Year in review: a snapshot of Council achievements

Over the past 12 months Hurstville City Council has completed and/or commenced a number of significant projects and initiatives to benefit the community.

These achievements include the completion of the 2009/10 Infrastructure Plus program of works which saw the resheeting of five streets ($520,000), footpath repairs in all three wards ($150,000), improvements to 12 Council buildings and facilities ($450,000), and various upgrades to parks, playgrounds and sporting fields ($470,000).

Additionally, other key achievements for the year include:

- Construction of the new Hurstville Transport Interchange and pedestrian access link. Once completed in early 2011, this project will greatly improve traffic flow and public transport access in the Hurstville CBD;
- Upgrade of Penshurst commercial precinct. In May 2009, Council received $313,000 under the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Grants Program to lay new paving, widen footpaths, install street furniture and plant new trees. This project was completed in March 2010. Council received an additional $118,000 under the same grant to construct a covered walkway between the commercial precinct and Council’s car park in Connelly Street;
- Introduced a new waste collection contract which will return a $60 cheque to ratepayers;
- Made significant financial and environmental savings through the Red Tape Reduction Taskforce. Since its introduction in May 2010, Council has eradicated overlaps and duplication of information as well as reduced paper usage by 23 reams a month;
- Adopted the Open Space and Facilities Strategy which identifies the types of open space, recreation, community and library facilities required to meet the needs of the community over the next 20 years;
- Commenced work on the 2021 Community Strategic Plan. The 10-year plan will detail key strategies and targets to ensure the City of Hurstville remains dynamic and vibrant.

Mayor’s Message

It is a great honour and privilege to once again be elected as Mayor of Hurstville City Council. I am looking forward to working closely with my fellow Councillors and the community to continue to achieve positive outcomes for the City of Hurstville.

I would also like to congratulate Cr Con Hindi on his re-election as Deputy Mayor.

Looking back over Council’s achievements, 2010 has been another successful year. We have seen a number of projects and initiatives move forward which are helping to build better services, facilities, and infrastructure for the long-term future of Hurstville City.

Council also remains debt free, with zero borrowing costs, and financial statements indicating a $7.02 million operating surplus which positively reflects on Council’s sound financial and asset management.

It has been a very productive year - one which Council is very proud of.

Finally, on behalf of Hurstville City Council, I would like to wish our community a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Cr Philip Sansom
Mayor of Hurstville City Council
Christmas Decoration Award to light up Hurstville

Hurstville City Council will foster Christmas spirit during the festive season by rewarding the owner of the best decorated business and home in December 2010.

Council resolved to host the Hurstville City Council 2010 Christmas Decoration Award at its meeting on 24 March, 2010.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Con Hindi is sponsoring the Christmas Decoration Award by personally providing prize money of $200 each to the owner of the best decorated business and home.

“It will create a festive, happy atmosphere during the Christmas season, beautify town centres and residential areas and build community spirit,” he said.

Mayor Sansom will chair a committee including other Councillors and Council staff to judge the award.

Additionally, award winners will receive a plaque of recognition from Council. For more information about how to nominate your home or business, visit Council’s website or phone Council’s Events and Protocol Officer Helen Dickenson-Panas on 9330 6067.

Entry forms are also available at Council's Customer Service Centre, Hurstville City Library and Penshurst Library. Winners of each category will be notified by telephone.

Entries close on 17 December 2010.

2010 Christmas/New Year closure dates

Hurstville City Council
Monday, 27 December 2010
Tuesday, 28 December 2010
Wednesday, 29 December 2010
Thursday, 30 December 2010
Friday, 31 December 2010
Monday, 3 January 2011

Tuesday, 4 January 2011
- return to normal hours

Hurstville City Library
Friday, 24 December 2010
- Open 9.30 am to 5.00 pm
Saturday, 25 December 2010
Sunday, 26 December 2010
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Tuesday, 28 December 2010
Wednesday, 29 December 2010
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Friday, 31 December 2010
- Open 9.30 am to 5.00 pm
Saturday, 1 January 2011
Sunday, 2 January 2011
Monday, 3 January 2011

Tuesday, 4 January 2011
- return to normal hours

Penshurst Branch Library
Saturday, 25 December 2010 to Monday, 3 January 2011

Tuesday, 4 January 2011
- return to normal hours

Hurstville Museum & Gallery
Friday, 24 December 2010 to Friday, 28 January 2011

Saturday, 29 January 2011
- return to normal hours

Hurstville Entertainment Centre
Friday, 24 December 2010 to Friday, 7 January 2011

Monday, 10 January 2011
- return to normal hours

For more information, visit Council’s website www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au

2011 Hurstville City Council

Australia Day Festival returns

Hurstville City Council, together with Hurstville Rotary Club and City of Hurstville Lions Club, will host a free Australia Day festival on Wednesday, 26 January 2011.

Australia Day is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate our heritage and the diversity of cultures in local communities.

Local citizens are invited to come along to Olds Park, on Forest Road, Hurstville, to enjoy entertainment, rides, activities, food and market stalls from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

For more information on the event, including stallholder applications, telephone Jan Gartrell, of Hurstville Rotary Club, on 0412 828 871.
2010 Mayoral Golf Day returns

The 2010 Hurstville Mayoral Golf Day will be held at Hurstville Golf Course on Friday, 12 November 2010. All funds raised will be donated to the Prostate Cancer Institute at St George Hospital. To date, Council, with the generous support of the Hurstville community, has raised more than $386,000 for cancer research.

For information, contact Council’s Events and Protocol Officer Helen Dickenson-Panas at hdickenson-panas@hurstville.nsw.gov.au or telephone 9330 6067.

Friday 12 November 2010
Hurstville Mayoral Charity Golf Tournament
Sunday 28 November 2010
Westpac Pro-Am Golf Tournament
All welcome.

St George District Cricket Club celebrates its centenary season

The St George District Cricket Club this year celebrates its centenary with a number of events to mark this historic milestone.

The major event will be a centenary celebration dinner to be held at the Johnny Warren Indoor Sports Centre, Hurstville on Saturday, 20 November 2010. Special guest speaker will be cricketing great and highly regarded commentator, Richie Benaud.

Additionally, Arthur Morris, Brian Booth and Kerry O’Keeffe will also be part of this special evening of great entertainment. All welcome. Tickets are $150.00 per person.

Also to mark the centenary, there will be a special Charity 20/20 cricket match on Friday, 19 November 2010, with Shane Warne being just one of the high profile players in attendance. A small gate fee of $5.00 per person will go to the St George Bank Foundation. The match will take place from 4.30pm at Hurstville Oval.

For more information about these events, contact Club CEO Jon Jobson on 9580 0101 or email stgdcc@ozemail.com.au

Hurstville Transport Interchange and pedestrian access link on track to open in early 2011.

The new interchange project and pedestrian access link is well underway with the project expected to be fully operational by early 2011.

In is anticipated that the new transport interchange and pedestrian access link will be officially opened as part of a free community event on Saturday, 5 February 2011. Information about the proceedings of the day will be placed on Council’s website closer to the event.

On completion of the Hurstville Transport Interchange, buses will enter the from Woodville Street; either turning left on to Forest Road to serve the eastern end of Hurstville or heading right along a new two-way stretch of the thoroughfare to MacMahon Street, before continuing west. General traffic will continue to travel one-way in an easterly direction along Forest Road.
Hurstville City Council will welcome in the Year of the Rabbit with a month-long program of events and activities.

The 2011 Hurstville Chinese New Year Street Festival will be held on Saturday, 29 January and proudly supported by major sponsor, Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Council's largest outdoor event of the year will include non-stop entertainment, food and market stalls, and traditional lion and dragon dances on Forest Road, Hurstville.

The Commonwealth Bank Kids’ Corner will return to the Palm Court car park, where young children can pat baby barnyard animals, have their face painted and play on a jumping castle.

Additionally, to celebrate Chinese New Year, Council will also host an exhibition exploring the diversity of Chinese culture and tradition and children's activities at the Hurstville City Library Museum and Gallery, a film festival highlighting China's film industry, and an outdoor Chinese New Year dinner celebration to be held on Saturday, 26 February 2011 on MacMahon Street, Hurstville.

For further details about the 2011 Hurstville Chinese New Year Festival, including sponsorship, events and activities, contact Council’s Events and Protocol Officer, Helen Dickenson-Panas at hdickenson-panas@hurstville.nsw.gov.au or telephone 9330 6067.

Hurstville City Library and Museum activities program

Chinese Zodiac animals mask workshop
Wednesday, 5 January 2011
11.00am - 12.30pm
Hurstville City Museum & Gallery
$5.00 per child (4-12 years)
Bookings: Please call 9330 6444

Year of the Rabbit workshop
Wednesday, 12 January 2011
11.00am - 12.30pm
Hurstville City Museum & Gallery
$5.00 per child (4-12 years)
Bookings: Please call 9330 6444

Holiday Activity: Enter the Cinema
Thursday, 13 January and Thursday, 20 January 2011
Bring your friends along for an afternoon of distinctly Chinese film at the library.
4.00pm - 6.00pm (15-20 years)
Hurstville City Museum & Gallery
Bookings: Please call 9330 6142

Tai Chi classes for everyone
Friday, 14 January 2011
10.00am - 11.00am
Hurstville City Museum & Gallery
Friday, 21 January 2011
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Hurstville City Library, Exhibition area
Bookings: Please call 9330 6142

Chinese Tea tasting demonstration with Valley Green Tea
Tuesday, 18 January 2011
10.00am - 12.00pm
Location: Hurstville City Library, Miles Franklin room
Bookings essential. Spaces are limited. Book in person at the Hurstville City Library information desk or phone 9330 6142.

Celebrating Year of the Rabbit children’s activity
Story time celebrating Chinese New Year
Tuesday, 18 January 2011
10.00am - 11.30am
Free (5-12 years)
Penshurst Branch Library
Bookings essential.
Please call 9330 6422
Simply fill out the entry form inside the 2011 Hurstville Chinese New Year Official Program and drop it back to the official festival information stall between 11:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, 29 January 2011. The lucky draw will take place at the 2011 Hurstville Chinese New Year Street Festival on the Centre Stage at approximately 2.55pm. Winners must be in attendance to claim the prize.

Your chance to win:
• 2 return economy air tickets to Hong Kong and airport transfer on arrival and departure
• 3 nights accommodation & breakfast in Hong Kong (4 star)
• 3 nights accommodation & breakfast in Guangzhou (4 star)
• 2 nights accommodation & breakfast in Macau (MGM Grand Macau, 5 stars)
• 2 tickets to Disneyland Hong Kong
• Full day tour of Hong Kong city for 2 persons
• Hong Kong Railway Day Passes for 2 persons
• 2 return turbo-jet tickets from Hong Kong to Macau
• Shuttle Bus Service between Macau Ferry Terminal – MGM Grand Macau Hotel
• Day tour of Macau City for 2 persons
• One 19 inch suitcase (hand luggage size)

Courtesy of Virgin Atlantic Airways, Ananda Travel Service (Australia), China National Tourist Office Sydney, Macau Government Tourist Office, Hong Kong Tourism Board and Disneyland Hong Kong
New waste contract delivers greater flexibility for ratepayers

Call for Australia Day nominations closing soon

Hurstville City Council is calling on the community to nominate its unsung local heroes for three prestigious 2011 Australia Day awards.

Council will announce the winners of 'Citizen of the Year', 'Young Citizen of the Year' and 'Young Sportsperson' of the Year at a special Australia Day Dinner on Thursday, 20 January 2011.

Eligible nominees must reside, work or attend school in the Hurstville local government area. ‘Young Citizen of the Year’ and ‘Young Sportsperson of the Year’ nominees must be 25 years of age or younger.

Nominations close on Friday, 19 November 2010.

To make a nomination, submit a letter to Council, detailing the nominee’s community involvement and achievements. Contact details for the nominator and nominee should also be provided. Forward, with documentation supporting the submission, to: The General Manager, Hurstville City Council, PO Box 205, HURSTVILLE BC NSW 1481.

As part of Hurstville City Council’s new waste contract introduced in May 2010, Council now provides each residential property in the Hurstville local government area with two free clean up collections per year for the removal of tree prunings and small pieces of furniture.

The implementation of this new waste contract has resulted in a more efficient clean up service as residents no longer have to wait for the scheduled clean up collection in their area. This gives the added flexibility of arranging a collection that suits residents’ needs. Bookings are essential for this service.

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Infrastructure Plus: 2010 - 2011 Financial Year

Hurstville City Council is continuing to fulfil its commitment to providing roads, footpaths, parks, sporting fields and facilities in our suburbs through the Infrastructure Plus program.

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Leviathan production shines spotlight on local talent

Leviathan production had a cast of more than 250 people each telling their personal story about migration.

Hurstville City Council, in partnership with the Sydney Theatre Company (STC), recently hosted a new theatre production – Leviathan on 18 and 19 September 2010, celebrating the start of the 2010 Discovery Festival of Community Arts.

Leviathan was the culmination of a successful partnership between the STC and Hurstville and Liverpool City Councils. More than 700 people, which included a cast of over 250 performers, attended the two shows held at Hurstville Entertainment Centre.

Council was delighted to have STC Artistic Director, Cate Blanchett in the audience as part of official opening of the event on 18 September 2010.

Mayor Sansom said the production was a great opportunity for local performers to work alongside a talented cast of STC resident actors, and accomplished Resident Director, Stefo Nantsou.

“I congratulate all project participants, along with the STC, for all their hard work, dedication and countless hours in creating this community theatre opportunity for local citizens in the St George region,” he said.

The theatrical production Leviathan showcased a large range of personal stories about migration and settlement experiences as part of Sydney’s epic immigration history.

Leviathan media launch held on 2 August 2010, Cr Anne Wagstaff, Artistic Director (STC) Andrew Upton, Artistic Director (STC) Cate Blanchett, Mayor of Hurstville, Cr Philip Sansom, Cr Jack Jacovou, Cr Clifton Wong, and Cr Nancy Liu.

How do you like to receive local news?

Hurstville City Council is interested in hearing how you like to receive Hurstville City News.

While some people prefer to receive a hard copy newsletter, more and more people are opting to receive information via email.

Please tell us how you like to hear about Council events and initiatives and/or sign up for electronic delivery by visiting http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/News-Feedback.html

Hurstville City Council a top performer in a recent report

Hurstville City Council was recently named in a report by the NSW Department of Local Government as a NSW Council that had successfully achieved a nil deficit in the financial year of 2008/09.

The report, Snapshot of NSW Councils, highlights the comparative information of over 150 local councils in NSW and includes information about their operational costs and financial revenue data.

Mayor of Hurstville, Cr Philip Sansom said he was pleased that Council had achieved this nil deficit as it positively reflects on Council’s sound financial and asset management.

“This is a great result for Council and one that highlights our prudent financial management,” he said.

“Hurstville was one of only three councils named in the report as councils who did not go into deficit for the financial year of 2008/09.

“I’m delighted that Council, despite the recent economic uncertainty still remains debt free, with zero borrowing costs, and financial statements indicating a $7.02 million operating surplus.”

Mayor Sansom said that Council worked diligently to ensure a continual strong financial position for the long-term benefit to the community, without any cuts to day-to-day services.
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Corr Queens Road and Dora Street, Hurstville. Telephone 9330 6111

**Penshurst Library**
630 Forest Road (near Olds Park), Penshurst. Telephone 9330 6422

**Hurstville City Museum and Gallery**
14 MacMahon Street, Hurstville. Telephone 9330 6444

*Home library service*
Are you unable to visit the library? Would you like to have books, DVDs, CDs, MP3 players, and magazines delivered to your door? Hurstville City Council offers a free home library service for Hurstville residents who cannot come to the library because of age, incapacity or illness. We make home deliveries on a fortnightly basis.
Phone 9330 6135 for more information on his service.

Please note Preschool Storytime, Storytime and Joey Tales are not held during school holidays.

Please note Storytime is not held during school holidays.

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**Tuesday to Thursday 10.00am to 4.00pm. First and fourth Saturday of the month 10.00am to 3.00pm, other times by appointment only.**

**Mailing List**
Want to keep updated with the latest cultural and community events in Hurstville? Join our mailing list to receive updates on exhibitions, events and activities for the whole family.
To join, phone Hurstville City Museum and Gallery on 9330 6444 or email museumgallery@hurstville.nsw.gov.au
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Tuesday to Thursday 10.00am to 4.00pm. First and fourth Saturday of the month 10.00am to 3.00pm, other times by appointment only.

**Mailing List**

Want to keep updated with the latest cultural and community events in Hurstville? Join our mailing list to receive updates on exhibitions, events and activities for the whole family. To join, phone Hurstville City Museum and Gallery on 9330 6444 or email museumgallery@hurstville.nsw.gov.au
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Council receives grant funding to complete Georges River Estuary Management Plan

Hurstville City Council has received a $52,000 grant on behalf of the Georges River Combined Councils Committee (GRCCC).

Mayor of Hurstville, Cr Philip Sansom said Council will use the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water grant funding to complete the final stages of the Georges River Estuary Management Plan (EMP) to improve the environmental health and condition of the Georges River.

“The two final stages of the EMP to be completed include the Georges River Estuary Management Study and the development of a comprehensive plan detailing key actions,” he said.

“Thanks to this additional funding, the EMP will now be finalised and then follow on with the implementation of key actions outlined in the plan, to further improve and protect the quality of local waterways for the long-term future.”

The completion of the EMP will allow participating councils as part of GRCCC to:
• Improve the environmental health and condition of estuaries.
• Improve public access and amenity.
• Obtain funding to carry out actions highlighted in the plan.
• Rehabilitate degraded areas.
• Protect important coastal habitats, features and heritage items.

For further information about the progress of the EMP, contact Council on 9330 6222 or alternatively visit the GRCCC website at www.georgesriver.org.au

Happening in Hurstville

Be bushfire-ready this summer

The summer months are almost upon us and the time has come to make sure you, your family and home are prepared for the bushfire season.

From 1 October until 31 March each year is considered a bushfire danger period, when no burning off is allowed without authorization. Before you start burning off in your backyard to reduce bushfire hazards you will need to obtain an Environmental Approval - Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate from your local fire station, along with the necessary Fire Permit.

The NSW Rural Fire Service provides a Household Assessment Tool to help you establish your household’s level of risk from bush fire and a Survival Plan template for you to complete, to ensure you know what to do in the event of a fire.

A bush fire prone land map is also available on Council’s website to assist you in identifying whether your home is at risk.

Find a venue:
• the database is simple and quick to use, and automatically lists venues based on their proximity to Hurstville City
• you can also choose to refine your venue search by specifying the interest group, venue type and preferred locality for your event or activity.

Hurstville Community Directory takes the fuss out of venue hire

Hurstville City Council has taken the hard work out of finding a venue for your next event by providing a comprehensive online database of local community halls and function spaces.

The Hurstville Community Directory includes information about halls and meeting rooms that are available for hire in Hurstville City and wider Sydney.

The directory makes it quick and simple to find the most suitable place for your event from a selection of hundreds of unique venues.

It includes more than 550 venues, ranging from licensed functions rooms, to sports and recreation centres, and church and school halls. Detailed information is provided for each venue, including a description, contact details, operating hours, fees, and services.
Author Talk sessions at the library set to bring two accomplished authors to Hurstville

Leading author, Di Blacklock, will be a special guest speaker at Hurstville City Library on Wednesday, 10 November 2010.

Her new book, *The Right Time*, is about the unconditional love you can only find in families.

Di has written a number of books including *Call Waiting, Wife for Hire, Almost Perfect, False Advertising, Crossing Paths and Three's a Crowd*.

Additionally, a second author talk session will bring notable author and professor, Dr Mohamed Khadra, to the Hurstville City Library on Wednesday, 17 November 2010.

His new book, *Terminal Decline: A Surgeon’s Diagnosis of the Australian Health-Care System*, explores the current health-care system in Australia, its history and how this has greatly impacted on the system we have today.

His other titles include bestselling books *Making the Cut* and *The Patient*.

For more information about these events, please contact the Hurstville City Library on 9330 6142.

Fostering NSW launches campaign to recruit more foster carers

Hurstville City Council is supporting the NSW Government’s foster care initiative promoting the need to recruit more foster carers in communities across the state.

There are more than 16,500 children and young people in out-of-home care and sadly these people cannot live safely at home.

Fostering NSW recently launched a campaign to promote greater awareness and encourage people to learn more about what is involved in fostering a child or young people so they can decide whether this is something they would like to consider.

Currently there are more than 9,000 Australians who have taken up the challenge of foster care however, more foster carers are urgently needed.

If you are interested in finding out more about what fostering care involves, visit www.fosteringnsw.com.au.

Additionally, a call centre has been established and potential carers can call 1800 236 783 to learn more about fostering and find out about local information sessions in their area.
St George Art Prize
– exhibition now open

Hurstville City Council is inviting the community come along and see the St George Art Prize exhibition on now at the Hurstville City Museum and Gallery until Thursday, 16 December 2010.

The exhibition is showcasing not only the category winners but also the highly commended artists who were part of this inaugural competition. This competition has had a fantastic response from the Australian arts community with entries coming from all over the country.

For local artists, the Art Awards have provided an opportunity to exhibit their work to a wide public independent of art society membership, to attract buyers and to network with art interested people and other artists both within and outside the St George region.

Date: Until 16 December 2010
Opening Hours:
10:00am - 4:00pm Tue-Thu
10:00am - 3:00pm First and fourth Saturday of each month.
Cost: FREE
Location: Hurstville City Museum & Gallery, 14 MacMahon Street, Hurstville
Phone: 9330 6444 or visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/lmg

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge returns to Hurstville libraries

Hurstville City Library Museum and Gallery will once again be part of the national Summer Reading Club program.

The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to students in Kindergarten-Year 9 and provides an opportunity for children to read more widely over the summer holidays.

There are also some great prizes up for grabs for those who take up the challenge. Registrations open from 18 December 2010 at either Hurstville or Penshurst libraries.

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This exhibition will appeal to anyone with an interest in fashion, creativity, art and Japanese culture. For more information visit http://lmg.hurstville.nsw.gov

Discover your family history – Family History ‘Drop In’ Sessions
Are you a budding family history enthusiast? Need help researching your family tree? Our free ‘Drop In’ sessions are a fantastic way to meet new people and access family history resources and reference material.

The sessions also give you an opportunity to learn about new resources and websites, and allow you to seek advice from LMG staff. Additionally, the sessions are designed for enthusiastic genealogists who have already begun researching their ancestors who may require some extra assistance in using databases or searching for records.

While you’re at Hurstville City Library, why not take the opportunity to book a computer and explore online databases and resources such as Ancestry Library. Ancestry Library Edition is available at both Penshurst Branch and Hurstville City libraries.

Sneak preview at 2011 exhibitions
Here is a glimpse of what’s coming up in the first six months of 2011 at the Hurstville City Museum and Gallery.

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Library seeking JP volunteers for new service
Hurstville City Library is inviting Justices of the Peace who can spare a couple of hours to be part of a new service providing an opportunity for residents to get their documents officially certified as required.

If you are currently a registered JP and are interested in offering your time on a regular basis every Tuesday (10-12pm) and Thursday (2-4pm), please contact Nicola Owens on 9330 6146.

‘Justices of the Peace’ are persons authorised to witness and sign statutory declarations, affidavits and certify documents, such as migration documents.

Additionally, JPs can also be located at most police stations, local courts, community organisations and government agencies.
Contacting Council
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PO Box 205 Hurstville BC NSW 1481
Phone: 9330 6222
Website: www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au