or small.”

Community Open Days will take place in each of the LGA’s five wards throughout 2018 and 2019 with the first held at the St George Community Centre in Kogarah on 22 September and Blakehurst on 13 October.

Community members can register for a ten minute session with a Councillor at http://payment.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/ or simply drop in to receive information on Council services and projects to be delivered over the next 12 months.

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For further information on the Community Open Day Program visit yoursay.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/councillor-open-days-meet-your-councillor.
Olympian swimmer and Head Coach of the Sans Souci Leisure Centre Swim Academy, Craig Stevens has praised the $1 million upgrade to the centre, saying it will help prepare local swimmers for competition and create a quality aquatic and recreation centre.

“The new starting blocks installed are similar to what is used in major competition, which will allow our clubs and school swimmers to practise in conditions that they race in,” explains Mr Stevens.

“Along with the installation of a new heating system and amenities block, the centre will be a quality facility available for year-round use, which will further grow opportunities for our club with the local swimming community through our members.”

Grant Bowmer, President of the Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club described the significant impact that the renovation will have, including increased members and employment opportunities.

“The Sans Souci Leisure Centre boasts a variety of activities that accommodate all ages and abilities. The newly renovated outdoor pool will strengthen and increase general entry patronage, new members, community social events as well as swim education programs and school carnivals,” says Mr Bowmer.

“The Sans Souci Sea Devils Swim Club welcomes this much needed upgrade. We are a strong, competitive club at both a State and National level. We have a great coach in Olympian Craig Stevens who has overseen our club since its inception on the Committee,” adds Mr Bowmer.

“These renovations will add to our appeal as a club and allow it to grow, attracting swimmers throughout our area and beyond.”

The renovation, slated for completion in October 2018, will bring the 50-metre outdoor pool back to International Swimming Federation standards and will also improve the toddler pool.

“Sans Souci Leisure Centre boasts a variety of activities that accommodate all ages and abilities.”

“A refurbished centre means we can provide more local employment in the aquatics area for people who are passionate about the sports and recreation sector.”

Keep an eye out on Council’s website and social media for the Sans Souci pool re-opening event.
Community welcomes sport and recreation revamp

The local community is set to see an increase in quality sport and recreation facilities within the Georges River area with $9.5 million allocated from the NSW Government’s surplus Stronger Community funds to invest in major capital works projects and improve on existing facilities.

$1.8 million of this funding, boosted by a $1 million co-contribution by Council, was announced to upgrade Gannons Park which prompted an “overwhelmingly positive” reaction from locals according to St George Football Association’s General Manager Craig Kiely.

“There’s no doubt the works at Gannons Park will have an immediate and positive impact for local community user groups and in particular our football participants,” says Mr Kiely.

“Mr Kiely explained that the planned resurfacing to all of the park’s eight playing fields was particularly exciting for community members.

“The local football community is most looking forward to having improved playing surface conditions at Gannons Park,” he says.

“This has been a real challenge for clubs and the Association in recent years and there is certainly a level of excitement and anticipation in advance of the works commencing. Further, the new clubhouse for Forest Rangers will be a welcome addition and help to support one of the LGA’s largest sporting Clubs.”

“The local community and in particular our two local clubs who call Gannons Park ‘home,’ Forest Rangers and Lugarno FC, are strong and vibrant clubs led by passionate and committed volunteers. Everyone involved in local football is extremely pleased at the investment and priority in improving Gannons Park,” adds Mr Kiely.

$3 million has also been allocated to upgrade Poulton Park, including the creation of a synthetic playing field and new amenities building.

A $2.5 million investment will transform Hurstville Golf Course with a new Golf Course Pavilion, new greens and safe pathways planned for development.

$2.2 million will go towards the refurbishment of existing facilities at Hurstville Oval and construction of change rooms for cricket, rugby league, AFL and soccer players.
WHAT’S IN A NAME

Beverly Hills

Do you know where the name Beverly Hills comes from? The answer is probably more obvious than you think.

During Lachlan Macquarie’s time as Governor of New South Wales in the early nineteenth century, Beverly Hills was a farming area called Hurstville West. This incorporated a growing area of orchards and cultivated land known as Dumbleton. The area’s first local school was built on a part of the orchard in 1892 and named Hurstville West Public School before being renamed Dumbleton Public School in 1915.

As the area of Dumbleton grew in the first half of the twentieth century, its name was the cause of some dissatisfaction among the community. Many local business owners argued that the name Dumbleton was both unpopular and inappropriate for the growing area. Hurstville Council supported their cause and the suburb officially became Beverly Hills in 1940.

As for the inspiration, Beverly Hills owes its name to the Beverly Hills in California, which was gaining fame as a home to many famous Hollywood stars at the time.
EXHIBITIONS

Keep in touch

Since the introduction of the Internet and smart phones, communicating with each other has never been easier or faster.

This exhibition, produced by Hurstville Museum & Gallery, will take you back to the world of analogue communication and showcase the development of information and communication services in the St George region. Explore old writing equipment, telephones and radios from the museum’s collection, and see how things have changed over time. Braille and Auslan are also forms of communication presented in this exhibition.

The exhibition will provide a variety of interactive components. For example, visitors are able to watch a news clip from 1987 when Australia launched its first mobile phone network. They can also write secret messages in Morse Code, feel a story in braille, and sit back and relax in a living room straight from the 1960s to experience the fanfare that surrounded the introduction of colour television in 1975.

A selection of radios, telephones and other forms of communication technology donated by local residents will be on display, including a candlestick telephone from the 1920s. The first telephone in Hurstville arrived in 1886 in the local post office. All phone calls were manually switched by operators. A caller had to wind a handle on their phone that operated a small generator that sent a signal to the exchange. An operator then connected the call which used a similar generator to ring a bell in the called customer’s phone.

Another section of the exhibition will reveal the history of the first post offices in the local area and how mail was distributed. The communities in the St George region petitioned to establish postal services in the local area in the 1860s, as the nearest post office at that time was 12 kilometres away at St Peters.

Communication is more than just technology and services. It is also about connecting with each other. As part of the exhibition, visitors are encouraged to take action and keep in touch with their community.

The in-house produced exhibition is on display from 20 October 2018 - 27 January 2019 at Hurstville Museum & Gallery.

Hurstville Museum & Gallery will run a number of public programs in conjunction with this exhibition. Please visit ‘what’s on’ for more information.

Official opening:
Friday 26 October 2018, 6.00pm

This event is Auslan interpreted.
Comedian Anh Do brings his best-selling memoir, The Happiest Refugee, to life in a ground-breaking stand-up show.

Performing at Hurstville Entertainment Centre for two nights only in November and February, this moving, inspirational and unforgettable theatre experience combines humour, real life stories, photos and filmed pieces to retell Do’s amazing story.

Anh Do travelled to Australia in 1980 on an eight-metre fishing boat with 47 other Vietnamese refugees. Sick with dehydration and one person already dead, the journey was the first of many struggles for a young Do, who overcame all manner of difficulties throughout his life to become a lawyer and, in 2008, Australia’s Comedian of the Year.

Today he is one of Australia’s most sought after stand-ups, as well as a talented writer, actor, producer and star of the ABC1 TV’s ‘Anh’s Brush With Fame’. Do’s painting Wombat Man won him the 2014 Kogarah Art Prize, which remains in the Hurstville Museum & Gallery collection.

The Happiest Refugee: A Memoir, charts his journey from starving refugee to one of Australia’s best-loved entertainers, and was described by Russell Crowe as “the most surprising and inspiring read I have had in years”. It has been awarded Book of the Year with sales in excess of 400,000.

Do’s struggles as a young refugee – his difficulties with English, divorcing parents, being bullied and broke, are brought to life in this hilarious but moving new stage show, garnering this happy refugee standing ovations across the country.

A-list Entertainment presents Anh Do, The Happiest Refugee – Live!!
Hurstville Entertainment Centre
Friday 9 November and Saturday 16 February, 8.00pm
Bookings: hec.com.au

Please note that you can borrow or download many of Anh’s books, ebooks and DVDs through George’s River Libraries, including his memoir The Happiest Refugee and his TV series Anh’s Brush With Fame.
We’re excited to invite you to attend a special free performance of Puccini’s *La Bohème*, directed by world renowned tenor Lorenzo Rositano, along with a stellar cast of some of Australia’s finest voices accompanied by international piano showman, Glenn Amer.

Don't miss this special free event for the Georges River community in the Hurstville Entertainment Centre’s Marana Auditorium.

**Date:** Friday 19 November 2018  
**Time:** Doors open 7.00pm.  
**Location:** Marana Auditorium, MacMahon Street, Hurstville

**Cost and bookings:** Tickets are FREE. Be sure to get in early to get yours via the HEC website www.hec.org.au

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**2018 White Ribbon Walk**

Last year over a thousand members of our community united to raise awareness of, and stand against, domestic violence in the Georges River Council’s inaugural White Ribbon Day Walk.

We were overwhelmed by the support shown by men, women and children, local schools, businesses, clubs, sporting groups and members of the public, who walked together to enforce the message that domestic violence will not be tolerated.

We’re asking you to support this worthwhile cause again by participating in this year’s walk on Friday 23 November at Kogarah Park, Carlton.

The afternoon will include some great entertainment and information stalls. Register online at www.trybooking.com/ROTP

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**Australia Day Award nominations**

Do you know someone who has made a significant positive contribution to our community and inspired others through their endeavours or achievements?

Then why not make sure they are recognised by nominating them for the 2019 Georges River Council Australia Day Awards.

These awards honour individuals who have contributed significantly to the Georges River community. There are three categories - Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Nominations close on 30 November 2018.
Libraries

Recipe Club
Join other foodies, swap recipes and then taste the results.
First Wednesday of the month, 2.30pm-4.00pm
South Hurstville Library

Movie Matinee Mondays
Enjoy a movie, a social cuppa and a chat.
Second Monday of the month, 2.00pm-4.15pm
Oatley Library
Third Monday of the month, 11.00am-1.15pm
Kogarah Library and Service Centre

Games Morning
Play board and card games over a cuppa.
Second and fourth Friday of the month, 10.00am-12noon
Kogarah Library and Service Centre

Author Talk Patrick Kennedy - Long Bay: A Prison History
Patrick Kennedy brings a unique insight into the history of this notorious institution.
Monday 22 October, 7.00pm-8.00pm
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
Bookings essential

Author Talk Lauren Chater - The Lace Weaver and Well Read cookies
Lauren Chater will discuss both her breathtaking debut novel, The Lace Weaver and her latest book, Well Read Cookies.
Wednesday 14 November, 7.00pm-8.00am
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
Bookings essential

How to write a novel: National Novel Writing Month
This practical workshop will guide you through a series of creative writing exercises to developing plot, character, setting, dialogue and structure.
Thursday 1 November, 6.30pm-8.30pm
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
Bookings essential

Watercolour workshop with Marion Chapman
Local artist, Marion Chapman, will teach basic watercolour techniques in a hands-on workshop.
Wednesday 7 November, 10.30am-12.30pm
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
$5.50 (non-refundable)
Bookings essential

Recycling Workshop
Through hands-on activities, find out what to do with tricky items like takeaway cups, pizza boxes, batteries and fruit nets at home.
Wednesday 14 November, 10.30am-11.30am
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
$20.50 (non-refundable)
Bookings essential

Yoga classes
Run over 4 weeks these classes will include a mindful arrival, tuning in and introductory breathwork (pranayama), meditation, physical movement (asana/poses) and finish with relaxation (savasana).
Wednesday 14, 21, & 28 November and 5 December, 5.30pm-6.30pm
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
$20.50 (non-refundable)
Bookings essential

International Games Day
A fun day of strategic and interactive board games with your friends. Suitable for young and old, ages 10+ preferred.
Saturday 17 November, 10.00am-3.00pm
Hurstville Library and Service Centre
Bookings essential

Stories Alive: Curious creatures
Our annual Stories Alive festival is back and bigger than ever before.
Saturday 24 November, 11.00am-2.00pm
Hurstville Library and Service Centre
Hurstville
Museum & Gallery

Keep In Touch exhibition
Do you remember talking through a string can telephone? Have you ever sent a message in Morse code? Experience these things and more as part of Hurstville Museum & Gallery’s latest exhibition Keep in touch, which will provide visitors a glimpse of what life was like before digital technology took over.
Official opening
Friday 26 October, 6.00pm

Kids programs at Hurstville Museum & Gallery

Dragonflies Kids Club
First Saturday of the month (excluding January)
11.00am - 12.30pm
$5.50 per child, per activity
Bookings are essential.

3 November - Under the sea
Learn about the fascinating creatures that live below the surface of the ocean.

1 December - Gifts galore!
Make some special gifts and gift tags for the festive season.

Art Attack
Fourth Saturday of the month (excluding January and December)
10.30am-12.30pm | 7-12 years
$5.50 per child, per activity
Bookings are essential.

27 October - Portraits
Compose a self-portrait on paper to be transformed into a sculpture.

24 November - Screen printing and paper collage
Express your creativity through selecting images to print and recreate into a collage.

Council

Discovery Festival of Community Arts
Showcasing diverse and inclusive local arts and cultural development initiatives
21 September-27 October
For the full program, visit:

Grandparents Festival
A celebration to acknowledge the contributions grandparents make to their families and communities
3 October-16 November 2018
For the full program, visit:
www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Hurstville Entertainment Centre

LA BOHÈME - A Lorenzo Rositano Production
Don’t miss this special FREE event for the Georges River community.
Friday 19 October, 7.00pm
Marana Auditorium
Free tickets are available at www.hec.org.au

Music At Twilight - Sing-A-Long with ABBA!
A unique concert experience for audiences featuring ABBALANCHE, one of Australia’s best ABBA tributes live on stage!
Wednesday 24 October, 7pm
$20 (includes beverage)
Marana Auditorium
Free tickets are available at www.hec.org.au

Anh Do - The Happiest Refugee LIVE!
Anh Do brings his smash hit show to Hurstville!
Friday 9 November, 8pm
From $59.90
Marana Auditorium
Free tickets are available at www.hec.org.au
## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Ordinary Council Meetings** | Monday 29 October 2018, Monday 26 November 2018

**Standing Committee Meetings** | Monday 12 November 2018


## CONTACT

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24 hours, 7 days a week

**Georges River Civic Centre**  
Corner MacMahon and Dora Streets, Hurstville  
Open: 8.30am - 5.00pm, Monday to Friday

**Kogarah Library and Service Centre**  
Kogarah Town Square, Belgrave Street  
Open: 8.30am - 5.00pm, Monday to Friday

**After-hours Customer Service available at Hurstville Library**  
5.00pm - 9.00pm, Monday to Friday  
9.30am - 4.00pm, Saturday and Sunday

**Language Assistance Service**  
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