



THE PADDINGTON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to The Paddington Society – June 2025 Newsletter

A warm welcome to all our new and returning members! Paddington is a unique and beautiful suburb with a rich heritage—and it needs your voice more than ever.

Our membership is growing, but so are the challenges. With ongoing threats to our suburb's historic character and amenity, we're calling on community-minded individuals to step up and get involved. If you have skills in architecture, planning, design, or development with even just a little time to spare—we'd love to **hear from you**. We also need volunteers with WordPress technical experience who can assist our small team to keep our website up and running.

Membership is just a few dollars a year and comes with priority and discounted access to events, quarterly newsletters, and more. Your contribution helps us host educational talks, and community get-togethers. Also to cover essential costs like our website and hiring meeting spaces, while staying active in the task of protecting Paddington's unique heritage.

There's a lot happening in and around Paddington. Major planning proposals—including State Government fast-tracking of high-rise developments and a new Low and Mid-Rise Policy—are set to significantly impact our area. This affects not just Paddington, but also nearby Edgecliff, Darling Point, Double Bay, Rose Bay, and parts of Kings Cross, Darlinghurst, and Bondi Junction. In principle The Paddington Society supports the introduction of more low and mid rise housing while upholding the local Council controls in Heritage Conservation Areas.

We'll continue sharing updates as they unfold. In the meantime, you can track local development applications via the **City of Sydney** and **Woollahra Municipal Council** websites—and please help spread the word by keeping your neighbours informed.

We hope you enjoy this issue. There's so much happening in Paddington, and your involvement truly makes a difference. Please forward this newsletter to friends, family, and neighbours—everyone is welcome to **subscribe** or **join**. The more voices we have, the stronger our community becomes.

Esther Hayler
President
The Paddington Society Inc



Federal Election May 2025 Round Up
Congratulations to Allegra Spender on her hard fought win in the recent federal election. In Paddington all candidates campaigned harmoniously and without rancour – we commend them all on their strong performance, reinforcing important community connections.

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8-10 New McLean Street Edgecliff
NSW Government planning proposal seeks to amend the Woollahra Local Environmental Plan to increase the maximum Height of Building and Floor Space Ratio controls applicable to 8-10 New McLean Street, Edgecliff to accommodate increased residential development. Submissions close **5pm on 24 June 2025**

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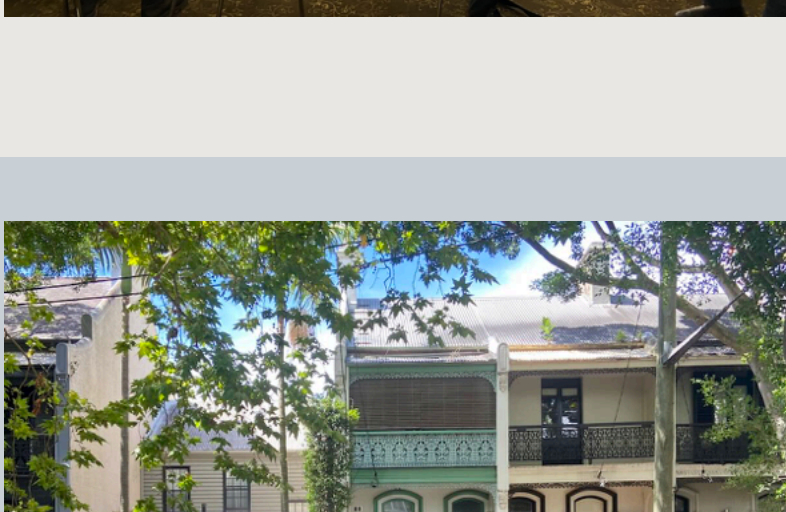
NSW Housing Reforms to Change Planning Controls
The SMH reports that Woollahra Municipal Council has requested a temporary suspension of state government reforms in the town centres of Rose Bay, Double Bay and Edgecliff, areas captured by the low and mid-rise (LMR) housing policy.

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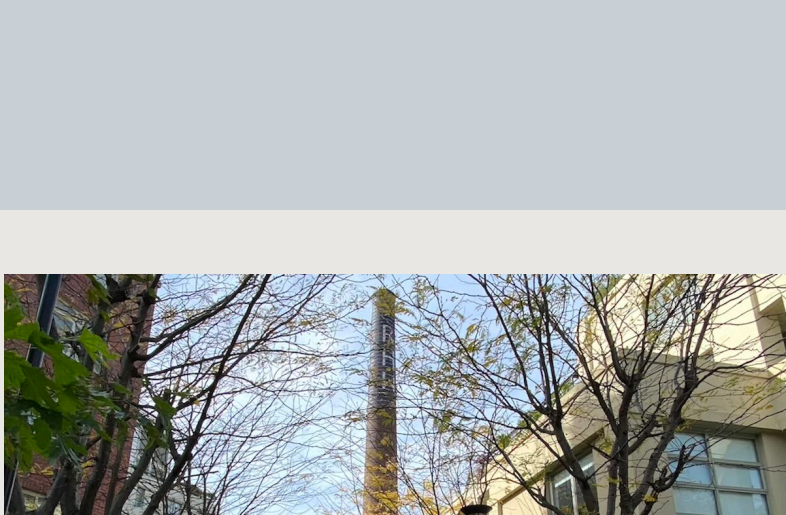
Meet your Ward Councillors to discuss key issues in your area
Tuesday, 17 June 2025, 06:00 PM to 07:30 PM.
People living or working in the Paddington Ward are invited to meet with their Ward Councillors. This event provides an ideal opportunity to hear from your Councillors and to share your ideas, concerns and questions.

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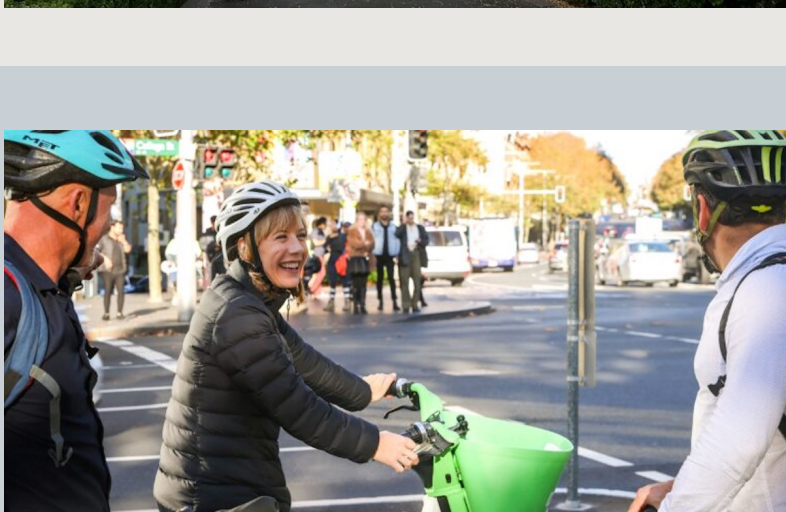
WMC Heritage Listing Modern Buildings Priority Study
Woollahra Local Planning Panel has advised WMC to proceed with a Planning Proposal to list eighteen (18) places as local heritage items on the associated Heritage Maps of the Woollahra Local Environmental Plan 2014. The panel assessed a number of terrace houses including some (plus their interiors) in Paddington.

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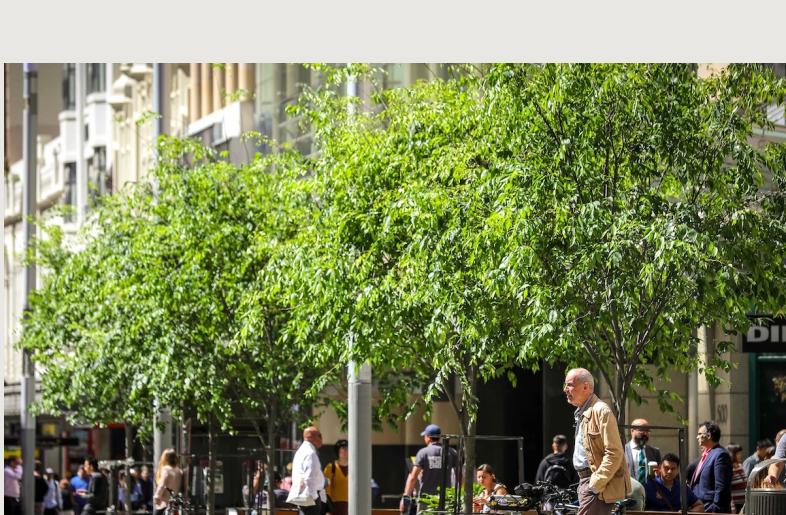
RHW Chimney Update
On 3 April 2025 the Woollahra Local Planning Panel granted development consent to the Development Application (DA) for "remedial works" to the upper section (12 metres) of the former RHW chimney.

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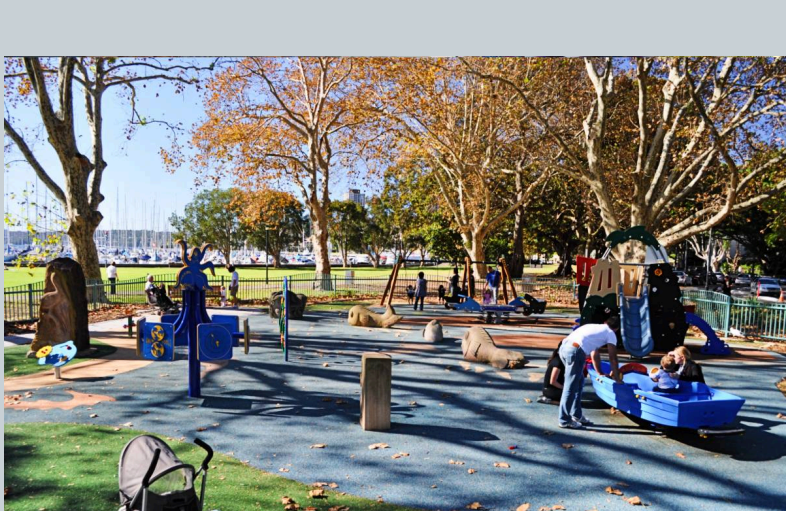
Oxford Street East Cycleway
Two Paddington residents are ramping up their fight to divert a contentious cycleway along Oxford Street, launching legal action against the state government and the CoS Council alleging the project breaches human rights laws by discriminating against elderly people and those with a disability.

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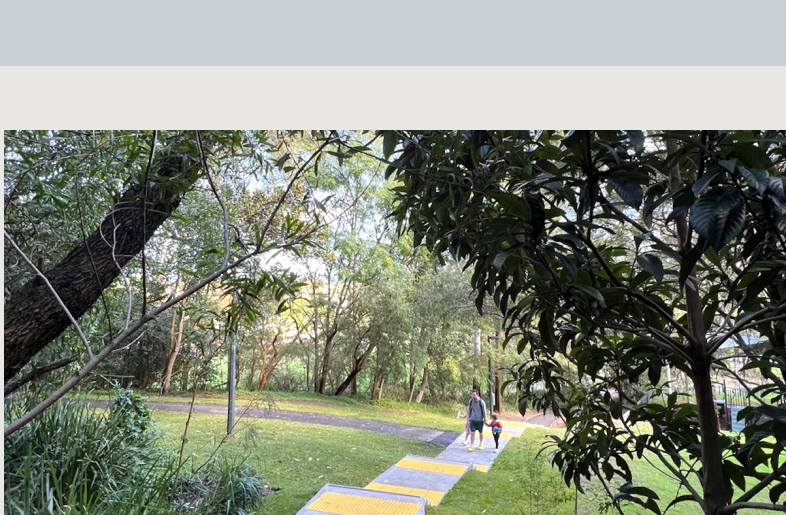
CoS Commits to Drive Urban Transformation
Multi-billion dollar commitment to drive urban transformation and boost community facilities. Almost \$2.7 billion has been earmarked by the City of Sydney to increase open space and invest in community infrastructure, urban transformation and new facilities over the next 10 years.

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Planning for the Future of Woollahra 2025
WMC have created plans that set out goals for the next 10 years, while prioritising the next 4 years and actions for the upcoming financial year. The final Plans will be considered for adoption or endorsement by Council at the Council meeting on 23 June 2025.

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Trumper Park Pathway Upgrade
WMC have now completed the pathways upgrade of Trumper Park, delivering a new 120m long and 1.5m wide sandstone path along the top edge of Trumper Park, creating a new safe, pedestrian tree-lined route connecting to Bowes Avenue.

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Celebrating Supportive Paddington
Stay up to date with your local member Alex Greenwich Independent MP for Sydney. Stay up to date and **sign up** or **view updates**. Alternatively Alex's **newsletter** can be found on the website. Alex has worked to protect the inner city from the loss of low cost and net housing.

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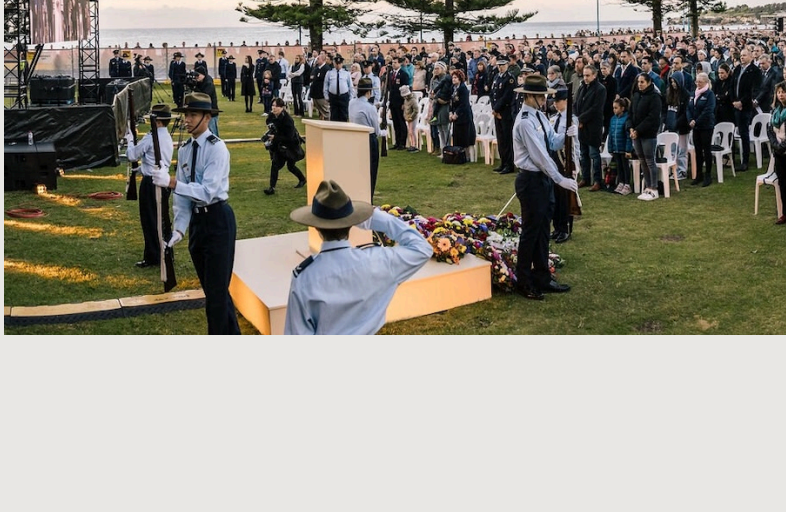
Selwyn St Boarding Houses Update
SMH photographer Dion Georgopoulos photo of Selwyn Street resident John Patmore has been named a finalist in the National Portrait Gallery's National Photographic Portrait Prize 2025. It's just one more way of shining a light on a proud Paddington struggle and the plight of those at the sharp end of the housing crisis.

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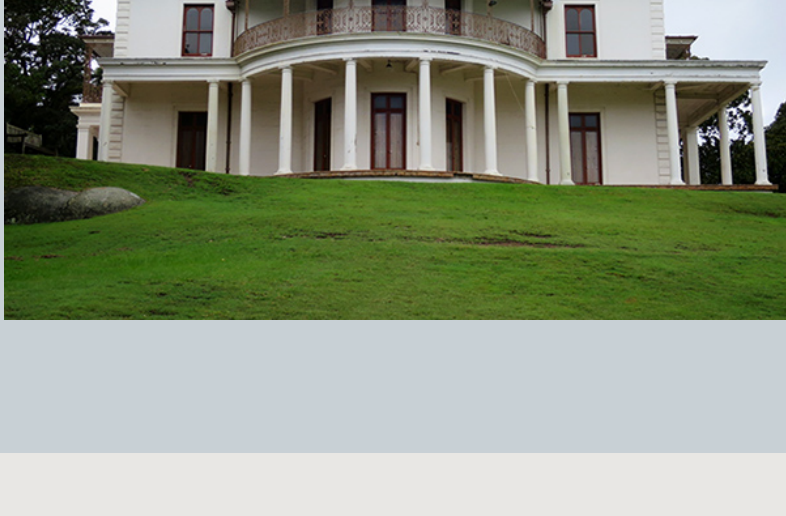
Hordern Pavilion and Royal Hall of Industries
Have **your say** on a State Heritage Register listing nomination being considered for the Hordern Pavilion and Royal Hall of Industries via feedback by **7 June 2025**. The Heritage Council will review your feedback and inform you of any decisions made.

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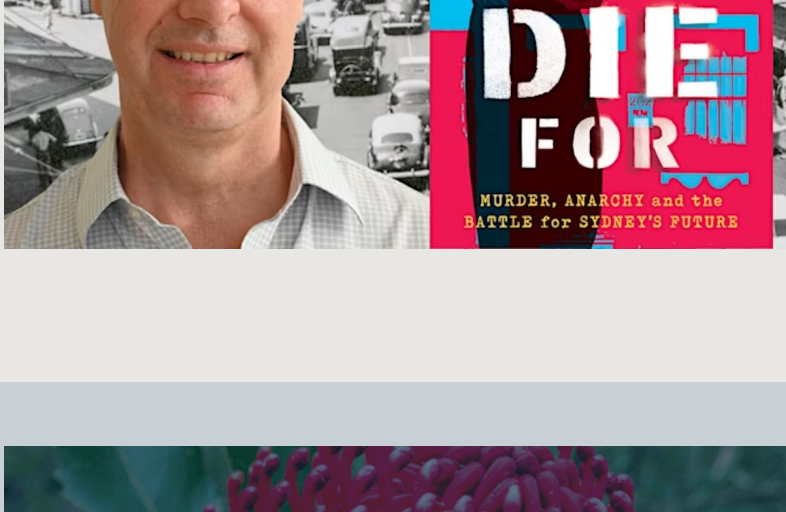
Paddington RSL and Coogee Diggers
Coogee Diggers reports that they recently called for expressions of interest from other registered clubs interested in an amalgamation. Paddington/Woollahra R.S.L. Memorial & Community Club Co-Operative expressed interest in such an amalgamation. Following negotiations, the Boards of both clubs have agreed to proceed with an amalgamation.

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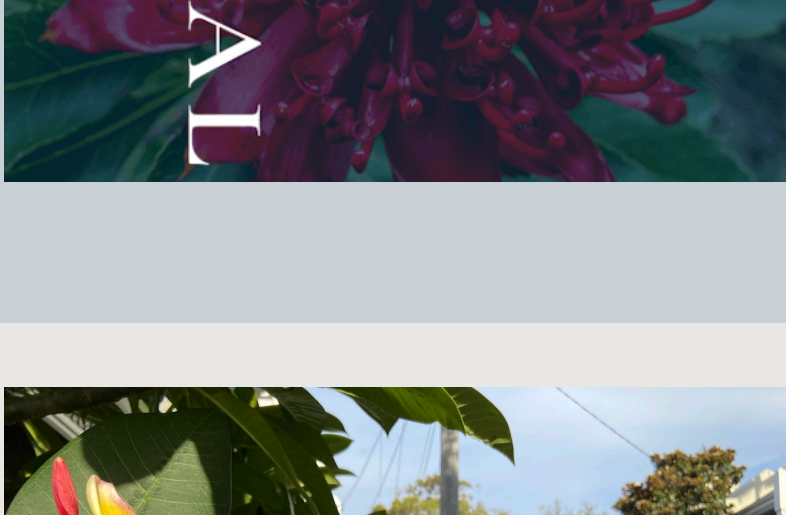
Vale Peter Poland OAM (1932-2025)
Peter and June Poland were founding members of the Woollahra History and Heritage Society, established to promote understanding and preservation of Woollahra's rich natural and cultural heritage. Their contribution to heritage and the community included the preservation of Strickland House.

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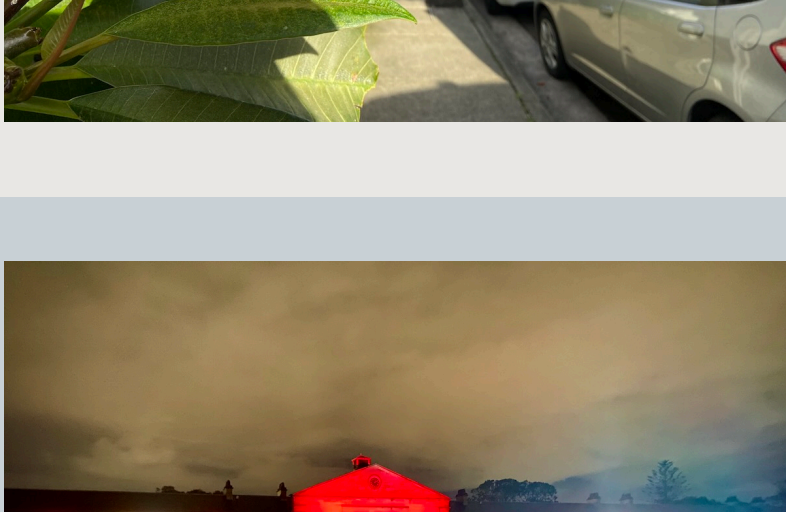
Views to Die For' with Mark Skelsey
Join author Mark Skelsey at Woollahra Library as he discusses *Views to Die For*, a historical account of Kings Cross campaigner Juanita Nielsen's disappearance and presumed murder amid a fierce battle over inner-city development.
Sat, 21 Jun 2025 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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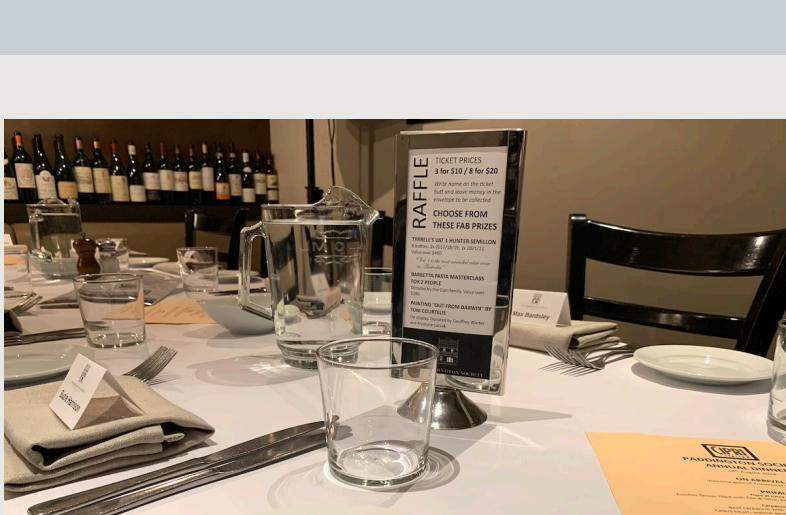
Royal Society of New South Wales Research Guides available now
The Royal Society of New South Wales is a non-profit organisation dedicated to enriching lives through knowledge and inquiry since 1821. After celebrating its Bicentenary in 2021-2022, the Royal Society of New South Wales (RSNSW) has produced two research guides

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WMC Local History and Walks and Talks
Discover the rich history of Woollahra through a series of engaging local history walks and talks. Whether you're a long-time resident or a visitor, these events offer unique insights into the stories and landmarks that have shaped our community.

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Lest We Forget: Anzac Day at Victoria Barracks
This year there were many opportunities to commemorate ANZAC day locally. Paddington residents got together at Victoria Barracks who opened their gates from 9am. A moving ceremony was attended by all age groups.



Paddington Society Annual Dinner Coming Soon
Our Annual Dinner is coming up at Cipri Italian. **Join the society** or simply **sign up for news** to receive more information. Tickets sell out quickly and members get priority when tickets are released.

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Let's Celebrate Reconciliation Week: 27 May - 3 June
National Reconciliation Week which runs from **27 May to 3 June** every year is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

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