

NORTH ROCKS WARD UPDATE

North Rocks Ward at a glance

Council is continually constructing and maintaining footpaths, roads, buildings and drains.

Here are our funding programs and allocated spending for the 2019/20 financial year in North Rocks Ward.

\$2,847,000 Better Neighbourhood Program

\$382,252 Pedestrian Access Mobility Program

\$284,654 Footpath Asset Renewal Program

\$1,812,388 Roads Program

\$1,648,388 Drainage Program

\$2,605,000 Open Space and
Natural Resources

\$5,463,540 Local Traffic Facilities Program

\$240,360 Buildings

\$425,000 Other Capital Works Projects

\$6,730,000 Stronger Communities Fund

TOTAL: \$22,438,582



Carmen Drive Family Fun Day, P4



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NORTH ROCKS WARD COUNCILLORS



Councillor
Andrew Jefferies



Councillor
Paul Han*



Lord Mayor
Bob Dwyer

* Former Councillor Paul Han was elected in September 2017, serving as a Councillor until his resignation due to illness on 30 April 2020. Sadly, Paul Han passed away in May 2020.

Message to our Community

Welcome to the project update newsletter for North Rocks Ward.

City of Parramatta Council has commenced 75 projects in your ward this financial year worth nearly \$22.5 million. These include footpaths, roads and drainage upgrades, which are listed in this document according to their funding groups.

We have currently completed 40 projects, worth nearly \$4.5 million.

Upgrades to John Wearn Reserve and The Chisholm Centre are a couple of the exciting projects that are taking place in the North Rocks Ward.

These projects are important to ensure the needs of the community are met now and into the future. See further details on these projects and more in this edition of the North Rocks Ward Update.

John Wearn

John Wearn Reserve, Carlingford is currently under construction as part of the North Rocks Park Precinct Masterplan. Thanks to \$5.2 million from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund, the 2.4 hectare park 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 complete by May 2020.

Over the past two months, the Contractor has advanced many elements of the park, including the dry creek bed which will feature groundcover planting, commencement of the amenities building and completion of fitness equipment for a full body workout. The majority of concrete paths have also been poured, which will form an enjoyable circuit path around the entire park.

Construction of the stage is well underway, with the majority of the amphitheatre seating walls complete. Foundations for the stage especially the stage floor has begun, as well as preparation offsite for fabrication of the bespoke curved roof.

Upcoming works include installation of rubber softfall in the playground, installation of synthetic turf for the amphitheatre and beginning works for the off-leash dog area. Please note as we near completion the site is still an active construction site and is not open to the public.

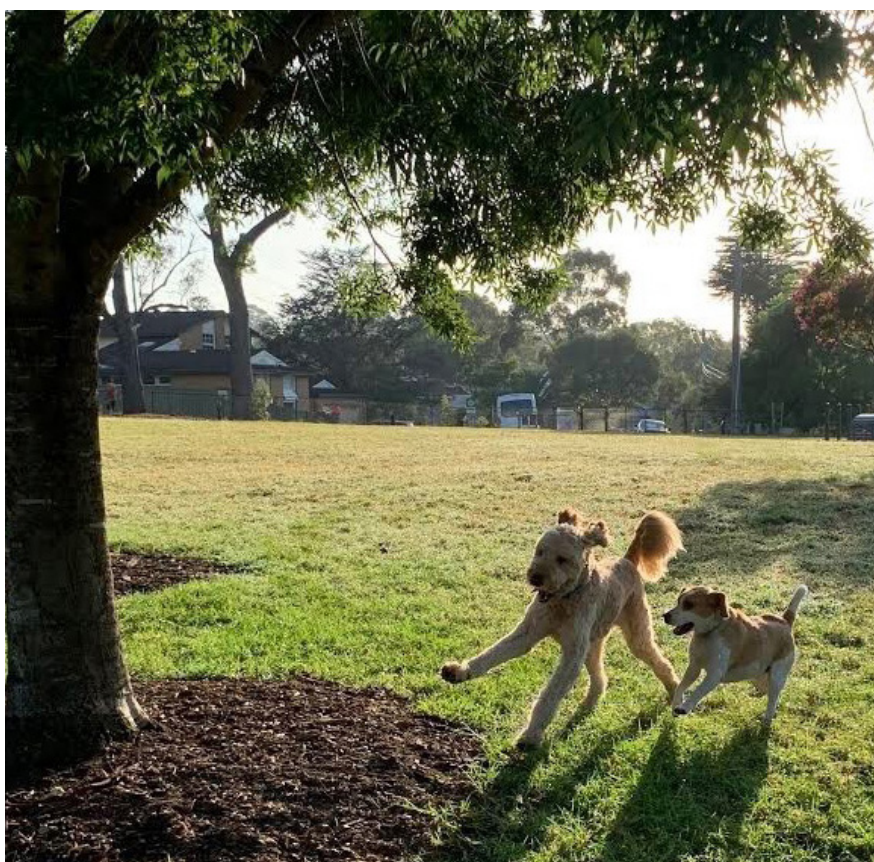


Ventura Road Shops

Construction commenced in January 2020 and is now complete. The scope of works is centred around improving access from the adjoining reserve the shops, streetscape works and improved garden beds.

Consultation with the shopkeepers, residents, customers and shopkeepers occurred 2018. The final concept was endorsed in 2019, with the community fully supporting the much needed access upgrade.

The work has improved access from the adjoining reserve to the shops with construction of new stairs.



Barnett Dog Park

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 sufficiently "dog-durable". A big shout out to the nearby residents who were patient during the period of construction, Council (and I'm sure our doggy friends) really appreciate it.

For more information visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta/barnettdogpark

The Chisholm Centre, Winston Hills

New stairs were constructed in 2019 and community consultation for further upgrades to the shops occurred in late 2019.

The design for the upgrade to the shops was finalised in December 2019, which proposes an upgrade to the streetscape, bike racks, street library, street furniture and construction of a new access ramp.

Construction commenced in April 2020.



Better Neighbourhood Program

The Better Neighbourhood Program (BNP) is a successful, long running Council initiative that aims to improve the liveability of our neighbourhoods and centres outside of the Parramatta CBD. It delivers capital upgrades to centres with the goal of enhancing safety, vitality and economic prosperity.

List of Works – 19/20

#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Improvements to Carmen Drive Shops, Carlingford	Carpark, amenities block, playground, upgrade to shop frontage, footpath improvement, wheel stop paint refreshment, potential improvements to adjacent pocket park	Completed. Official opening was held on 9 February and the Family Fun day occurred on the 23 February 2020	\$1,172,000
2	Improvements to Ventura Road Shops, Northmead	Upgrade of connection between small pocket park and centre	Completed	\$450,000
3	Improvements to The Chisholm Centre, Winston Hills	Upgrade to the centre's Pedestrian Access, new stairs to be constructed, new trees, seats and new level access to shops. Improvement of pedestrian access, construction of new stairs and access to the parking configuration	Construction commenced	\$875,000
4	Carlingford Masterplan	Implement priority public domain works from the Carlingford Public Domain MasterPlan	Planning Underway	\$300,000
5	Woodstock Road Shops, Carlingford	Accessibility, street furniture and minor upgrades	Planning Underway for a design. Construction in 2020/21	\$50,000

Footpath Asset Renewal Program

Council's Footpath Asset Renewal Program delivers important repairs and ongoing maintenance to footpaths in the Local Government Area (LGA).

List of Works – 19/20

#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Footpath Work Programs	Pennant Hills Road, Oatlands - McMillan Avenue to James Ruse Drive - left side - 129m	Completed November 2019	\$49,071
2		Pennant Hills Road, Oatlands - Vista Street to Bettington Road - left side - 50m	Completed November 2019	\$17,400
3		Cromarty Crescent, Winston Hills - Lomond Crescent to Dornoch Street - left side - 340m	Completed February 2020	\$97,274
4		Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills - Homer Street to Voltaire Road - right side - 300m	Completed January 2020	\$60,951
5		Gibbon Road, Winston Hills - Old Windsor Road to Hillary Street - right side - 400m	Completed February 2020	\$59,958

*Projects correct as at April 2020

Roads Program

Some roads are maintained by Council, others by the State Government. This program funds local road repairs, as well as kerb and gutter replacement.

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#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Kerb and Gutter Repairs and Maintenance Program	Blenheim Road from Baker Street to cul-de-sac, Carlingford	Completed	\$69,172
2		Constitution Court from Felton Road to cul-de-sac, Carlingford	Completed	\$43,210
3		Goodin Road from Junction Road to Naomi Street North, Winston Hills	Completed	\$10,993
4		Junction Road from Goodin Road to cul-de-sac, Winston Hills	Completed	\$17,880
5	Heavy Patching and Asphalt Overlay	Bettington Road from Statham Road to Felton Road, Carlingford	Under construction	\$322,200
6		Constitution Court from Felton Road to cul-de-sac, Carlingford	Contractor selected	\$45,360
7		Goodin Road from Junction Road to Naomi Street North, Winston Hills	Under construction	\$209,610
8		Junction Road from Goodin Road to cul-de-sac, Winston Hills	Completed	\$92,484
9		North Rocks Road from James Ruse Drive to House No. 32, North Rocks	Procurement	\$144,000
10		Statham Avenue from Mekiff Avenue to Bettington Road, Carlingford	In design	\$210,000
11		Statham Avenue from North Rocks Road to Mekiff Avenue, Carlingford	In design	\$350,000
12		Ursula Street from Hillary Street to Ayles Road, Winston Hills	Completed	\$49,559
13		Willmott Avenue from Churchill Drive to Model Farms Road, Winston Hills	Contractor selected	\$92,400
14	Base Replacement and Mill and Re-sheet	Blenheim Road from Baker Street to cul-de-sac, Carlingford	Completed	\$155,520



Local Traffic Facilities Program

Council upgrades pedestrian crossings, crossing ramps and pedestrian light-signal phases as required to align with the Disability Discrimination Act.

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#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Pennant Hills Road at Coleman Avenue, Carlingford	Upgrade Traffic Control Signal to include missing pedestrian phase	Completed	\$831,745 100% funded by NSW Government
2	Churchill Drive and Willmott Avenue, Winston Hills	Install speed cushions (east and northbound approaches)	Completed	\$9,745
3	Intersection of North Rocks Road and Alkira Road, North Rocks	Construct new traffic signals	Approved by the Traffic Committee; final Traffic Control Signal Plan approval in process	\$4,000,000
4	Caroline Chisholm Drive east of Olympus Street, Winston Hills	Convert the existing pedestrian refuge island to a raised pedestrian crossing	Not approved by Regional Traffic Committee. Council has requested Minister for Transport and Roads to review RTC decision and give favourable consideration to this proposal	\$200,000
5	Oakes Road north of Carmen Drive, Carlingford	Upgrade existing splitter island and install a raised pedestrian crossing	Completed	\$222,050 50% funded by NSW Government
6	Post Office Street west of Young Road, Carlingford	Install a pedestrian refuge island	On-hold as VPA funding is not available in 2019/20	\$200,000 Subject to VPA funding being provided

Cycleways, Pedestrian and Other Road Infrastructure

Our accessible City – which includes local roads, footpaths, cycleways – needs ongoing maintenance and upgrades. This often involves new paths, safer crossing points, new bridges and improved amenities.

List of Works – 19/20

#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Hunts Creek Path – Stage 1 (Northam Drive, Carlingford)	Concept Plan for new bridge and path	In delivery. To be completed mid-year	\$175,000
2	Hunts Creek Path – Stage 2 (Bettington Road, Carlingford)	Concept plan to continue the Hunts Creek cycleway west of Bettington Road (Hills Council commitment)	On hold until site investigation complete of alternative or complementary links to Hunts Creek Reserve	\$250,000
3	Hunts Creek Path – Stage 3 (Kings School, Carlingford)	Shared path through The Kings School	Shared path is subject to further stakeholder discussion	Not Estimated

Open Space and Natural Resources Capital and Operating Projects

Our open spaces – including parklands, parks and ovals – need ongoing maintenance and upgrades. This often involves new lighting, conversion to LED globes, play equipment upgrades, shade sails, landscaping and fencing.

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#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Restoration of Natural Areas	Project involves extensive work by specialised bushland contractors to restore natural areas, including threatened ecological communities in Quarry Branch Creek and Toongabbie Creek	Bushland regeneration works continuing	\$155,000 (Part of Toongabbie Contract and Part of Quarry Branch contract)
2	Sportsground Improvement Program	Caber Park cricket nets	In progress	\$100,000
3	Pavilion Improvement Program	Design for Peggy Womersley Reserve amenities building (Stage 1)	Detailed design underway. Review of Environmental Factors commenced	\$2,000,000
4	Parks Improvement Program	Minor park improvements and resident requests such as seating, bins, pathways and fencing	Example includes Don Moore reserve netball court improvements completed	\$80,000
5	Public Tree Program	Planting of trees in nature strips, parks and reserves	Extended watering of previous plantings completed February 2020. Planting of nature strip scheduled to commence May 2020	\$50,000
6		Playground shade tree planting	Completed February 2020	\$15,000
7	Waterways Restoration	Project involves restoration of various naturalised waterways throughout LGA	Bruce Cole and Moxham Park stormwater drains	\$95,000
8	Playground Replacement Program	Replacement of Winton Avenue Playground, Northmead	Design - community consultation held 13 February	\$110,000



Buildings

This program funds structural upgrades of pools, toilet blocks, Council-owned preschool playgrounds and community buildings (such as Scout Halls and community centres).

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#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Lake Parramatta Public Toilet	Repair of structural cracks	Completed April 2020	\$14,567
2	Lake Parramatta Reserve Kiosk	Construction of decking stairs with a handrail over the existing sandstone between the lower car park area and the kiosk	Completed April 2020	\$13,470
3	Northmead Guide Hall	Internal and external refurbishment	Scheduled for completion in June 2020	\$90,724
4	Northmead Reserve Pavilion	Stabilisation of concrete around awning and railing and replacement of entire floor in Men's change rooms	Completed April 2020	\$4,704
5	Max Ruddock Reserve Amenities Building	Upgrade electrical switchboard	Completed March 2020	\$2,271
6	Caber Park Tennis Kiosk	Replace damaged, lose and missing components in the kiosk	Scheduled for completion in June 2020	\$4,482
7	Carlingford Library	Upgrade to staff amenities	Completed April 2020	\$38,689
8	John Curtain Reserve Pavilion	Replace entire floor within the kiosk	Completed April 2020	\$12,020
9	North Rocks Child Care Centre	Installation of perimeter fence	Scheduled for completion in May 2020	\$46,229
10	North Rocks Senior Citizens Centre	Internal repairs to main hall	Completed April 2020	\$9,912
11	Third Settlement Reserve Toilet Block	Install mesh under translucent roof sheet	Completed February 2020	\$1,646
12	Winston Hills Lions Park Public Amenities	Install mesh under translucent roof sheet	Completed February 2020	\$1,646

Drainage Program

As part of our stormwater drainage renewal program, we repair and re-line stormwater drainage pits and pipes, as well as increase inflow capacity, in order to improve the operation of the drainage network. Even in areas far away from creeks and rivers, local flooding can occur if there is insufficient drainage. By continuing to maintain and improve Council's stormwater drainage systems, the impacts of local flooding can be reduced or eliminated.

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#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Drainage Construction Program	34 Clackmannan Road, Winston Hills	Completed	\$49,008
2		Hunts Creek Culvert remediation	Investigation and temporary construction works to make safe completed. Ongoing monitoring continuing	\$1,163,313
3	Flood Mitigation Program	20 Clackmannan Road, Winston Hills	Completed	\$84,067
4		365A North Rocks Road, North Rocks - alleviate local flooding	Design completed. Out for quotations	\$100,000
5		99 North Rocks Road, North Rocks - alleviate local flooding	Design completed. Out for quotations	\$200,000
6	Stormwater Drainage Renewal Program	2 Murrills Crescent, Baulkham Hills - pipe lining and point lining	Not commenced. Work being planned	\$12,000
7		Belotti Avenue, Winston Hills – stormwater pipe lining/point lining	Not commenced. Work being planned	\$40,000

Stronger Communities Fund

The NSW Government established the Stronger Communities Fund to provide amalgamated councils with funding to kick start the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services. The Stronger Communities Fund includes two programs:

- Community grant program: Distributes \$1 million in grants of up to \$50,000 to incorporated, not-for-profit community groups to implement projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities.
- Major projects program: Allocates \$14 million to fund larger scale priority infrastructure and service projects that deliver long-term economic and social benefits to communities.

The projects listed below are all funded through the Major Project Program of the Stronger Communities Fund.

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#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Cycleway infrastructure linking Epping with Carlingford	This project is about providing safe and efficient transport within Epping and Carlingford. It will assess options for providing cycle infrastructure along existing routes and roads between Epping and Carlingford	Delivery	\$1,000,000
2	North Rocks Master Plan - John Wearn Reserve	Deliver physical works associated with endorsed Masterplans focused on shops and commercial areas	Currently under construction with opening in August 2020	\$5,200,000
3	Barnett Park – Dog Park Upgrade	Landscaping, installation of park furniture and fencing for dog enclosures	Completed	\$410,000
4	Playground Upgrades	John Wearn Reserve, Carlingford	Currently under construction with opening in August 2020	\$120,000

Pedestrian Access Mobility Program

Building new footpaths and walkways throughout the City of Parramatta.

List of Works – 19/20

#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Footpath Construction	Karingal Avenue, Carlingford Felton Road to End - west/south side	Completed September 2019	\$75,189
2		Hilar Avenue, Carlingford Karingal Avenue to Billyard Place - west/south side - 204m	Completed September 2019	\$31,145
3		Billyard Place, Carlingford Dead End to Pindari Avenue - west side - 129m	Completed September 2019	\$20,821
4		Pindari Avenue, Carlingford Billyard Place to Karingal Avenue - south side - 70m	Completed October 2019	\$16,768
5		Philip Place, Carlingford House No. 5 to Tracey Avenue - north side - 147m	Completed October 2019	\$11,910
6		Sorlie Avenue, Northmead Ventura Road to House No. 14 Sorlie Avenue - west side - 136m	Completed October 2019	\$21,741
7		Kira Avenue, Northmead Sorlie Avenue to Rutherglen Avenue -north side - 150m	Completed October 2019	\$22,938
8		Carlton Avenue, North Rocks Hepburn Road to Dead End - north side - 263m	Completed March 2020	\$64,705
9		Horton Place, Winston Hills Whitefriars Way to End - south side - 35m	Included in 2019/2020 Program	\$5,623
10		Elizabeth Crescent, Northmead House No. 1 to House No. 33 - north/east/south side - 339m	Completed November 2019	\$60,185
11		Moorilla Avenue, Carlingford Timbertop Avenue to Laneway - south side - 200m	Completed November 2019	\$51,227

CBD Special Infrastructure Rate

Council is investing in a range of upgrade projects in the Parramatta CBD.

The City Centre Special Infrastructure Rate has been running since 2000 and has helped Council make significant improvements in amenity throughout the CBD to support the growth of the City. The City Centre Special Infrastructure Rate will help deliver major projects like the Phillip Street Smart Street upgrade, Civic Link, and improvements to the River Foreshore.

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#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
1	Southern Precinct Renewal – Valentine Avenue upgrade Rosehill Ward	Valentine Avenue, Parramatta will be upgraded to improve traffic flow in the Parramatta Station car park precinct. The road will be upgraded to allow two-way traffic flow. This project forms part of the broader Southern Precinct Renewal and is required to facilitate future works in this area	Project delayed due to COVID-19. The required property acquisition and project construction moved to FY 2020-21	\$225,000
2	St John's Anglican Cathedral feature lighting treatment Parramatta Ward	This decorative lighting treatment complements the lighting effects at the nearby Parramatta Town Hall, celebrating Parramatta's historical buildings and providing an illuminated focal point for the future Parramatta Square	Preparation of DA and heritage applications. Heritage NSW approval is required before delivery of the project begins	\$719,040

List of Works – 19/20 (continued)

#	Project	Description of works	Current Status	Est Cost
3	Retail Frontage Improvement Program Parramatta Ward	A grant program that provides a financial incentive for commercial property owners and tenants to improve the visual appearance and quality of their building façades, shopfronts, and awnings	One grant application approved by Council in March 2020. Program relaunch delayed due to COVID-19	\$40,000
4	Phillip Street Smart Street upgrade Parramatta Ward	Phillip Street, which links the riverside from Charles Street to the Bankwest Stadium area, will be updated with built-in connected smart technologies. The delivery of Phillip Street will be staged, with the first stage (estimated at \$4.3 million) delivering the southern side of the street between Church Street and Smith Street. The remaining stages will be delivered with Council funding and proposed developments over the next three years	Construction commenced in May and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year	\$600,000
5	St John's Anglican Cathedral lawn works Parramatta Ward	Restoration works on the sandstone borders and regrading of grassed lawn, construction of a new footpath and installation of stormwater drainage along the Queensland Arcade boundary	Complete	\$127,512
6	CBD Wayfinding update Parramatta & Rosehill Wards	Recently the City and its key destinations have changed due to the major infrastructure upgrades and development occurring in the City. Further to this, the City has changed its branding. This project will reskin and update the wayfinding signage, both for its practical operation and Council's visual identity	Design complete. Procurement for fabrication and installation in progress	\$100,000 in Parramatta Ward \$22,000 in Rosehill Ward
7	Centenary Square – temporary amenities Parramatta Ward	Installation of two semi-automated accessible toilets within Centenary Square. These will replace the current amenities which are being decommissioned as part of construction works being undertaken at 5PS and 7PS	Demountable toilets installed in the interim. A semi-automated toilet will be fabricated and installed replacing the demountable toilets within the next 3-6 months	\$280,000
8	CBD Smart Parking Project Stage 1 Parramatta Ward	Trial and deliver an integrated parking system that leverages emerging technologies across Council's on-street parking environment, and multi-level car parks to improve user experience and provide fair and equitable access to paid parking spaces within the CBD. Stage 1 will involve the implementation of the chosen technology across up to 1000 on-street parking spaces within the CBD, with real-time data collection offering users the opportunity to locate available parking, its cost and the maximum duration of stay permitted	Procurement delayed due to COVID-19	\$450,000

North Rocks Ward Capital Works Locations

