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Celebrating
summer in
Parramatta



CITY OF
PARRAMATTA

Lord Mayor's message



Welcome to the latest edition of *Parramatta Pulse*.

Summer is now in full swing, and it's a busy time of year for events and festivals in Parramatta. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing what 2020 holds for our wonderful City.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Brett Newman, the new Chief Executive Officer of City of Parramatta Council, who commenced his role in September. As we approach the New Year, I have great confidence in what we can build together for the community moving forward.

Carols in The Crescent

Get into the Christmas spirit this year with Carols in The Crescent, hosted by popular Australian singer and television star Guy Sebastian. There will be a two-hour stage show with a great line-up of performers including musicians, comedians, Santa and more. The event kicks off from 4pm on Saturday 14 December at The Crescent in Parramatta Park. There will be plenty of food stalls and rides for families to enjoy before the concert starts at 7pm. In lieu of

paying for a ticket, The Sebastian Foundation will be asking for donations to raise funds for a local project to help women and families escape domestic violence.

New Year's Eve

Celebrate the New Year with Western Sydney's largest New Year's Eve event from 6pm in Parramatta Park, on Tuesday 31 December. The whole family will be entertained with rides, music, dancing, animal shows, workshops, and more than 20 food stalls to explore. Enjoy live performances by The Soul Movers, The Goods, and comedian Anthony Salame. The evening will conclude with a wonderful fireworks display at 9pm. I am excited to see the community come together to ring in the New Year.

Australia Day

Celebrate what it means to be Australian at our Australia Day event in Parramatta Park. There will be non-stop entertainment from 6am to 9.15pm on Sunday 26 January. Highlights of the event include a hot-air balloon display, classic vehicles at CARnival, kids' activities, live entertainment from high profile performers, delicious food, amusement rides, fireworks and more.

Lord Mayor
Councillor Bob Dwyer



Welcome to our new Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer and CEO Brett Newman, who began this September. Congratulations to Deputy Lord Mayor Cr Michelle Garrard who was reappointed.

Your City UPDATES

Parramatta Square update

Design work continues on 5 Parramatta Square, the City's new civic, cultural and community building in the heart of the CBD. It is on target to open in April 2022, coinciding with the completion of the rest of the Parramatta Square precinct. In August this year, a Development Application was lodged to progress the multipurpose building that will extend above the historic Town Hall. Featuring an open, flexible layout and tessellated facade, the civic building will showcase contemporary and innovative sustainable architecture.

Parramatta Light Rail update

George Street in the Parramatta CBD has become two-way as part of the Parramatta Light Rail program, helping to improve the flow of traffic through the City. George Street has been converted to two-way traffic between O'Connell Street and the Harris/MacArthur Street intersection, moving motorists efficiently through the heart of Parramatta and redistributing traffic volumes across the local road network.


The Parramatta Light Rail will connect Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia, and is expected to open in 2023. The Sydney trains T6 Carlingford Line will permanently close on Sunday 5 January 2020. For more information visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au

New speed limits in CBD

Council, in partnership with Transport for NSW, has introduced 40km/h speed limits in the Parramatta CBD and some parts of North Parramatta, Westmead and Harris Park, to improve safety for all road users. The 40km/h speed limit will particularly benefit the elderly, children, pedestrians and cyclists. For more information visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/safespeedlimits

Darcy Street has reopened

Darcy Street reopened to both pedestrians and vehicles on 30 November 2019. Direct pedestrian access via an underground retail link from Parramatta Station to Parramatta Square and the public space will open shortly after. For a full list of access changes visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 617 058.



Artist's impression
of the new aquatic
and leisure centre

New aquatic and leisure centre coming to Parramatta

Council has revealed the concept design for the new aquatic and leisure centre, following an announcement that the NSW Government will co-fund the project. The new facility will offer the community a welcoming and inclusive space where they can learn to swim, train, compete and cool down.

Based in the Mays Hill precinct of Parramatta Park, the new centre will feature indoor and outdoor pools, learn-to-swim facilities, café, fitness centre, parking facilities, and year-round health and wellness services.

A new social hub for the Parramatta community, the facility will incorporate the latest sustainable architectural design. Unique features include sensitive integration with the site's parkland surrounds, a generous use of space and light, as well as single-level accessible entry and pathways.

With more than a million visitors expected to use the facility each year, Council is progressing with additional detailed design work with a view to lodging a Development Application in 2020.

For more information visit
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate

Construction on **EAT STREET** coming soon


The construction plan for Parramatta Light Rail on Parramatta's famous 'Eat Street' will see Church Street closed to car traffic from 1 February 2020, and major construction to begin from June.

To support local businesses on Eat Street, Council will be waiving the outdoor dining fees for cafés, restaurants, bars and other outlets during the construction of the Parramatta Light Rail.

From 1 February 2020, Church Street will become a pedestrian-only zone between Macquarie Street and Market Street as work on the crucial project gets underway.

Outdoor dining will continue until major construction begins in June 2020. Construction will be put on hold for the important summer trading period, and during this time Transport for NSW will provide some temporary outdoor tables and seating as part of activities and events between 1 November 2020 and 31 January 2021.

For more information visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au



Artist's impression
of Eat Street
pedestrianised

Celebrating summer in Parramatta



Left to right: Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer, Erth Artistic Director Scott Wright, Ronda Gaffey and Lyn Watkins of Parramatta Female Factory Friends, and author Judith Dunn.

Foundation Festival

Foundation Festival took place from Thursday 31 October to Sunday 3 November.

Celebrating and appreciating our rich cultural heritage, the event took place in 10 locations of great significance to Parramatta's history.

Sydney Festival

This January, Parramatta will play host to major theatre and music events as part of Sydney Festival.

For more information go to page 14. See the full program and get tickets at sydneyfestival.org.au

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Carols in The Crescent

With Guy Sebastian and friends

14 December, The Crescent Parramatta Park, 4pm-9pm, concert starts 7pm

Enjoy an evening of carol singing and festive entertainment hosted by award-winning recording artist and star of 'The Voice', Guy Sebastian and his wife, Jules Sebastian.

This fundraising event for The Sebastian Foundation will include a two-hour stage show featuring TV stars, a choir, band, comedians,

costumed characters and an appearance by a special guest from the North Pole. In addition to the onstage entertainment, there will be children's amusement rides and food trucks.

For more information visit discoverparramatta.com/carolsinthecrescent



31 December
Parramatta
Park
4pm - 9pm

Parramatta New Year's Eve 2019

Start the New Year off with a bang at Parramatta's NYE celebrations in Parramatta Park. See live performances by The Soul Movers, The Goods and comedian Anthony Salame. The kids areas will be packed full of music, dance, science and animal shows. There are plenty of rides and options

to grab a bite with more than 20 food stalls, offering a range of carnival favourite foods. It will be a great family event so come down and save yourself a spot for the fireworks.

For more information visit discoverparramatta.com/nye



Australia Day

**26 January, Parramatta Park
6am - 9.15pm**

Get together with your family and friends and head to Parramatta Park for non-stop entertainment from dawn until dusk. Featuring a hot-air balloon display, classic vehicles at CARNIVALE, kids' activities, live entertainment, delicious food, amusement rides and more. Join us at the main stage at 6pm for a three hour concert by a high profile headliner, finishing up with a 15-minute fireworks display from 9pm.

For more information visit:
discoverparramatta/ausday

Coming soon...

DECEMBER

Epping Aquatic Centre Christmas Pool Party

7 December, 12.30pm - 4.30pm
FREE ENTRY

Epping Aquatic Centre, Epping
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/eppingpoolparty

Carlingford Epping Carols in the Park

8 December, 5pm - 10pm

Boronia Park, Epping
facebook.com/CarlingfordEppingCarols

Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library Opening and Family Fun Day

15 December, 10am - 3pm

10 Footbridge Boulevard, Wentworth Point

Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Concert

11 December, 12pm - 2pm

Riverside Theatres, Parramatta
(pre-booked tickets essential)
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/seniorschristmas

Carols in The Crescent with Guy Sebastian and friends

14 December, 4pm - 9pm
(concert starts 7pm)

The Crescent, Parramatta Park

North Rocks Carols by Candlelight

20 December, 5pm - 9pm

North Rocks Park, Carlingford
facebook.com/NorthRocksCarolsbyCandlelight

New Year's Eve

31 December, 6pm - 9.15pm
Parramatta Park

JANUARY

Australia Day 2020

26 January, 6am - 9.15pm
Parramatta Park

FEBRUARY

HSBC Sydney 7s

1 - 2 February
Bankwest Stadium,
Parramatta

Lunar New Year

7 February, 5pm - 9pm
Centenary Square, Parramatta
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/events/lunar-new-year-2019



Coming up for kids...

Craftastic Kids Christmas Craft

4 December 2019

The last Craft Club at Parramatta Library for the year! Get inspired, create and make a collection of beautiful Christmas ornaments from paper.

Location: Parramatta Library

Time: 4pm – 5pm

Ages: 6-10 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required, but places are limited.

School Holiday Activities at your Local Library

We have stacks of events happening at our libraries during the school holidays. From science fun, to puppets and creative writing workshops – we have it all! Registrations open 9 December 2019.

To book visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/library

Craftastic Kids Summer Craft

5 February 2020

When school returns in 2020 so will the Craftastic Kids Club! To celebrate the summer season we'll be making glittery seashell picture frames to add a touch of the sea side to your room.

Location: Parramatta Library

Time: 4pm – 5pm

Ages: 6-10 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required, but places are limited.



Summer water spots

Cool off and enjoy nature in and around the rivers and creeks of the Parramatta area. Check out our favourite spots to enjoy the summer season by the water in Parramatta.

Lake Parramatta, North Parramatta

Lake Parramatta and its surrounding reserve offers patrolled swimming, and an array of family-friendly activities.

Lifeguard hours: weekends and public holidays 9am – 6pm.

23 December 2019 - 27 January 2020
9am – 6pm

Balaka Falls, Carlingford

Balaka Falls, off Ferndale Avenue, Carlingford provides a shady, cool oasis. Enjoy the dense bushland and explore a wide range of plants and animals along the creek line.

Parramatta River at Parramatta Park

Follow the winding river and explore the wonderful sights and things to do in the beautiful Parramatta Park.

Homebush Bay at Wentworth Point

Enjoy a walk or cycle along The Promenade, in the southern part of Wentworth Point. Visit the Piazza

shopping centre for a coffee or something delicious to eat at one of the cafés/restaurants.

Darling Mills Creek in North Rocks

Drive to the end of Loyalty Road, North Rocks and walk down to Darling Mills Creek, where a lovely path heads both upstream and downstream.

Blaxland Riverside Park, Sydney Olympic Park

Located alongside the Parramatta River, Blaxland Riverside Park has a massive children's playground (including a water play area) along with cafés, barbecues, picnic shelters, cycle paths and amenities.

Newington Nature Reserve Wetlands, Sydney Olympic Park

Another beautiful location along the Parramatta River with multiple cycle paths and walkways allowing leisurely observation of hundreds of types of plants and animals.

Calling all SECRET SANTAS

The City of Parramatta Gift Appeal for The Children's Hospital at Westmead will take place from 25 November to 15 December.

Members of the local community are encouraged to donate a gift and drop it off to Council's Customer Contact Centre at 126 Church Street, Parramatta or any of Council's Library branches.

Gifts required are for all ages including teenagers and should be new and unwrapped.

For more information visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/giftappeal



Make a SPLASH!

Summer is here! Head to Epping Aquatic Centre or Macarthur Girls High School Pool and join the Dolphins Swim School for swimming lessons.

TERM 1, 2020

28 January – 9 April

Learn to Swim lessons are suitable for anyone over six months, no age limit applies.

Enrolments open on:

25 November – for current members booking into same day/time/level

2 December – for current members changing day/time/level

9 December – for new/previous members

HOLIDAY CRASH COURSE

Week 1: 6 – 10 January

Week 2: 13 – 17 January

Week 3: 20 – 24 January

30-minute lessons just for kids.

Enrolments open on 2 December.

For more information visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation-environment/swimming/swim-school



Stay active in Parramatta this summer

Active Parramatta delivers both free and affordable recreation, leisure programming and resources for residents, workers and visitors to improve their health and wellbeing. To enquire about, or book in to, any of our programs email recreation@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Some highlights include:

- The largest free school holiday program in the state is back this summer. Registrations open Monday 16 December at 9.30am.
- There are a range of fitness programs for seniors to partake in, from gentle exercise programs to broader exercise programs courtesy of Move It Aus Better Ageing Grants.
- Free and discounted programs are run throughout the Local Government Area, with activities ranging from Yoyalates, outdoor fitness and strength training, and more...
- Book a tennis court at cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tennis

Active Parramatta Facebook page:
facebook.com/activeparramatta

Active Parramatta e-newsletter:
bit.ly/ActiveParraNewsletter



Upgrades in your area



Buller Street



Constitution Hill shops



North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan

North Rocks

John Wearn Reserve, Carlingford

Thanks to \$5.2 million from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund, the 2.4 hectare park is under construction as part of the North Rocks Park Precinct Masterplan. It will host a new and improved playground, dog park, carpark, amenities block, skate park, fitness station, barbecue facilities, multi-use sport court, picnic shelters, and a new stage with amphitheatre seating. The upgrade is expected to be completed by February 2020.

North Rocks Park, Carlingford

The park underwent a major lighting upgrade in July as part of the Stage 1 North Rocks Masterplan. The project was delivered thanks to \$120,000 from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund and a \$50,000 contribution from the Hills Football Association. Four new metal LED lighting poles are now operated by a smart phone app.

Chisholm Centre, Winston Hills

Access to the Chisholm Centre has been improved with the addition of new stairs from Bellotti Ave. Made from solid concrete, these stairs feature handrails

and tactile indicators for the visually impaired. Consultation is now complete for the upgrade of the Chisholm Centre; the concept is now in detailed design and is being finalised.

Carmen Drive shops and reserve upgrade, Carlingford

Construction is under way on the \$900,000 upgrade of the Carmen Drive shops and reserve. The upgrade will include a new fenced playground, amenities block with baby change table, and carpark, as well improvements to the existing shop front.

Ventura Road shops access, Northmead

The concept for the \$425,000 upgrade has been finalised, with community support. Construction to improve access from the adjoining reserve to the shops, streetscape and garden beds, will begin in January 2020.

Barnett Dog Park, Winston Hills

Council is upgrading the dog park with funding from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund – Major Projects Program. The park will receive new fencing, a double gate system, solar bollard lighting, dog agility equipment, a concrete walking track, bubbler, and new turf. Construction is under way and will be finalised by the end of December.

Epping

Terrys Creek Walk upgrades, Epping

Council has undertaken \$465,000 in upgrades to improve the amenity, safety and ecological health of the Terrys Creek bushland and walking track. Work was completed in September.

The creek, which stretches from Somerville Park in Eastwood to Lane Cove National Park, is an important ecological corridor. Over the past three years, Council has undertaken extensive bush regeneration, revegetation and track construction works in this area.

Rockleigh Reserve, Epping

The much-loved Rockleigh Reserve has undergone maintenance improvement work, including the replacement of old seats, fresh paint, paving repairs, the installation of a new bin and fence, and additional planting.

Masonic Hall, Epping

The former Masonic Hall at 49 Rawson Street in Epping is currently undergoing interior works to make the building fit and safe for public use. There will be two rooms available for hire upon approval of the Development Application for Change of Use. The function room will be open for hire following further refurbishment, likely in mid-2020.

Dundas

Buller Street improvements, North Parramatta

The well-loved shopping hub near Doyle Ground recently underwent a \$350,000 upgrade, with the works completed in November. The project included footpath widening to accommodate outdoor dining, shade tree planting, new landscaping, and traffic mitigation elements.

'This is Telopea' at Waratah Shops

Building on the work of Small Shift, the winner of Council's "Pitch for Good" live crowdfunding event, community members and Council officers organised a mural painting event to 'brighten up the space' at the Waratah Shops in Telopea. The artwork was designed by Auntie Kerrie Kenton and is complemented by \$25,000 worth of small upgrades provided by Council. The project was implemented in November.

Oatlands Connecting Centres

Following the footpath installation on three roads in Oatlands, 55 trees are being planted to provide a pleasant pedestrian connection between local shopping centres as part of a \$96,000 project. Trees play an important role in our city by providing relief from summer heat, reducing pavement glare, increasing the value of real estate, reducing stormwater runoff, and improving air quality.

Parramatta

Constitution Hill shops

Construction of the \$130,000 upgrade was completed in August. Improvements were made to the public domain to increase shade, and provide new bench seating.

Sue Savage Masterplan

Council is working on the design of a new BMX facility and skate park at Sue Savage and Reynolds parks in Toongabbie. Stage 3 consultation occurred in October and feedback is being compiled to inform the final design of the parking area, toilet block and skate park/BMX track. Construction of the parking area and toilet block will commence in early 2020.

Rosehill

North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan

Council has received funding from the NSW Government to improve the recreational and community facilities at FS Garside Park and the adjoining reserve at Duck Creek.

The development of the draft masterplan was informed by community feedback collected in June and July

2019. The masterplan, which was on public exhibition in November, identifies upgrades for the playground at Gray Street, FS Garside sports field, Onslow street carpark, Alfred Street cycleway and the dog park. It also includes new youth recreation facilities and a new multi-purpose community building.

This project is a key deliverable of the NSW Government's Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program (PRUAIP).

Rydalmere Park Masterplan

The Rydalmere Park Masterplan encompasses upgrades to three sports fields, as well as the delivery of a new playground area and better accessibility around Rydalmere Park. Stage 1 of the masterplan is currently under construction and includes a synthetic turf field and new lighting.

Pierre de Coubertin playground, Newington

Council is working on a concept plan for an upgraded playground. Stage 2 consultation with park users and the community occurred in October and November. The feedback will inform the final design of the playground. Construction is expected to begin in early 2020.

BANKWEST STADIUM injects millions into local economy

Every event at the new Bankwest Stadium generates about \$1 million for Parramatta's local economy, a Council-commissioned report has revealed. Economic analysis shows visitors attending three sporting events in June and July this year spent an estimated \$2.9 million, helping to boost the City's many restaurants, cafés, hotels and other businesses.

Council unveiled the research on the opening night of Parramatta Lanes at the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event, hosted by City of Parramatta on Tuesday 15 October.

The world-class Bankwest Stadium has attracted more than 500,000 patrons to ticketed events since opening in April 2019. It's the home of legendary sporting clubs the Parramatta Eels and Western Sydney Wanderers, and will host some of the world's biggest entertainers, such as Elton John.

To read the report, Bankwest Stadium – Bolstering the local economy, visit investparramatta.com.au



FREE waste services

Did you know that Council offers free collection of some problem waste items directly from your home? Items such as gas bottles, light globes, fire extinguishers, television sets and paints can all be collected. For more details, or to make a booking, visit problemwaste.com.au or call **9806 5544**.

Council also offers four free clean-ups per year for bulky waste to households who have a Council residential garbage service. Book a collection at cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/waste

Recycling tips for the festive season

With everyone's calendars filling up over the festive season, our recycling bins can also get fuller (sometimes overflowing). Check out these simple tips to keep your recycling bins in order and our planet happy:

1. Put aside all the clean recyclables (such as cardboard) for the next scheduled recycling collection if they cannot fit into the recycling bin for the upcoming collection.
2. Sort out the Container Deposit Scheme-eligible recyclable containers for refund and donate the proceeds to local community group or schools. Check out locations for refunds at returnandearn.com.au
3. BYO shopping bags whenever possible.



Left to right: Cr Phil Bradley, Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer, The Walking Volunteers Inc President Ian Napier, and The Hon Rob Stokes MP.

New 65km Great West Walk track kicks off in Parramatta

A new 65km walking trail linking Parramatta to the Blue Mountains was launched in Parramatta Park in October.

The Great West Walk is a community-led initiative by The Walking Volunteers, who previously helped develop a number of other great Sydney walks.

As part of the project, City of Parramatta Council has delivered a new 1.2km walking track that runs along Toongabbie Creek between

Old Windsor Road to Tucks Road, Seven Hills. The \$65,000 Toongabbie Crossing has been jointly funded by City of Parramatta Council and the NSW Government's Metropolitan Greenspace Program.

The full Great West Walk track will allow walkers to explore lands of the Darug, Gundungurra and Wiradjuri people.

For more information visit greatwestwalk.com.au

Come join the Friday fun at the PARRAMATTA FARMER'S MARKETS!

Every Friday Parramatta's Centenary Square is buzzing as it showcases a variety of fresh food and produce at the Parramatta Farmer's Markets.

Treat yourself to a delicious snack or meal from the large range of street foods being served, or simply indulge in some high quality products sourced from our local growers.

The Parramatta Farmer's Markets is your one stop shop to find fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers and plants, bread, honey, gluten-free and vegan treats, cheeses, salami and much more.

See you there!

Weekly on Friday
(except public holidays)

7.30am - 2.30pm
Centenary Square
Parramatta



WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS are back!

Come and show your support for our local A-League team as City of Parramatta welcomes the Western Sydney Wanderers back for a new season. Experience the incredible home ground atmosphere at the brand new Bankwest Stadium, where the Wanderers will be playing all 13 home matches for the 2019/2020 season.

If you are looking for some pre or post-game inspiration, head to discoverparramatta.com for the best places to eat and drink, including our latest offers.



Photo credit: Daniel Boud, Destination NSW

DISCOVER PARRAMATTA

For a roundup of the best places to eat and drink, heritage landmarks to visit, parks, nature and wildlife to explore, head to Discover Parramatta to stay up-to-date with what's happening in Parramatta and its neighbourhoods.

You can also sign up to the Discover Parramatta e-newsletter to receive the latest news straight to your inbox. Visit discoverparramatta.com

BE FLOODSMART



City of Parramatta has developed FloodSmart as a simple, interactive way to understand flood risks near you and to help make sure you're ready should severe weather strike.

The FloodSmart project is a partnership between City of Parramatta, NSW State Emergency Services, Bureau of Meteorology, NSW Office of

Environment and Heritage, and Sydney Water.

If you live or work in the Upper Parramatta River area, stay up-to-date on any risks that may affect your daily travels and sign up to Council's flood warning and information service at cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/floodsmart

What's on for over 55s

Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Concert

11 December, 12pm – 2pm
Riverside Theatres, Parramatta

A **FREE** Christmas variety concert with afternoon tea for senior citizens. Tickets essential. Visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/seniorschristmas



Over 55 Leisure and Learning Activities Term 4

Activity bookings for Term 1, 2020 start Monday 13 January 2020. We have spaces available in Newington for Zumba Gold on Tuesdays, Ermington Line Dancing on Wednesdays, Ermington Gentle Exercise on Thursdays, and Roselea Active Strength & Balance on Fridays.

Other activities have limited spaces available. Call **9806 5121**.

For more information visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care

Social Lunch Program

This program matches you with a volunteer who has common interests, to share a meal and conversation in your home. This is a Commonwealth funded service available through My Aged Care. For more information call **9806 5121**.

Locations

Parramatta Library
1-3 Fitzwilliam St, Parramatta
Ph: 9806 5159

Constitution Hill Library
20 Hollis Street,
Constitution Hill
Ph: 9806 5500

Carlingford Library
Lloyds Avenue, Carlingford
Ph: 9806 5850

Dundas Valley Library
Sturt Street, Telopea
Ph: 9806 5960

Epping Library
Chambers Court, Epping
Ph: 9806 5843

Ermington Library
River Road, Ermington
Ph: 9806 5869

Newington Library
Cnr of Avenues of Europe
and Asia, Newington
Ph: 9806 5842

Wentworth Point Community
Centre and Library
10 Footbridge Boulevard,
Wentworth Point
Ph: 9806 8600

Library Activities

Summer Reading Club December 2019 – February 2020

Summer Reading Club for 6 to 12 year olds is back! There are awesome prizes to collect. Pick up your booklet from any Parramatta Library branch and complete your challenges to win. Participation is free.

Reading & Puzzle Challenge December 2019 – February 2020

A great way for families to read and play along together! Open to adults and children aged 13+. Simply pick up a copy of the entry booklet at any of our Libraries or download at parrareads.parracity.nsw.gov.au.

All entries go into the draw to win:
1st prize - \$150 book pack
2nd prize - \$75 book pack
3rd prize - \$50 book pack

Composting, Worm Farming and Bokashi Bin Workshop Friday 28 February, 10am - 12pm Dundas Library

Suitable for adults. Free.
Bookings essential.

Clay Modelling Workshop Friday 17 January, 10am - 12pm Dundas Library

Suitable for children aged 8-15.
Cost: \$3. Bookings essential.

Get Ahead for The HSC Now Tuesday 4 February, 5pm - 6pm Epping Leisure & Learning Centre

Suitable for Year 11 and Year 12 students.
Cost: \$3. Bookings essential.

Walkabout Reptile Show Wednesday 22 January, 11am - 12pm Constitution Hill Library

Suitable for children aged 5-12.
Cost: \$3. Bookings essential.

Murphy's Puppets Wednesday 15 January, 10.30am - 11.30am Epping Leisure & Learning Centre

Suitable for children aged 5-12.
Cost: \$3. Bookings essential.

Volunteer Guide to Teaching ESL Workshop Friday 28 February, 10am - 5pm Parramatta Library

Suitable for adults.
Free. Bookings essential.

Book online at
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/library





Artist's impression of the new Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library.

WENTWORTH POINT

Community Centre and Library

Grand Opening and Family Fun Day

The City of Parramatta is excited to officially open to the public the new Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library on Sunday 15 December from 10am - 3pm.

The facility will be opened by the Lord Mayor of Parramatta Cr Bob Dwyer and will include:

- A Darug Welcome Ceremony
- An opportunity to meet your local Councillors at a dedicated stall
- Kids workshops and activities
- Live music and performances
- A free community barbecue

Residents are invited to come along, join the library, and tour the exciting new community facility which includes: music rooms; function and meeting rooms; creative studio; creative space; dance room with fitted mirror; co-working desk space; café; quiet study area; dedicated children's area; sitting areas; forecourt; and public space for events.

To stay up-to-date on the opening event details and information, visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/wentworthpointcommunitycentreandlibrary

If you have any questions contact WentworthPointCCL@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



Getting to WPCCL on the day

WPCCL is located at 10 Footbridge Boulevard, Wentworth Point right in the heart of Wentworth Point, directly across the road from Marina Square Shopping Centre. If you are travelling by public transport, bus stops are in front of the Centre.

Visit transportnsw.info/trip

Next up at Riverside Theatres...

SYDNEY FESTIVAL HITS PARRAMATTA IN JANUARY

This January, Parramatta plays host to major theatre and music events as part of the 2020 Sydney Festival.

True West

11 January – 18 January,
Riverside Theatres

True West is a season of independent theatre celebrating contemporary voices and stories from Sydney's west. Hear readings of new theatre work, attend talks and workshops with artists, and see the world premiere of a new staging of *Lady Tabouli* – an unflinching and funny-until-it's not examination of culture clash in modern Australia. There will also be a showing of *宿 (stay)*, a work-in-progress collaboration between Singaporean multi-arts group SAtheCollective and S. Shakthidharan.

Bran Nue Dae

Riverside Theatres

The world's best-loved Aboriginal stage musical, *Bran Nue Dae*, gets a major revival on its 30th birthday – starring Ernie Dingo. The home-grown music classic by Jimmy Chi and Kuckles is packed with humour, song and hope.



Bran Nue Dae
16 January -
1 February



ENCOUNTER

10 - 12 January, Riverside Theatres

Step into the parklands of Parramatta's Prince Alfred Square for free dance and music performance *ENCOUNTER*, directed by Emma Saunders. A collaboration between 16 young dancers, 46 musicians from the Western Sydney Youth Orchestra and award-winning writer and composers.

Presented by Sydney Festival, commissioned and produced by FORM Dance Projects.

Sydney Symphony Under the Stars

18 January, The Crescent

This Sydney Festival favourite returns to Parramatta Park for a free, family-friendly summer night of renowned classical compositions performed by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

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A YEAR OF INCREDIBLE LIVE EVENTS

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As part of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Riverside hosts the Western Sydney edition of *QueerStories* - an event that shares the unexpected tales of lives well lived, battles fought and pride, prejudice, love and humour.

For more information visit riversideparramatta.com.au



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