

# Ku-ring-gai Council



## A message from the Mayor



### **Ku-ring-gai Council wins prestigious award**

I am delighted to announce Ku-ring-gai Council has won the Excellence in Communication category in the LGNSW RH Dougherty Awards. The awards are presented annually during Local Government Week by LGNSW, the peak

body representing the 128 NSW councils. Our winning entry was for our bushfire awareness campaign called Get Ready Ku-ring-gai, featuring a unique 3D bushfire simulator that really brought home to our residents the need to plan ahead for the fire season. Thanks also to the local RFS and SES volunteers whose input was invaluable.

### **Future development in Ku-ring-gai**

In July the Council deferred a decision on Ku-ring-gai's draft housing strategy, which the NSW State Government

requires all councils to complete. The strategy aims to plan for new housing in Ku-ring-gai over the next 20 years, taking into account the NSW government's housing targets for Sydney. The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment confirmed to Council in June "that there hasn't been a change by the Government, Greater Sydney Commission or Department to housing policy that is required to be considered before Council finalises its Local Housing Strategy". However, following impassioned correspondence from local MPs Alister Henskens and Jonathan O'Dea urging Council not to adopt the draft strategy targets, our Council voted to seek clarity from Premier Berejiklian on expectations for local housing targets. We await the Premier's advice on her government's intentions for future development in Ku-ring-gai.

On the issue of development, in a recent Sydney Morning Herald article on the Lindfield Village Hub the Member for Bradfield Paul Fletcher insightfully identified the need and

vision for sensible redevelopment of Ku-ring-gai's town centres, which are tired and lacking in retail choice. The Activate Ku-ring-gai program of revitalising the town centres of Lindfield, Gordon and Turramurra aims to meet that need. More information on Activate Ku-ring-gai can be found on our website at [kmc.nsw.gov.au](http://kmc.nsw.gov.au)

### **COVID-19**

Finally I urge everyone to continue following the government's health advice on COVID-19. The latest outbreaks to the north of Sydney are very concerning and require us all to be vigilant, observe social distancing and the wearing of masks and above all, get tested if you feel unwell. There are testing centres in Roseville, Turramurra and Killara; for more information visit [health.nsw.gov.au](http://health.nsw.gov.au)

### **Jennifer Anderson, Mayor of Ku-ring-gai**

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## Council Meeting

Council Meeting - 7pm Tuesday 25 August 2020

## Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

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