

**Celebrating
summer in
Parramatta**





Lord Mayor Bob Dwyer

Lord Mayor's message

This is the summer copy of Parramatta Pulse. There will be lots of events and festivals in Parramatta over summer. The Mayor wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There is a new Chief Executive call Brett Newman. He is looking forward to bringing the community together more.

There will be Christmas Carols at the Crescent in Parramatta Park. Guy Sebastian from 'The Voice' will be there.

It is on Saturday 14 December from 7pm.

On New Years eve which is Tuesday 31st December there will be a party from 6pm at Parramatta Park.

There will be fireworks at 9pm. There will be a market, dancing, music and workshops.

Celebrate Australia Day on Sunday 26 January at Parramatta Park. From 6am until 9pm there will be lots of fun and things to learn.

There will be a hot air balloon display, old cars, entertainment, food stalls and fireworks.

Update



Parramatta Square

There is still lots of design happening on the city's new civic building.

It will open in 2022.

The square will be very modern and will be a great place for the community.

New Speed limits

There are new speed limits in Parramatta city.

There are new signs with the new limits. This is to keep everyone safe.

Parramatta Light Rail

There are some changes to street rules and there are more choices for cars to stop delays.

The light rail will connect Parramatta to lots of places. It will open in 2023.

Darcy Street

Darcy street opened to the community and cars in November 2019.

There will be underground access soon from the station to the square.

You can get more information on city updates online at cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Swim and Leisure centre

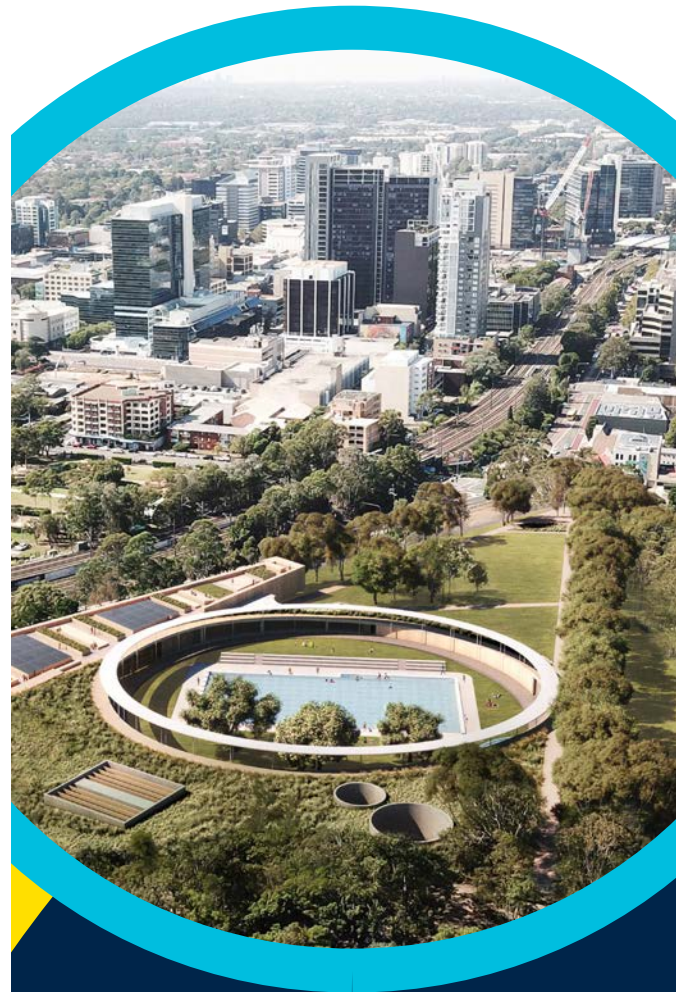
There are plans for a new swim and leisure centre in Parramatta. It will be in the Mays Hill Precinct.

NSW Government will put money towards the project.

The space will be welcoming and inclusive. It will be in the Mays Hill Precincts.

A big building application will be submitted in 2020.

More information can be found online cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate



Building on Eat Street is coming soon

Cars will not be allowed on Church street from February 2020 so that the light rail can be built.

There will be lots of changes for outdoor eating during this time.

There will be up to date information on parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au

Summer in the city

Carols in The Crescent

There will be Christmas Carols at the Crescent in Parramatta Park.

Guy Sebastian from 'The Voice' will be there.

There will be lots of entertainment and the event is free.

It is on Saturday 14 December from 7pm.



New Years Eve

Tuesday 31st December is New Years Eve. There will be a party from 6pm at Parramatta Park.

There will be fireworks at 9pm.

There will be a market, dancing, music and workshops.

More information can be found on discoverparramatta.com

Foundation Festival

There was a festival in October to celebrate Parramatta's history.

There were lots of events all over the city.

E-news

If you want to keep up to date with events and news you can get the monthly e news.

Go to cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Sydney Festival

Parramatta will have lots of theatre and music events in January.

This is part of Sydney Festival.

More information and tickets can be found at sydneyfestival.org.au

Australia Day

Australia day is on 26th January.

The event will be at Parramatta Park.

There will be activities from 6am in the morning until 9pm at night.

Get together with friends and family for lots of entertainment and activities.
For more information go to discoverparramatta/ausday



Coming soon



December

Epping Aquatic Centre Christmas Pool Party

7 December, 12.30pm - 4.30pm

FREE ENTRY

Epping Aquatic Centre, Epping

Carlingford Epping Carols in the Park

8 December, 5pm – 10pm

Boronia Park, Epping

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)

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

New Year's Eve

31 December, 6pm – 9.15pm

Parramatta Park

Coming soon



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 soon for kids



December

Craftastic Kids Christmas Craft

4 December 2019

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

There are lots of activities over the holidays.

Registrations open 9 December 2019.

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



February

Craftastic Kids Summer Craft

5 February 2020

When school returns in 2020 so will the Craftastic Kids Club!

Location: Parramatta Library

Time: 4pm – 5pm

Ages: 6-10 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Not required, but places are limited.

Summer water sports

There are lots of water spots in and around Parramatta.

Here are some popular rivers and creeks.

- Lake Parramatta
- Balaka Falls, Carlingford
- Parramatta River
- Homebush Bay, Wentworth Point
- Darling Mills Creek in North Rocks
- Blaxland Riverside Park, Sydney Olympic Park
- Newington Nature Reserve Wetlands.

Not all these places will have a lifeguard so swim safe.



Secret Santas

You can donate presents for the Childrens Hospital at Westmead before 15th December.

Take your donations to a library or the Councils contact centre. Go to cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/giftappeal



Make a Splash!

Head to Epping swim centre or the Dolphins Swim School this summer to learn to swim.

You will have to register.

There are also short sessions in January for kids to learn.

Go to cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au to learn more.



Stay active in Parramatta

Active Parramatta has lots of free and cheap sessions and resources to help you improve your health and wellbeing.

There is a school holiday programme.

There are fitness programmes for seniors.

There are tennis courts, yoga and strength training.

You can learn more on social media facebook.com/activeparramatta



Upgrades in your area



North Rocks

At the John Wearn Reserve Carlingford there will be a new playground, dog park, car park and community facilities.

It will be ready in February 2020.

There is better lighting at the North Rocks Parks in Carlingford.

The changes have been funded by a grant from the Government.

The Chisholm centre at Winston Hills has new stairs and also handrails with new technology to help the visually impaired.

There is building work happening at the Carmen Drive Shops.

There will be a new fence around the playground and new toilet block.

Access will be improved at the Ventura Road shops. This will start in 2020.

Council will be making the dog park better at Barnett. It will have new gates, lighting, walking tracks and turf. This will be finished by 2020.



Upgrades in your area



Epping

The Terrys creek walk has been upgraded and the walking track has been cleared.

Terrys creek goes from Eastwood to Lane Cove National Park.

All creeks and rivers are important. Staff are working hard to keep them clean and healthy.

Rockleigh Reserve has been improved by having new chairs, fresh paint and bins.

The Masonic hall at Epping needs to be made safer for the public to use it.

There will be a community room for hire from 2020.

Dundas

The shopping centre at Buller street near Doyle Ground has been upgraded.

It is more accessible and has nicer gardens.

The community has worked together on an artwork in Waratah.

The artwork was designed by Auntie Kerrie Kenton. It has brightened up the space, the artwork is called 'This is Teloepa'.

New footpaths have been finished in Oatlands and 55 new trees have been planted. Trees are important for the environment and the community.

Parramatta

The updates to Consitution Hills shops has finished.

There are more shaded areas and seating.

Council are putting together designs for a new BMX and skate part facility.

There will be a new toilet block too.

Work will start in 2020.

Rosehill

Council has been given some money from NSW Government to improve facilities at Garside Park and Duck Creek.

Ideas were developed from feedback from the community.

There will be upgrades to parks, cycleways, youth facilities and a community building.

There will be upgrades to 3 sportsfields in Rydalmere Park. Access will be improved and there will be a new playground.

Council is working on a plan to make the playground better at Newington.

Work will begin in 2020.

Bankwest Stadium

Each time there is an event at Bankwest Stadium there is an extra \$1 million added to the local area.

This is because there are visitors to the area who spend money.

Research showed that in June and July nearly \$3 million extra was spent in the area.

All this money helps local hotels, restaurants and businesses. There is a report the council has written.

This can be found at investparramatta.com.au



New Walking Track

A new walking track now links Parramatta to the blue mountains.

The track is 65km long.

It is called the Great West Walk.

The track was managed by volunteers from the community.

There are shorter tracks between Toongabbie Creek to Seven Hills.

The tracks are a great way of exploring the lands of the Darug, Gundungurra and Wiradjuri people.

You can find more information at greatwestwalk.com.au



Parramatta Farmers Markets

Every Friday there are farmers markets in the Centenary Square.

There is lots of fresh food to try and buy. There are fruits and vegetables, flowers, bread, honey, cheese and meat.

The markets are from 7:30am until 2:30pm.

Waste Services

Council offers a free pick up of large items like gas bottles, televisions, paint and fire extinguishers.

This is called problem waste.

Council also picks up large things 4 times each year.

They will collect items like fridges or chairs.

Visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/waste for more information.

Recycling tips

Over Christmas we may have more for our recycling bins. Here are some tips.

- If you have more cardboard cut it down and save until another collection if you have larger items to get rid of.
- Take your own shopping bags to shops when you can



Western Sydney Wanderers



Western Sydney Wanderers will have the Bankwest Stadium as their home stadium for the 2019 and 2020 season.

Go to discoverparramatta.com to find out the best places to eat and celebrate after each game.

Discover Parramatta

There is an e-news you can sign up for at discoverparramatta.com

You will find out about all the events happening in Parramatta.



Be Floodsmart

Council has developed a project called Floodsmart.

It is a project to help each other share information about being ready for a flood.

If you live in the Upper Parramatta River area you can stay up to date on anything that may affect your travels by signing up to the information service as cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/floodsmart

What's on for over 55's

Lord Mayor's Christmas Concert is on the 11th December from 12pm til 2pm at the Riverside Theatre.

This is a free concert with an afternoon tea.

Visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/seniorschristmas



Social Lunch Program

This is program matches you with a volunteer who may have a hobby you enjoy too.

This is a funded service through My Aged Care.

Call **9806 5121**

Over 55's Learning Activities

There are spaces available for activities in Term 4 which starts on Monday 13th January 2020. There will be Zumba dancing, Line Dancing and Balance and strength training.

Call **9806 5121** or visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care

Library Activities

Summer Reading Club

December 2019 – February 2020

Reading club is for 6 to 12 years old. There are prizes and being involved is free.

Reading and Puzzle Challenge

December 2019 – February 2020

Open for adults and children older than 13 years old.

Go to your local library for an entry booklet.

Composting and Worm Farming workshop

Friday 28th February 10am til 12pm

Free event for adults at Dundas Library.

Clay Modelling Workshop

Friday 17th January 10 am til 12pm

For children 8 – 15 years old
\$3 each

Get ahead for your HSC

Tuesday 4th February 5pm til 6pm

Epping Leisure Centre
Suitable for Year 11 and 12 students
\$3 each

Walkabout Reptile Show

Wednesday 22nd February

11am til 12pm

Constitution Hill Library
For children aged 5 – 12
\$3 each

Murphys Puppets

Wednesday 15th January

10:30am – 11:30am

Epping Leisure Centre
For children aged 5 – 12
\$3 each

Volunteer guide to teach BSL (sign language)

Friday 28th February 10am – 5pm

For Adults

Go to cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/library to book on a session.



Locations

Parramatta Library
1-3 Fitzwilliam Street,
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



Wentworth Point

The new Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library is having an open day on Sunday 15th December from 10am until 3pm.

The Mayor of Parramatta, Bob Dwyer will open the library.

There will be a welcome ceremony and the chance to meet your local councillors.

There will be workshops, music and a community barbeque.

Everyone is welcome to come along and see the new Library and all the facilities.

You can go to cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au for more information.

The new library is in Wentworth Point and is opposite the Marina Square Shopping centre.

What's on at Riverside Theatres

In January 2020 as part of the Sydney Festival there are some events at Parramatta Riverside Theatres.

On the 11th - 18th January True West is showing.

These are different shows celebrating modern Australia.

You will be able to hear different artists talking and attend workshops.



Bran Nue Dae

The famous aboriginal musical will be showing from 16th January until 1st February at the Riverside Theatre.

A year of incredible events

After the Sydney Festival finishes in January there will be lots more events at the Theatre. There will be musicals, stories and shows.

As part of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras the Riverside Theatre will have Queerstories.

This is an event that shares stories of lives, troubles and love and humour. Visit riversideparramatta.com.au

Sydney Symphony Under the Stars

On 18th January at the Crescent, Parramatta Park there will be a Symphony under the stars.

Go to sydneyfestival.org.au for a program and tickets.



Encounter

From 10th – 12th January there will be free dance and music in Prince Alfred Square.

There will be 16 young dancers and 46 musicians from the Western Sydney Youth Orchestra.

Discover Parramatta

If you are new to the area there are lots of activities and things to see.

There are walking tours you can book on to see the city and see the main parts of Parramatta.

There is a sustainable shopping tour.

This will teach you how to shop with the environment in mind.

You will go to an environmentally friendly café.

The tour is 2 hours long and costs \$10.

There is a tour that will show you the different monuments and art works around the city.

This is 2 hours long and costs \$10

Plan ahead for 2020

If you love culture and history and like to be out and about you can get a copy of the Visitor services calendar.

It has events, activities and programs in there so you will not miss out.

You can get a copy at the Visitor Information Centre.



Our city your say

You can join the forum and help with council's decisions and talk about what is important to you.

To be on the panel go to bit.ly/ourcityyoursay

Get the monthly newsletter by going to cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

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