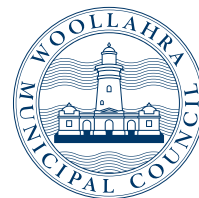


Celebrating our local area

Woollahra News



Summer 2025/2026

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**Celebrate
Double Bay Festival**

**Never bin a battery –
book a free pick-up instead**

School holidays

**Free *Visions of the
Harbour* exhibition**



"Harbour Flow is about slowing down,
meeting neighbours, and remembering
what makes living by the harbour so special,"
says Karin Finlayson, founder of Sydney
Harbour Yoga Club and 2025 grant recipient.



Celebrate Double Bay will be brought to you by Woollahra Council, the Bay Street Initiative, Woollahra Libraries, and your favourite Double Bay businesses.

Pictured L-R: David Mellick, Bay Street Initiative; Jody Rodas, Woollahra Libraries; Matthew Barakat, Bay Street Initiative; Mayor of Woollahra Sarah Dixon; and Warren Sare, 18 Footers Club.

Double Bay street festival coming in February!

Celebrate Double Bay will be a vibrant celebration of local culture, food, fashion, and community spirit. Set in picturesque Double Bay, this street festival will bring together residents, businesses, and visitors for two days of fun and connection from Saturday 21 February – Sunday 22 February 2026.

Whether you're a foodie, fashion lover, or family, Celebrate Double Bay offers something

for everyone – with live music, street performances, a dog parade, fashion showcases from local designers, family-friendly activities and delicious food from the area's best eateries.

Celebrate Double Bay is proudly funded by the NSW Government's Open Street Program, led by Transport for NSW. This exciting event will be hosted by Woollahra Council in partnership with The Bay Street Initiative.

We'd love to hear from local businesses who are interested in participating, and community members who'd like to assist as a volunteer at the festival.

Register your interest at:
celebratedoublebay.com.au



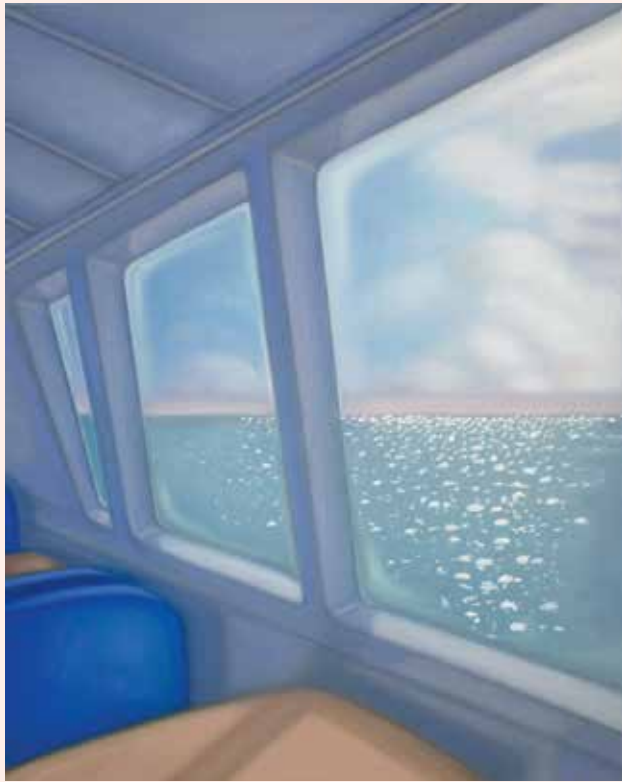
Explore Holdsworth's new events program

Are you looking to try something different, get active and meet new people?

Check out Holdsworth's new event series called Woollahra Life! where you can join art, yoga, dance, qigong classes and lots more, at accessible local community venues. Everyone in our community is invited to attend, all ages and abilities are welcome.

Woollahra Life! is proudly supported by Woollahra Council.

holdsworth.org.au/woollahralife



Lucy O'Doherty *The Drifting Room*.
Join Lucy for a painting workshop in
Blackburn Gardens (17, 22 and 31 January).
Book online.



Simon Greiner Create your own moving sea creature from reclaimed cardboard in a family-friendly workshop led by Simon at the gallery (24 January).



**Woollahra
Gallery**
at Redleaf

Visit Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf this summer

Visions of the Harbour –
free exhibition and events.

Immerse yourself in an exciting
and diverse exhibition which brings
together artists, scientists and
storytellers as they explore the
many narratives which shape
Sydney Harbour including its
First Nations significance, ecological
diversity and its creative inspiration.

Spanning painting, installation,
weaving, ceramics, performance,
photography, and marine science,

Visions of the Harbour combines
both traditional and experimental
practices of Sydney-based
creatives to explore the harbour
as a site of exchange, extraction,
and resilience.

You're also invited to attend one
of the public programs including
artist workshops, local history talks,
and lots more. Places are limited,
registrations essential.

Visit **[woollahragallery.com.au/
events](http://woollahragallery.com.au/events)**



Fairlie Kingston *Kutti Beach*



Dr Penelope Ajani *Diatom 18*



Mayor's Message

Summer is here and what
a delightful time of year it is in
our local area. I hope you can
make the most of our stunning
beaches and harbourside parks
during these long summer days.
We are so lucky to call this
beautiful part of the world home.

There are many local events
happening over the festive
season: from community carols
to Chanukah by the Bay, and
Christmas window displays on
Queen Street – please support
our small businesses by shopping
local. See a list of local events at
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/festive

Our waste and recycling services
will continue during the holiday
season. Our Customer Service
Centre and offices will be closed
from 25 December until 8am on
Friday 2 January.

During this holiday period you
can contact us via our website,
the Woollahra App or by calling
9391 7000.

On behalf of everyone at
Woollahra Council, Merry
Christmas, Happy Chanukah and
may the New Year bring you joy.

Councillor Sarah Dixon
Mayor of Woollahra

Booked all summer

You're invited to join Woollahra Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge, running until 31 January. There's challenges for both teens and adults.

Join the summer reading group on Beanstack to explore themed reading lists, track your books and share reviews.

woollahra.beanstack.com/reader365

Woollahra
Libraries



Summer is a great time to go solar

Get more from your rooftop solar with a battery

The Australian Government's Cheaper Home Batteries Program is offering a discount of around 30% on the upfront cost of installing eligible small-scale battery systems connected to new or existing solar systems. The NSW Government also has an incentive for connecting your solar battery to a Virtual Power Plant (VPP).

Find out more:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/savepower

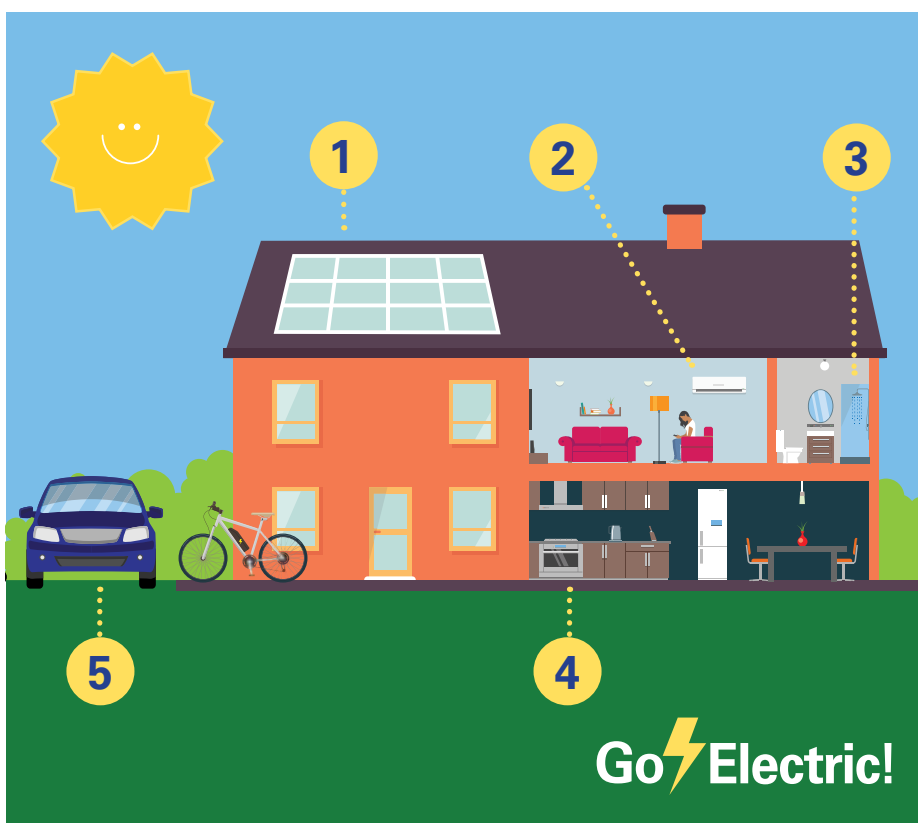
Get a free health check of your rooftop solar system

Our experts will check your rooftop system remotely to make sure it's performing at its best, helping you save on bills and maximise clean energy.

Open to local businesses, households and apartment buildings.

Register:

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/solarhealthcheck



Switch to an all-electric home

Be part of a clean energy future by changing your home to all-electric. The best way to run your home — for your wallet, health and the climate — is to have all electric appliances and cars, powered by renewable energy.

There are five key ways you can Go Electric in your home or business:

1. Install rooftop solar or switch to GreenPower
2. Switch to reverse-cycle air conditioning for heating
3. Replace old gas hot water system with a heat pump system
4. Upgrade to induction cooking
5. Move to electric transport.

woollahra.nsw.gov.au/goelectric



Keep our waste staff safe by never binning batteries

Doing a holiday clean up?

Before you bin an item, check it doesn't contain a battery

Products with in-built batteries, known as 'embedded batteries' are increasingly common household items.

Products containing batteries should never go in your yellow or red bins as they can start fires in our waste trucks. They also contain valuable resources which can be recycled (but not through your yellow bin!).

Common items containing embedded batteries include:

- Personal care items – electric toothbrushes, shavers
- Toys – light up toys, remote controlled and ride-on items
- Powerpacks and portable charging devices

- Mobile devices – phones, laptops, Bluetooth speakers and headphones
- Wearable devices – smart watches, trackers and medical aids
- Vapes
- Vacuum cleaners.

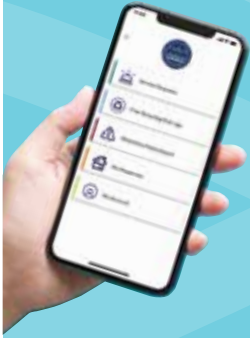
How to dispose of items containing batteries

If it's easy to remove the batteries, do so and then dispose of the rest of the item.

To dispose of your batteries, and items where the battery cannot be easily removed (laptops, mobiles, toothbrushes) book a pick-up through our free recycling service and we'll collect the item from your kerb the next business day.

Download the Woollahra Council App

Your free, fast and easy way to request a service anytime, anywhere!



We'll collect and recycle:

Batteries

household (AA, AAA etc), rechargeable and car (lead acid) batteries.



Clothes, shoes and accessories

in good condition.



E-waste

phones, computers, TVs and small and medium sized appliances.



Book a free pick-up: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/recycle

Cover image: We're proudly supporting Harbour Flow yoga, and 70 other local community organisations, schools, businesses and individuals in our local area through our 2025/26 Grants Program.

To book your free Harbour Flow yoga class, running weekly until February 2026 visit sydneyharbouryoga.com/free or [@sydneyharbouryogaclub](https://www.instagram.com/sydneyharbouryogaclub)

GRANT FINDER

Grant Finder is a handy tool that allows you to search for available grant and funding opportunities across Woollahra and beyond.



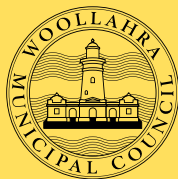
School holiday fun

We're running a fun variety of events for kids and families these summer holidays.

Kids are invited to 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road' at Woollahra Libraries with a range of craft activities, Friday Flicks and our summer reading challenge.

Teens can book into robotics and science workshops – plus there's our drop-in interactive Tinker Activity Stations at Woollahra Library at Double Bay where people of all ages can unleash their inner inventor.

Find out more about our amazing local environment by coming to our **Rockpool Ramble tours** (21 and 29 January) and **Snorkelling Discovery tour** (24 January).



Places are strictly limited, get in early to book your spot:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/summerholidays

Online Youth Hub

Young people in our local area told us they want to engage with Council on matters that are important to them. We are developing an online Youth Hub so young people can learn about opportunities in Woollahra, contribute to Council projects impacting them, and develop their existing leadership abilities.



The Online Youth Hub will launch in early 2026 – register to find out more.

“Your say
Woollahra”

yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/youth-hub-EOI



Plan ahead for a fun and safe New Year's Eve

For information on New Year's Eve fireworks vantage points, local road closures and traffic management information, visit: woollahra.nsw.gov.au/nye



Acknowledgement of Country

Woollahra Council acknowledges that we are on the land of the Gadigal and Birrabirragal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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