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**Parramatta
welcomes
new citizens**



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**



Welcome to the latest edition of *Parramatta Pulse*. Residents of Parramatta have been out and about enjoying the summer months. A new season is right around the corner, ushering in exciting events and initiatives.

Bushfire appeal

It was a tough summer for many communities across Australia who have been affected by the devastating bushfires. I applaud all those who have been part of the recovery effort, including the incredible firefighters who've risked their own lives to help. Council has donated \$50,000 to the NSW Rural Fire Service to recognise and support their amazing work. On top of this, I launched the Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal, with donation collection points across the City. I encourage everyone to give what they can to help.

New library opens

The highly anticipated Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library opened its doors in December last year. The public now has access to a state-of-the-art facility with amenities including multiple music rooms, a dance studio and study areas. It's even home to Australia's first 24-hour public library foyer featuring a book vending machine – the first of its kind in NSW.

Decade of diversity

Celebrating 10 incredible years of cultural diversity, Parramasala returns in March with a huge program of live music performances, breathtaking dance and enticing food. I can't wait to celebrate the many cultures and communities that make Parramatta so special over three jam-packed days.

Parramatta Square

The development of Parramatta Square continues with the recent opening of the underground link, which connects Parramatta train station and Westfield precinct with the new Parramatta Square public space. City of Parramatta Council has appointed Australian company Built to construct 5 Parramatta Square – the City's new civic, cultural and community building – following a rigorous 12-month selection process. Council anticipates that construction of 5 Parramatta Square will be complete in April 2022, to coincide with the completion of the remaining Parramatta Square precinct.

Lord Mayor
Councillor Bob Dwyer

Parramatta Light Rail major works commence

The Parramatta Light Rail is moving one-step closer to becoming a reality with major works on this critical infrastructure project commencing, following an official sod turning at Rydalmere on 31 January.

Part of these works include the creation of a tunnel approximately six metres below the surface of Church Street for drainage construction.

Transport for NSW has advised a state-of-the-art microtunnelling boring machine will be set up at Centenary Square, Parramatta to undertake this work. The tunnelling will occur until late this year.

The use of the micro-tunnelling machine results in lower levels of noise and impact compared to street-level works for the community and local businesses.

Don't forget – Church Street is now pedestrian only and remains open for business.

For more information about Parramatta Light Rail construction, visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au



Artist's
impression of
Charles Street
Square

Have your say: Charles Street Square at Parramatta Quay

Charles Street Square at Parramatta Quay is a popular gateway to the City – and now it's getting a major upgrade.

The area adjacent to the new Parramatta Ferry Wharf will be transformed to create an accessible and vibrant entry point to the CBD from the Parramatta River.

The City of Parramatta has developed a draft concept design for the upgraded square following consultation with key stakeholders. Further community feedback is essential to ensuring Charles Street Square becomes a welcoming public space that caters for all users.

The new Charles Street Square draws inspiration from the curved geometry of the river, the surrounding landscape of escarpment and trees, and the site's unique history. Attractive and useable public spaces celebrate the point along the river where fresh and salt waters meet, 'the place where eels lie down', and where communities connect.

The project includes new ramps and stairs, an improved riverfront walk, garden terrace, river amphitheatre and public square.

Anticipated to be completed in 2022, the proposed upgrades are part of significant ongoing investment in the transformation of the Parramatta City River Foreshore – including the Escarpment Boardwalk.

Have Your Say

We invite you to review the draft concept designs and provide comment to help further refine the plan for Charles Street Square.

To find out more and to have your say, visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta. Submissions close 16 March 2020.

Work begins on Escarpment Boardwalk

Construction on Parramatta River's long-awaited Escarpment Boardwalk is now underway in the CBD.

The river-level pedestrian and bike connection on the river's north side will allow walkers, cyclists, those in wheelchairs or with prams to skip the steep climb up to Gasworks Bridge and avoid crossing busy Macarthur Street, helping also reduce delays for motorists.

The missing link will make the 10km path along the northern bank of the river (between Parramatta Park and Melrose Park) completely off-road for the first time.

New sets of stairs up to Stewart Street and Macarthur Street will ensure safe and direct access for the public and students of Macarthur Girls High School.

Council has appointed Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure to build the project, which was made possible through grants worth \$16.3 million from the NSW Government's Cycling Infrastructure Fund and Active Transport Program.

Construction is expected to be completed early 2021.

The Parramatta Ferry wharf will be closed for a portion of the construction period. Replacement buses will be running between Parramatta and Rydalmere.

For more information and to stay up-to-date, visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/escarpment-boardwalk





Family Fun Days

The City of Parramatta will host a range of family fun days over the coming months to celebrate upgrades to various facilities and parks across the Local Government Area.

Family Fun Day, Telopea
Saturday 21 March
11am–2pm

The City of Parramatta is proud to present the concept designs for Sturt Park and Acacia Park and is seeking your feedback on the proposed designs. Join the festivities with a community barbecue, live music, kids art & craft workshops and more.

Visit bit.ly/sturtandacaciapark for more information on this project.

John Wearn Reserve Grand Opening and Family Fun Day Carlingford
Sunday 24 May
10am–3pm

Celebrate the opening of the revamped John Wearn Reserve. The \$5.2 million upgrade, funded by the City of Parramatta and the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund, includes a new and improved playground, dog park, carpark, amenities block, skate park, fitness station, barbecue facilities, multi-use court, picnic shelters, and a new stage with amphitheatre seating.

Visit bit.ly/johnwearnreserve for more information on this project.



Ten years of Parramasala

Parramatta's world-famous multicultural festival, Parramasala, is now in its tenth year and will take place from 13–15 March at Prince Alfred Square. This year the event will draw from the best of a decade, with rich and varied programming including: a welcome parade of more than 600 performers; International Aromas Food Festival; performances by the World Dance Congress; as well as

highlight musical acts such as Grammy-award winning Los Amigos Invisibles (Venezuela), Sampa the Great (AU), Mojo Juju (AU), Mieisha (AU), CHAI (Persia), Adrian Eagle (AU) and Temgazi (Swaziland). Don't miss international film screenings at Masala World Movies pop-up from 12–15 March on the river foreshore next to Meriton. For more information, visit discoverparramatta.com/parramasala



Warami 2020

Always Was, Always Will Be

The City of Parramatta will host a number of community events over the coming months as part of a unique indigenous event program called Warami, a Darug word meaning "good to see you".

This program will include:

Sorry Day
26 May

Reconciliation Week
27 May–3 June

Burramatta NAIDOC Day
12 July
Parramatta Park

This year's theme is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' and recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for more than 65,000 years.

For more information, please visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/warami

Riverside Theatres will be hosting Reconciliation Action Week: Mission Songs Project on Sunday 31 May at 6pm. Visit riversideparramatta.com.au for more information. NAIDOC Chasing Smoke will be showing from 2–4 July, to purchase tickets, visit riversideparramatta.com.au/show/chasing-smoke



Back row L–R: Fouad Nakhle, Gwen Ilic, John Curdie OAM, Kevin McSweeney, Avijit Sarkar, Heather Sheehan. Front row L–R: Russell Bailey (on behalf of Redeemer Baptist School), Patrick Soosay (on behalf of Harris Park Community Centre), Harrison Knight, Anthony Bolton, Selin Armutcu (on behalf of Daphne Fong).

Australia Day Local Awards

This year's Australia Day Local Awards were presented by City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer at Rosehill Gardens on Friday 17 January. Local paramedic and volunteer Kevin McSweeney was awarded the 2020 Citizen of the Year in recognition of his decades of community service.

A Citizenship Ceremony was held at the Australia Day celebrations in Parramatta Park, where 37 people received their Australian Citizenship. Congratulations to our new citizens and Australia Day Local Awards winners!

Award winners included:

Citizen of the Year
Kevin McSweeney

Lord Mayor Community Service Award
John Curdie OAM

Lord Mayor Humanity Award
Fouad Nakhle

Young Leader of the Year Award
Anthony Bolton

Young Citizen of the Year (in honour of David Shakespeare OAM)
Daphne Fong

Senior Citizen of the Year
Gwen Ilic

Volunteer of the Year
Heather Sheehan

Sports Achievement Award
Harrison Knight

Arts & Cultural Award
Avijit Sarkar

Community Group Award (joint winners)
Harris Park Community Centre & Redeemer Baptist School



See Grammy Award-winning Los Amigos Invisibles at Parramasala

Coming Up

MARCH

Parramasala

Friday 13–Sunday 15 March
Prince Alfred Square / Riverside Theatres
discoverparramatta.com/parramasala

APRIL

Sydney Comedy Festival Gala

Wednesday 22 April
8pm
Riverside Theatres, Parramatta
bit.ly/sydneycomedyfestivalgala

Parramatta ANZAC DAY Service

Saturday 25 April
4.15am Service March
4.30am Dawn Service
Parramatta RSL to Prince Alfred Square, Parramatta
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/anzacday

Epping ANZAC DAY Dawn Service

Saturday 25 April
6am
Forest Park, Epping
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/anzacday



Stay active in Parramatta this autumn

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 April. Registrations open Monday 30 March 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 Zumba, yoga, boxing and more.

Follow the Active Parramatta Facebook page: **facebook.com/activeparramatta**

Subscribe to the Active Parramatta e-newsletter: **bit.ly/ActiveParraNewsletter**

Better Ageing Fitness Development Subsidy Program

Calling all sport, fitness, and exercise professionals!

If you're looking to train the older adult population (aged 65 years and over), you can now apply for your chance to receive funding for professional development in this area.

This program aims to improve the overall health and wellbeing of older Australians by increasing their physical activity levels.

Apply now for your chance to receive funding: **bit.ly/fitness-subsidy**



Truck Art competition winner Zoe Holman pictured here with Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer; Ayesha Kashif, Suez Waste Education Officer; and Sean Williams, Suez Waste Operation Manager.

Truck Art competition

Young residents address waste collection problem in the Truck Art competition.

City of Parramatta Council's biannual Suez Truck Art competition engages local schools and aims to create awareness about waste issues.

The challenge was focussed on teaching the community how to put their bins out correctly. The competition was incredibly popular, with more than 250 students submitting entries. Zoe Holman from Winston Heights Public School was the winner of the 2019 competition, and her artwork is now featured on a truck.

These creative designs are helping to spread important messages about

waste collection, making the process easier and safer for drivers and residents.

Thank you to all of the teachers and schools for supporting this competition and helping make our City a better place to live.

Other measures you can take to keep our city clean and neat are:

1. Book a clean-up for bulky waste via **cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/waste**
2. Ensure you place your items out for collection no sooner than the night before your booked collection date.



Discover Parramatta

Discover Parramatta in autumn, the perfect season to explore the parks and playgrounds, cultural highlights and hidden-gems in our City and surrounding neighbourhoods.

You can sign up to our Discover Parramatta e-newsletter for regular updates at **discoverparramatta.com** and follow us on social media so you don't miss a thing.



National Tree Day

The City of Parramatta is teaming up with Planet Ark for National Tree Day.

This year's event will focus on increasing biodiversity and improving wildlife habitat by planting 10,000 native trees, shrubs, and groundcovers at Upjohn Park in Ermington.

All are invited to join volunteers and staff for a nature-themed day of fun. Bring a hat, sturdy shoes and water bottle.

Where:

Upjohn Park
71 Ulm Street
Ermington

When:

Sunday 2 August
10am-1pm

For more information and to register visit

treeday.planetark.org/site/10023297

Upgrades in your area

Dundas

Oatlands Village, Oatlands

A new pocket park at Oatlands Village on Belmore Street East will provide visitors, residents and business owners a comfortable place to relax and socialise right next to the popular shopping hub. The project includes new seating and landscaping to turn an unused patch of grass into a small park, complemented by upgraded assets in front of the shops. The project is scheduled for installation in mid-2020 with a budget of \$100,000.

Sturt & Acacia Parks

Design Feedback, Telopea

Council has drafted concept designs for upgrades at Sturt and Acacia Parks, funded by a \$5 million NSW Government Precinct Support Scheme grant. Community members will be invited to submit feedback on the designs in early 2020, including at a Family Fun Day in Sturt Park on 21 March. To check for ongoing updates visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta/sturtparkacaciaparks

Epping

West Epping Park, Epping

A new sporting amenities building has been constructed in West Epping Park. This \$2.4 million two-storey building was delivered thanks to co-funding from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund. The building will provide public toilets for park users, as well as a bookable community room available for meetings, birthdays, and other small functions.

Somerville Park, Eastwood

Council is currently completing a \$2.085 million upgrade to Somerville Park. The upgrade will provide the community and local sporting clubs with much needed new facilities. The improvement works include a new sporting amenities building, practice cricket pitch, barbecue and seating area, and landscaping.

North Rocks

Ventura Road Upgrade, Northmead

Consultation with shopkeepers, residents, and customers occurred in 2018. The final concept was endorsed in 2019, with the community fully supporting the access improvements and upgrade. Construction started in January 2020 and is expected to be completed in May. The work will improve access to the shops with new stairs, streetscape works, new seating area, and improved garden beds.

Carmen Drive, Carlingford

Construction is now complete and the project includes upgrades to the streetscape, amenities block, fenced playground and additional parking for customers.

The Chisholm Centre, Winston Hills

Access to the centre has been improved with the addition of new stairs from Bellotti Avenue to The Chisholm Centre. The concrete stairs feature handrails and tactile indicators for the visually impaired. The project cost \$20,000.

Consultation is now complete for the upgrade of The Chisholm Centre itself.

John Wearn Reserve, Carlingford

Significant progress has been made to the upgrades of this Reserve, with the installation of concrete retaining walls, hit-up wall for ball games, futsal nets, basketball hoops and a netball ring in the multi-use court. Play equipment items have been installed, including totem poles, multiplay tower, swing set, balancing structure, spider net climber and teepee.

Skate park works are currently underway, along with excavations for the proposed stage and terrace amphitheatre seating.

Barnett Dog Park, Winston Hills

Barnett Dog Park has recently undergone an upgrade to include a new circuit path, double fenced entries, new turf, dog agility equipment, new signage, new park furniture,

landscaping and solar bollard lights. Construction finished in December 2019, and the park remained closed until mid-February 2020 to allow sufficient time for the turf to establish and become 'dog-durable'. Thank you to the community for your patience.

For more information visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta/barnettdogpark

Rosehill

North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan

Following public exhibition, the community building and the new car parking arrangements were considered key issues. Both are now part of Stage 2, which is subject to further site analysis and community consultation.

Stage 1 of the Masterplan was adopted at the Council meeting on 16 December 2019 and includes improvements to F.S. Garside Park and the Alfred Street streetscape at Granville. Further community consultation is planned. To view Stage 1 of the North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan and project information visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta/northgranville

Pierre de Coubertin Park, Newington

From October to November 2019, Council went out to the community for a second round of consultation, to obtain feedback on a concept plan prepared for the playground. It was great to see that 87 percent of survey respondents supported the concept plan. The park will be closed early this year to allow for construction, with an anticipated completion date of June 2020.

Full details on feedback from community consultation can be found at oursay.org/cityofparramatta/pdcp-playground

Good and Bridge Street upgrades, Granville

As part of the NSW Government's 'Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program' (PRUAIP), Council is now proceeding with an initial concept plan for a streetscape upgrade to Good and Bridge Streets, Granville.



Carmen Drive



Pierre de Coubertin Playground



Barnett Dog Park

Early community and stakeholder consultation began in 2019. This will be supplemented with another round of community consultation in March/April 2020. The planned transformational upgrade will see more than \$5 million invested into Good and Bridge Streets and will provide necessary improvements to infrastructure, such as new pavement and street furniture, and adding some of the latest 'smart' technology including solar-powered, self-compacting bins. There will also be a strong focus on creating a space that is amenable to outdoor dining.

To find out more visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta/good-bridge-streets

Rydalmere Park Masterplan

Stage 1 of the Rydalmere Park Masterplan will be completed by March 2020. The upgrade will see the northern field receive a 105m-long, 68m-wide synthetic turf field, 17m synthetic warm-up area, spectator and boundary fence line and new spectator seating areas. The size of the field is FIFA recommended for professional football.

Parramatta

Gallery Gardens Park Upgrade, Toongabbie

Council is planning to upgrade the Gallery Gardens playground, picnic facilities and tennis courts located at the corner of Picasso Crescent and Fitzwilliam Road, Toongabbie. The park upgrade will improve the quality of this recreational space, help keep our community active, and support biodiversity in our local areas. The first round of community consultation was completed in December 2019. We are working on a concept plan for the second round of community consultation, planned for March/April 2020. Visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta/gallerygardens for further information.

Milson Park Masterplan

Sydney Water is working closely with Council to implement the Milson Park Masterplan. This aims to improve waterway and catchment health, as well as park security and safety. It will improve pedestrian and cycleway connections to Parramatta Park and the Parramatta CBD, as well as create opportunities for the community to enjoy a diverse range of recreational activities.

Detailed designs have been completed following community consultation conducted in 2017. Construction is estimated to commence mid-2020. You can view the final park design and project information by visiting bit.ly/2Wp05A4

Our fresh commitment to engaging with our community

We recently consulted on proposed updates to the Community Engagement Strategy and are pleased to let you know that the Strategy has now been finalised and endorsed by Council. Our Community Engagement Strategy guides how Council will engage with everyone in the community. It strives to embed best-practice engagement now and into the future.

We believe it's important that the community and all stakeholders can see, and have a direct impact on, decisions that shape our City. Our revised strategy incorporates Community Participation Plan requirements, outlining how we will engage across planning-related matters, as well as other projects, plans and policies.

Take a look at the Strategy and find out more about opportunities to have your say here: bit.ly/parraengagement



Library Activities

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

Drop-in English Conversation Class

4, 11, 18 & 25 March, 1 & 8 April, 11am–12pm
Practise your English in a friendly environment.

Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library

Free. To book, call 9806 8600.

Investing with Safety

Tuesday 17 March, 6.30pm–8pm

Short course offered in partnership with Financial Services, Centrelink.

Epping Leisure & Learning Centre
Free. Bookings essential.

Tech Savvy for Seniors –

**How to use an iPad, iPhone or Tablet;
How to use Social Media (Hindi)**

18 March, 25 March, 1 & 8 April 2020, 10am–12pm

Four-week course offered in partnership with NSW Government, Telstra, and State Library NSW. Bring your own device.

Parramatta Library

Free. To book, call 9806 5159.

Natural Green Cleaning Workshop

Learn how to clean your home without the nasty chemicals. Offered in partnership with City of Parramatta Waste Services.

Saturday 28 March, 1.30pm–3.30pm

Parramatta Library

Suitable for adults. Cost: \$3.
Bookings essential.

Meet The Coconut Children author Vivian Pham

Tuesday 31 March, 6pm

The Vietnamese-Australian fiction writer will be telling stories and signing her books for fans.

Western Sydney University,
Parramatta Campus

Free. Bookings essential.

YouthWrite 2020

Writing Competition

Monday 1 April – Friday 1 May

Write a 400–600 word opinion piece about climate change, mental health or employment. Offered in partnership with WestWords.

Three categories: 12–14 years,
15–18 years & 19–25 years

Entry is free. Pick up an entry form at any City of Parramatta Library branch or enter online.

Chess Workshop

Tuesday 7 April, 3.30pm–5pm

Dundas Library

Suitable for ages 12–18.
Free. To book, call 9806 5960.

STEM Lego

Use your engineering and STEM skills to create self-propelled machines.

Wednesday 15 April, 11am–12pm

Constitution Hill Library

Monday 25 May and Thursday 28 May, 3.30pm–4.45pm

Carlingford Library

Suitable for children aged 11–14.
Free. Bookings essential.

Paper Circuits – Makerspace

Monday 20 April

Wednesday 22 April, 10am–11.30am

A fun way to learn the basics of electricity.

Carlingford Library

Suitable for children aged 10–14.

Free. Bookings essential.

Murphy's Puppets

Tuesday 21 April, 11am–12pm

Constitution Hill Library

Suitable for children aged 5–12.

Cost: \$3. Bookings essential.

Illustration Workshop with Dub Leffler

Wednesday 22 April, 11am

Learn to draw with celebrated author and illustrator Dub, who will demonstrate how a simple idea becomes a final picture.

Parramatta Library

Cost: \$3. Bookings essential.

Retirement Village Living

Tuesday 12 May, 6.30pm–8pm

A talk on lifestyle choices, offered in partnership with Castle Lawyers.

Epping Leisure & Learning Centre
Free. Bookings essential.

Composting, Worm Farming and Bokashi Bin Workshop

Tuesday 12 May, 2pm–4pm

Hands-on workshop offered in partnership SCRAP (School Communities Recycling All Paper).

Ermington Library

Free. To book, call 9806 5869.

An evening with Candice Fox

Thursday 14 May, 6.30pm–8pm

Australia's most exciting and original crime writer, Candice Fox, will introduce a new – and decidedly unconventional – team of 'detectives' with her electrifying new thriller *Gathering Dark*.

Stay for the meet-and-greet afterwards to purchase your copy and have it signed at this very special event. Purchase your ticket before 4 April for a chance to win a signed copy of *Gathering Dark*.

In partnership with Penguin Books Australia.

Location: Riverside Theatres, Parramatta
Cost: \$10

Bookings online essential
parra.city/CFox2020

Introduction to Online Shopping and Online Banking

Friday 22 May, 10.30am–12pm

Dundas Library

Free. Bookings essential.

Smart Home Devices Technology Class

Thursday 28 May, 6.15pm–7.15pm

Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library

Suitable for all ages. Free.
Bookings essential.

Look who's coming to your library

City of Parramatta Libraries will be presenting three inspiring authors in March, April and May. Come along to find out who they are, hear their stories and have a chat. For more information visit: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/library

Meet
The Coconut Children
author
Vivian Pham



Meet
Gathering Dark
author
Candice Fox





Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library is now open

Council officially opened the vibrant, multi-purpose community hub on Sunday 15 December 2019, welcoming community members from across the City of Parramatta. Situated in the heart of Wentworth Point, the two-level facility offers a state-of-the-art library and community centre space for the public.

It boasts Australia's first 24-hour foyer, which features the first public library book vending machine in NSW. The building includes a professional co-working space, a quiet study room that is open until 10pm, and bookable spaces such as a dance studio, learning lab, music rooms, and meeting and function rooms. WPCCL also offers a huge variety of programs and events for people of all ages.

To find out what's coming up in 2020, visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/wentworthpointcommunitycentreandlibrary/whats-on



L-R: Cr Dr Patricia Procv; Lynda Voltz MP, Member for Auburn; Rick Graf, Project Director, Billbergia; John Kinsella AM, Managing Director Billbergia; Lady Mayoress Jenny Dwyer; City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer; Cr Steven Issa; Cr Donna Davis; Jon Greig, City of Parramatta Executive Director, Community Services.



Our Meals on Wheels volunteers assisting over the Christmas period.

Become a Meals on Wheels volunteer

Meals on Wheels embraces a culture of giving back to the community. This is only possible thanks to the willingness of our many generous volunteer drivers and helpers. Community Care would like to thank each and every volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program and recognise their valued contribution and compassion to the people we support.

Are you interested in joining the Community Care Volunteer Team?

We currently have vacant volunteer roles that may be the right opportunity for you to lend a hand and make a difference in our local community.

Please contact 9806 5121 to find out more and learn how you can help.

Free e-waste Recycling Drop-Off service

Did you know electronic waste – or e-waste – is one of the fastest growing types of waste in Australia? Items such as televisions, computers and electrical cords disposed in landfill can leach toxic substances into the environment. Council is offering a free e-waste Recycling Drop-Off service on **Sunday 24 May** where you can safely drop off unwanted electronic equipment.



For more information, visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/waste

Council is also offering a free Chemical Clean-Up service on **Sunday 5 April**, where you can drop off certain solvents, cleaners, poisons and household chemicals.

Visit cleanout.com.au for more details.

Let's Dine Out brings people together with food

Let's Dine Out is a social initiative that tackles isolation and loneliness in our community, helping to provide affordable, restaurant-quality meals to residents vulnerable to social isolation.

The aim is to encourage people to regain confidence to dine out and mingle with others.

The program includes breakfast, lunch and dinner options, incorporating fresh cultural meals. Vouchers are available from only \$7.40 and you can enjoy a meal to the value of \$15 at participating food venues.

Let's Dine Out provides flexible options of dining with a group of people, or with your friends and family – the choice is yours.

For more information, please call the City of Parramatta Food Services Team on 9806 5005.

We can also assist with social and transport arrangements for those who qualify for extra support.

What's on for over 55's

Over 55 Leisure and Learning Activities Term 2

Activity bookings for Term 2 start Monday 30 March.

We have spaces available in Newington for Zumba Gold on Tuesdays and Gentle Exercise in Ermington.

Other activities have limited spaces.

New activities include Line Dancing in Newington, a Choir in Ermington and Sing Along sessions in Dundas.

Please call 9806 5121 for any enquiries.

For more information, visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/paid-term-based-activities

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.

Next up at Riverside Theatres...

Senior Moments 2

10 & 11 March

Family Values

18–21 March

Monty Python's Spamalot

19–22 March

Susan O'Neill and Eleanor McEvoy

22 March

The Tap Affect

26–28 March

No Pay? No Way!

1–4 April

Sydney Comedy Festival Gala

22 April

The Gospel According to Paul

15 & 16 May

Lawrence Mooney

30 May



Monty Python's Spamalot

19–22 March

Following its sold-out premiere season at Hayes Theatre Co, the acclaimed new production of *Monty Python's Spamalot* comes to Riverside for an exclusive Sydney season. 'Lovingly ripped off' from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, the musical re-tells the legend of King Arthur's quest for the legendary grail, which keeps getting derailed. Book on-stage seating for your chance to get closer to the action.



Photo: Sean Sinclair.

The Tap Effect

26–28 March, Riverside Theatres

FORM brings back Thomas Egan and a new team of dancers to the Riverside stage for the launch of their newly-founded Australian Tap Company. Each dancer has a unique style and story – *The Tap Affect* celebrates their inspirations.

Perceptions

21–23 May, Riverside Theatres

To purchase tickets visit
form.org.au/perceptions



Photo: Joshua Morris courtesy of Blacktown Arts.

Get moving with the Feisty Femmes and Fellows

Every Tuesday from 11–12pm
Centenary Uniting Church,
46/48 Sorrell Street, North Parramatta
9806 5672



Family Fun at Riverside

Featuring the best in live entertainment, films and workshops throughout the year, spark the imaginations of your family and create new memories at the theatre.

Adventure out with the Gruffalo's Child, be awe-inspired by the acrobatic feats of Circus Oz in Aurora, get wiggling with The Wiggles, and laugh out loud as Oliver Phommavanh's best-selling novel *Thai-riffic!* comes to life on stage – plus more! For tickets and to stay up to date with new shows, visit riversideparramatta.com.au/family

National Heritage Festival in Parramatta

Celebrate our rich culture in Parramatta with a series of immersive experiences and tours for the National Heritage Festival. The theme this year is 'Our Heritage for the future'. See below for a range of tours held as part of the National Heritage Festival and visit Parramatta-programs.eventbrite.com

Feature Tours:

First Contact – Trade, Friendships & Conflict

Sunday 19 April
10am–12noon
Suitable for adults and children
\$5 per person

First Contact – The Imbalance of Power

Sunday 19 April
1pm–3pm
Suitable for adults and children
\$5 per person

World Heritage Wonders

Sunday 3 May
10.45am–2.45am
Suitable for adults
\$55 per person including lunch

Warami Mittigar – Aboriginal Cultural Walk

Monday 6 April and Sunday 10 May
10am–12pm
Suitable for adults and children
\$10 per person

Youth Archaeology

Saturday 2 May
10am–1pm
Suitable for 1–20 year olds
\$10 per person

Historic Dairy Cottage Tour

Sunday 26 April
11am–12pm
Suitable for adults and children
\$15 per person

Plan ahead for 2020

Keen to get out and about? Love culture and heritage? Make sure you grab a copy of our latest Visitor Services calendar.

Explore Parramatta's mesmerising history, archaeology, architecture, culture and outdoors through one of the many exciting programs and activities we've carefully curated. We've also got new and exciting tours including

First Contact Walk, Sustainability Shopping Tour, World Heritage Tour of Parramatta, Hidden Gems, Parramatta Archaeology and more.

Grab a copy of the 2020 calendar from the Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre. For further information call **8839 3311** or email discoverparramatta@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



Join the 'Our City Your Say' forum where you can participate in Council's decision-making and have your say on issues that impact you. To join the panel, visit bit.ly/ourcityyoursay

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ARABIC

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CHINESE

如果你需要翻译协助阅读这份新闻简报，请联系 TIS，电话131 450，要求他们代表你接通巴拉玛打市议会顾客服务处，电话 9806 5050。顾客服务处的工作时间是每星期一至星期五，上午8:30至下午5:00。

HINDI

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