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# Ku-ring-gai Update



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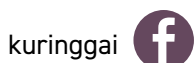


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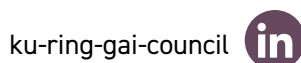
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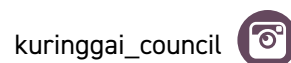
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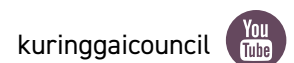
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## FROM THE MAYOR

The new financial year is bringing some opportunities and challenges for our Council.

On the plus side we’ve completed upgrades to Samuel King Oval at North Turramurra and a facelift for the Fox Valley Road shops at Wahroonga.

We’ve committed around \$54 million to capital works in this year’s budget, which includes new roads, footpaths and drainage.

However like many councils we’re facing a funding shortfall due to rate capping. We’re currently looking at what can be done to meet this shortfall.

Our website at [krq.nsw.gov.au](http://krq.nsw.gov.au) is the best way of finding out what the Council has planned for Ku-ring-gai

residents. While you’re there sign up to receive the Have Your Say e-news, which tells you about projects and issues you can give feedback on.

You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for regular updates on what’s happening in the local area.

**Cr. Jeff Pettett, Mayor of Ku-ring-gai**

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Ku-ring-gai Councillors are your elected representatives. They make decisions on your behalf and will serve the community until Council elections are held in 2024.

Turn to the back page of this newsletter for details on how you can contact your local Councillor or visit [krq.nsw.gov.au/councillors](http://krq.nsw.gov.au/councillors)



## Volunteering made easy

Exciting news for volunteers and not-for-profit organisations! The Council is launching an online Upper North Shore Volunteers Hub. The new portal will bring together info on volunteering opportunities and make it easier for people to find roles they’re interested in. Go to [krq.nsw.gov.au/volunteer](http://krq.nsw.gov.au/volunteer) to find out more.



# THIS YEAR'S DELIVERY PROGRAM

Every year the Council puts together a plan to deliver services and facilities to residents, called a delivery program. Here are some of the highlights of the 2023-2024 delivery program:



# NET ZERO KU-RING-GAI

Discover what you can do now to lower your emissions and create a comfortable, low-cost, healthy home.

## Get started

- Electrify your home, transport, school or business
- Install solar or switch to green power
- Compost your food waste
- Reduce, repair, reuse and recycle
- Increase your tree cover

Explore our new website and find advice, rebates and workshops

[netzero.krg.nsw.gov.au](http://netzero.krg.nsw.gov.au)



## Trail tales

We have two new tracks with Jubes Mountain Bike Park at Wahroonga and the Warrimoo Bike Trail at St Ives.

Both were built by Council and are maintained with the help of passionate mountain bikers. Riders of all ages learn from one another and care for the trails they love to ride. Unauthorised bike tracks can damage our natural environment so we encourage you to stay on these tracks.

To find out more about what new tracks are planned and how you can get involved email [treadlightly@krg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:treadlightly@krg.nsw.gov.au)



Photo: Matthew Ward



## Plastic fantastic

We're offering schools the chance to recycle plastic waste into rulers for the classroom.

Keen to get your school on board with free workshops and recycled rulers? Contact the Council at [sustainability@krg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sustainability@krg.nsw.gov.au)

# KU-RING-GAI EVENTS IN 2023-2024

## 2023

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER

### Eco Festival

Everything you need to know about living a cost-effective and sustainable life.



4 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER

### Ku-ring-gai Sculpture Trail

at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden



21 OCTOBER

### Twilight Concert in the Park

Bring a picnic and get ready for some dancing in Wahroonga Park.

11 NOVEMBER

### Remembrance Day

Services and commemorations to honour the fallen.



## 2024

10 - 24 FEBRUARY

### Lunar New Year Festival

Celebrate with culture and cuisine! Don't miss the special Lunar New Year food market at St Ives Village Green.

26 MAY - 14 JULY

### Gai-mariagal Festival

Celebrating indigenous culture and heritage in Ku-ring-gai.



26 JANUARY

### Australia Day

Enjoy a pool party at the Ku-ring-gai Fitness & Aquatic Centre West Pymble.



For more info about these events and what else is happening in Ku-ring-gai visit [krg.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

# LET'S PLAY!

Here are some of the playgrounds we've upgraded in the last year. To find out which playgrounds we're upgrading this year visit [krg.nsw.gov.au](http://krg.nsw.gov.au)

Nar-rang Reserve playground Gordon



St Ives Village Green playground



Warrimoo Oval playground St Ives



Philip Mall playground West Pymble



Robert Pymble Park playground Pymble



Dukes Green playground East Lindfield

## The Sunflower Program

Ku-ring-gai Council is now a member of the Sunflower Program. This means our staff are being trained to better assist children and adults with hidden disabilities or chronic health conditions.

Free sunflower lanyards and bracelets are available to those who need them at all libraries and our customer service centre, Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden and St Ives Showground.

Wear the sunflower lanyard or bracelet at these venues if you want to show that you need additional support, understanding or time.



## Business news

In August and September we're launching a new online entrepreneur program to help people turn a great idea into a business. The program's specially designed for those who are juggling other commitments. We hope this will lead to some talented locals realising the dream of working for themselves.

Also this year we'll be holding a series of workshops to help local businesses deal with the impacts and opportunities of AI. Check our website [krg.nsw.gov.au](http://krg.nsw.gov.au) to see what's coming up.

We're aiming to make it easier for local companies to do business with Council. We'll be running info sessions about our procurement processes and working to make our systems easier to navigate for local small business.

Find out more at [krg.nsw.gov.au/business](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/business) or contact the Council's Business Engagement Coordinator on 9424 0757 during business hours.



## Have your say

We are always keen to hear what our community think about planned projects.

By subscribing to the Your Say e-news you'll be the first to know about projects in your neighbourhood and how to give feedback on other Council plans that affect you.

Stay in the loop and sign up now! [krg.nsw.gov.au/yoursay](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/yoursay)

## Recycling workshops (English & Mandarin)

Recycling is easy when you've got the systems to make it easy.

This online workshop gives you simple hacks to set up your home for recycling success.

Learn how to sort common waste items so your waste goes to the right place.

**Thursday 20 July | English**

如您有使环保回收变得简单的系统,那环保回收就很容易了。

本次网上专题研讨会将以简易的窍门为您解锁如何在家成功地做好环保回收。

您将学习如何对常见的家庭废弃物物品进行分类,以确保废弃物物品去到它们该去的地方。

**7月25日星期二 | 普通话**

**[krg.nsw.gov.au/recycling](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/recycling)**



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weekdays via our website  
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### Simplified Chinese

#### 需要帮助吗？

本文件包含重要信息。如果您不理解本文件，请致电翻译口译服务 131 450。让其代表您致电 9424 0000 联系Ku-ring-gai议会。营业时间：周一至周五，上午8.30—下午5:00。

### Traditional Chinese

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### Japanese

#### お困りですか？

この文書には、重要な情報が含まれています。ご不明な点があれば、「翻訳・通訳サービス」(電話 131 450) までお電話いただき、あなたに代わって、クーリングガイ (Ku-ring-gai) 議会に連絡するよう、ご依頼ください。営業時間：月曜日～金曜日 (8.30am-5pm)。

### Korean

#### 도움이 필요하십니까?

이 문서에는 중요한 정보가 담겨 있습니다. 여러분이 이해할 수 없다면, TIS (번역 및 통역 서비스)의 131 450번으로 전화하십시오. 9424 0000 번으로 여러분을 대신하여 전화해서 쿠링가이 카운슬을 연락해 달라고 요청하십시오. 영업 시간: 월요일-금요일, 오전 8시30분-오후 5시.