

PARRAMATTA **PULSE**

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Summer in  
Parramatta  
is Where  
It is At



**Plain English**



**Lord Mayor  
Bob Dwyer**

# **Welcome to the summer copy of Parramatta Pulse**

## **Covid-19 update from the Council**

It has been a tough year for many people because of COVID-19. City of Parramatta Council wants to help the community.

The Council gave \$3 million to small businesses and community groups.

We opened many places again that are run by the Council. That means playgrounds, outdoors gyms, swimming pools, skate parks and libraries are now open.

We make sure they are COVID-safe.

There are many projects happening in Parramatta. They will help businesses and make jobs.

Some of these projects are

- The new Aquatic and Leisure Centre
- Parramatta Light Rail
- Sydney Metro West



## Lord Mayor Bob Dwyer

### **Holiday Season in Parramatta – Christmas and New Year 2020**

Guy Sebastian and friends will do an online carols concert.

It will be on 18 December at 7pm.

The Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Concert has been moved because of COVID.

It will take place in April 2021. It will be part of the NSW Seniors Festival.

If you are a senior resident and get Meals on Wheels, look out for a Christmas special.

It will have a Christmas card from Lord Mayor and a Christmas pudding.

City of Parramatta will start the New Year with summer concerts in January.

Lord Mayor

**Councillor Bob Dwyer**

## Update



## Deputy Lord Mayor re-elected

City of Parramatta Council has elected Councillor Michelle Garrard again as Deputy Lord Mayor.

This will be her 4th term.

## Telling the story of Parramatta

See Parramatta's past, present and future on Parramatta Square.

Lord Mayor opened Australia's first digital storytelling box.

The box is 2 metres high and shows stories and videos about life in Parramatta.

It is on every day from 7am until 10pm.

The last day will be 30 December.



For more information go to [atparramatta.com/storybox](https://atparramatta.com/storybox)



# Better paths for the river foreshore

We have made the paths along the Parramatta River between Silverwater Bridge and Rydalmere Ferry Wharf better.

There is now almost 1 kilometre of walking and cycling paths along the river.

This was paid for by the NSW Government.

More people walk and cycle there than ever before.

Be mindful of other people walking and cycling.

Stay to the left.

Ring your bell when you get close to people from behind.

# Building for the community

Work started on 5 Parramatta Square, a new community, cultural, and civic building.

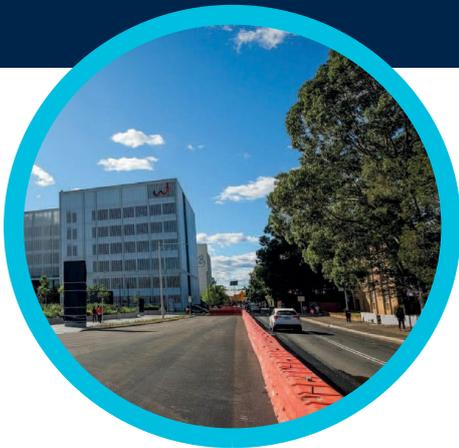
The project costs \$130 million.

There are lots of big machines and a crane on the site at the moment.

They are working on the basement for the new building.

The building should be finished by April 2022.

For more information go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/5PS](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/5PS)



## Parramatta Light Rail update

2020 was a busy year for the Light Rail project.

We got lots of things done.

We will keep working in the CBD during the summer.

We want to help businesses in trouble because of COVID and the light rail work.

Council is asking people to go to local restaurants, cafes and shops. There is free parking on some evenings when you go to an Eat Street restaurant.

For more information go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

For updates on the Light Rail go to [parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](https://parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au)

## Events

# The Sebastian Foundation Carols at Parramatta

Council is working together with The Sebastian Foundation.

We will do the Carols at Parramatta as an online concert.

Guy Sebastian and his friends will do this Christmas concert on Friday 18 December.

For more information go to [discoverparramatta.com/carols](https://discoverparramatta.com/carols)

# Australia Day in Parramatta

Spend Australia Day in Parramatta on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

For more information go to [discoverparramatta.com/ausday](https://discoverparramatta.com/ausday)

# Parramatta Summer Concerts

City of Parramatta Council will start the New Year with summer concerts.

The concerts will take place over a few weeks in January.

They will be at different places across the city.

We want people back into the Parramatta CBD in a COVID-safe way.

This will help local shops and businesses.

For concert dates, locations and line-up go to [discoverparramatta.com](https://discoverparramatta.com)





## Parramatta Lanes: Beats. Eats. Art.

The Parramatta Lanes Festival was online this year.

You could watch it over 5 nights from your home.

There were

- Restaurant chefs cooking their best food
- Musicians
- Art videos like storytelling or poems

You can still watch it online at [parramattalanes.com.au](http://parramattalanes.com.au)

## Parramatta Foundations

The Foundation Day Festival was online this year.

There was a short series in it called Parramatta Foundations.

The series was about local stories like what Parramatta looked like 350 million years ago.

To watch the series go to

[discoverparramatta.com/foundation](http://discoverparramatta.com/foundation)



# Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas celebrations and Meals on Wheels



The Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Concert was moved to April 2021.

It will take place during Seniors Week.

Lord Mayor wants to make sure all senior residents feel loved and valued this Christmas.

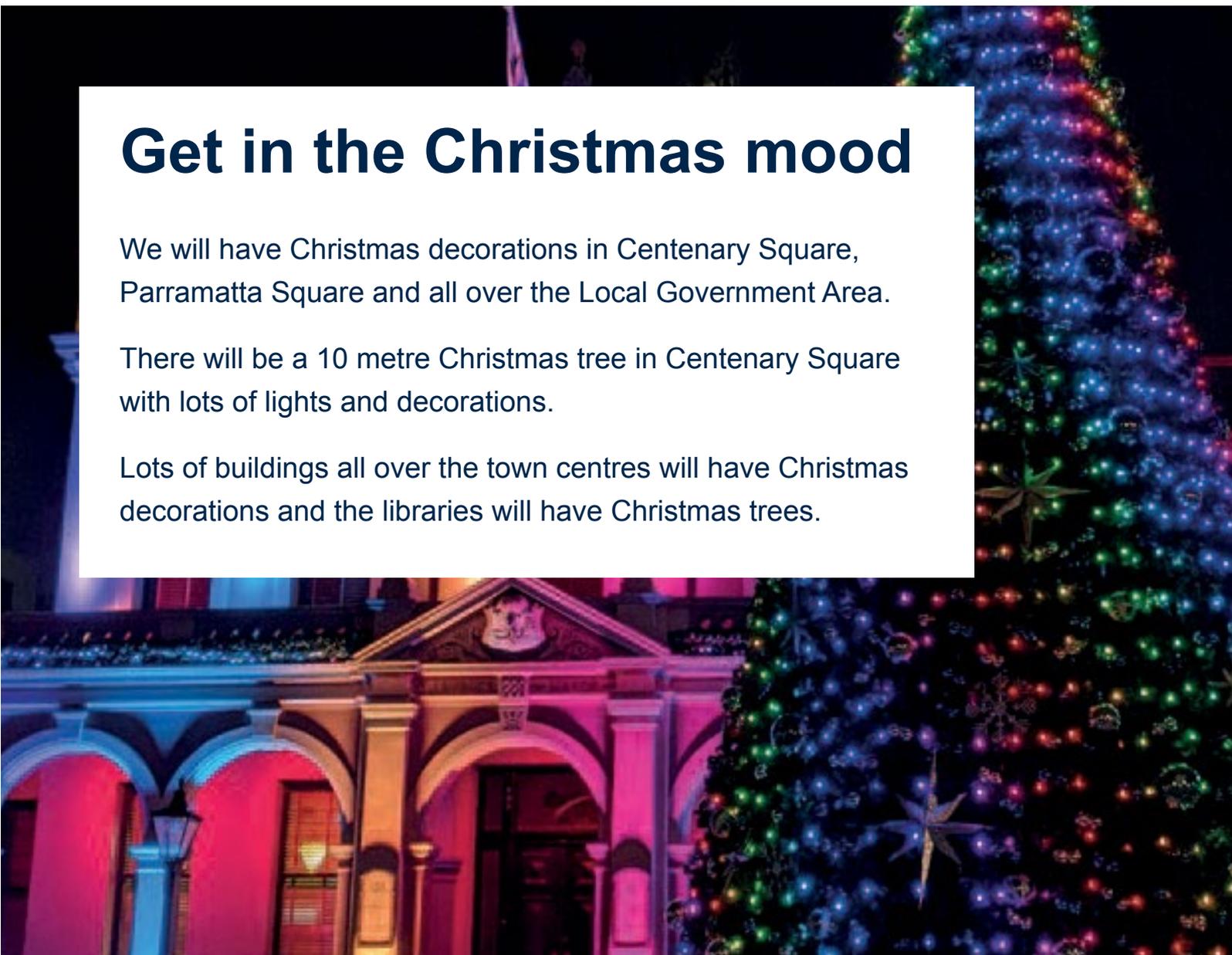
He will give them a special gift with their Meals on Wheels delivery.

## Get in the Christmas mood

We will have Christmas decorations in Centenary Square, Parramatta Square and all over the Local Government Area.

There will be a 10 metre Christmas tree in Centenary Square with lots of lights and decorations.

Lots of buildings all over the town centres will have Christmas decorations and the libraries will have Christmas trees.



# Pool safety

Check that your pool is safe.

## Fences

Pools need a fence if they can hold more than 30cm of water.

There are rules for what the fence must look like.

## Register your pool

NSW law says that everyone who owns a house with a swimming pool must register it.

Use the link below to register your pool.

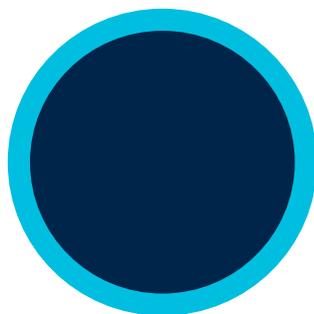
## Sell or rent

If you want to sell or rent a house that has a pool, you must have certain certificates.

You need to get them from the NSW Swimming Pool Register.

For more information go to

[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/pool-safety](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/pool-safety)





## Stay active in summer

Active Parramatta has free and not expensive programs to get people moving.

There is a free school holiday program.

There are also lots of sports classes like yoga or seniors fitness.

For more information or to book a class, send an email to [recreation@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recreation@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

Follow the Active Parramatta Facebook page [facebook.com/activeparramatta](https://facebook.com/activeparramatta)

Sign up to the Active Parramatta e-newsletter [Bit.ly/ActiveParraNewsletter](https://bit.ly/ActiveParraNewsletter)

## Swim School

You can book Dolphins Swim School from Monday 7 December.

Bookings are for term 1, 2021. Classes start 27 January.

Lessons are \$17 per student per week.

You need to pay for the whole term when you book.

You can use your Active Kids Voucher for the booking.

For bookings at Epping Aquatic Centre call **9806 5633**

For bookings at Macarthur Girls High School call **9806 5700**

# Picnic in the park

You can book a picnic shelter in Parramatta Park.

Make sure to check the rules on how many people you can meet during COVID.

For bookings go to [parrapark.com.au/shelterbookings](https://parrapark.com.au/shelterbookings)

# Better tennis at Binalong Park

Binalong Park Tennis looks much better now.

The building was painted. There are new picnic shelters, tables and a new water station.

For more information go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tennis](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tennis)



# Let's Dine Out

Good food and eating together helps your mind and body.

Let's Dine Out is a program from the Council for people that get their meals through NDIS or My Aged Care.

It gives you meal deals for lunch and dinner.

For more information call **9806 5121** or go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/food-services](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/food-services)

## Community Wellness

# Social Inclusion

Community Care has activities for people that get funding from NDIS or Commonwealth Home Support Program.

You can learn new skills and meet people.

Community workers can help you if you have questions.

For more information call **9806 5121** or send an email to [communitycareadmin@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communitycareadmin@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

## 2020 NSW Volunteer of the Year

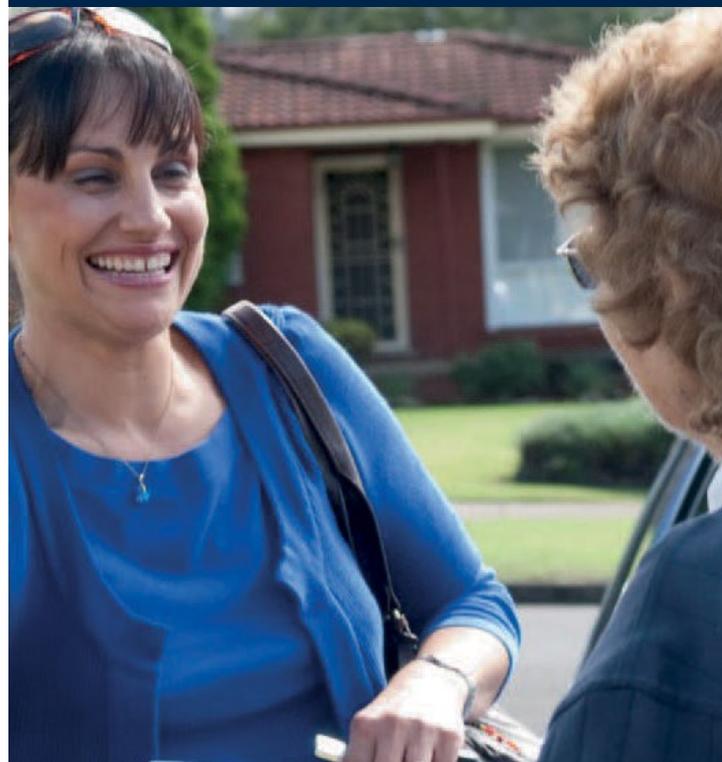
**Congratulations to Helen Macais!**

Helen is a driver for the City of Parramatta Meals on Wheels service.

## Leisure and Learning

Our Leisure and Learning Service for people over 55 is now online.

For more information call **9806 2121** or go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/term-based-activities](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/term-based-activities)



# Upgrades in your area

## Parramatta



### **Phillip Street “Smart Street”**

The project includes things like digital screens, water sprinklers to cool you down, new bins and lighting.

The project will finish early 2021.



### **Binalong Park tennis shelters and water station**

Binalong Park now has a new water station and 2 new tennis shelters.



### **Hammers and Klein roads**

Council made the corner of Hammers Road and Kleins Road safer for people to cross.

There is a new fence and things to slow down traffic.

# Upgrades in your area

## Dundas



### **Barnett Street Centre and Thomas Wemyss Park Upgrade**

We did the first community consultations in September. You can find the feedback we got here: [participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/Bartlett-street-upgrade](https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/Bartlett-street-upgrade)

Council is working on a plan. The upgrade should be finished in 2021.



### **New pathway and play track at Homelands Reserve**

We made the playground at Homelands Reserve better. It has a new pathway and a play track at the end of Barrawinga Street in Telopea.



### **Tobin Park**

Council made Tobin Park better. It has new furniture, plants and new signs to help find your way around.

# Upgrades in your area

## North Rocks



### **Woodstock Road Shops and Douglass Avenue Reserve Playground**

We finished the first community consultations. Council is now putting all of your ideas into a plan. Work on this project should start in April 2021.



### **Chisholm Centre**

Work finished in July 2020. There are now things like new furniture, accessible car spaces, bike racks and a street library.



### **Roger Gregory Playground**

The new playground in Winston Hills is open. It is named after Roger Gregory who was a City of Parramatta Councillor from 1983 until 1999.

# Upgrades in your area

## Epping



### Edwin Ross Reserve

Edwin Ross Reserve is now a new play space for people and students around Carlingford Public School. There is a playground, picnic shelters, kick-about space and a street library.

### Improvements to Dundas Park

Council has put up new lights along the walking path at Dundas Park.

There is also a new public toilet and a meeting room.

There will be more work happening in 2021 to connect Yates Avenue and Dundas Park.

## Rosehill



### Pierre De Coubertin Playground

Work finished in October. There is now a new shade sail, soft-fall floor, and new play things like accessible tennis.

Let us know what you think [qrco.de/PDCP-feedback](https://qrco.de/PDCP-feedback)

# Summer Where It is At

Summer is here and there are lots of things to do and see in Parramatta.

To celebrate Summer at Parramatta we give away great prizes.

You can win 1 Summer Prize Pack every day. They include a \$100 gift card.

To enter you need to

1. Share a photo or video on Instagram or Facebook about what Summer Feeling at Parramatta means to you
2. Put the tag **@atparramatta** or **#summerwhereitsat**
3. We will tell you if you won a prize. We will send you a message on Instagram or Facebook.

We will also share the winners on social media.

For terms and conditions go to [ATPARRAMATTA.COM.SUMMER](http://ATPARRAMATTA.COM.SUMMER)



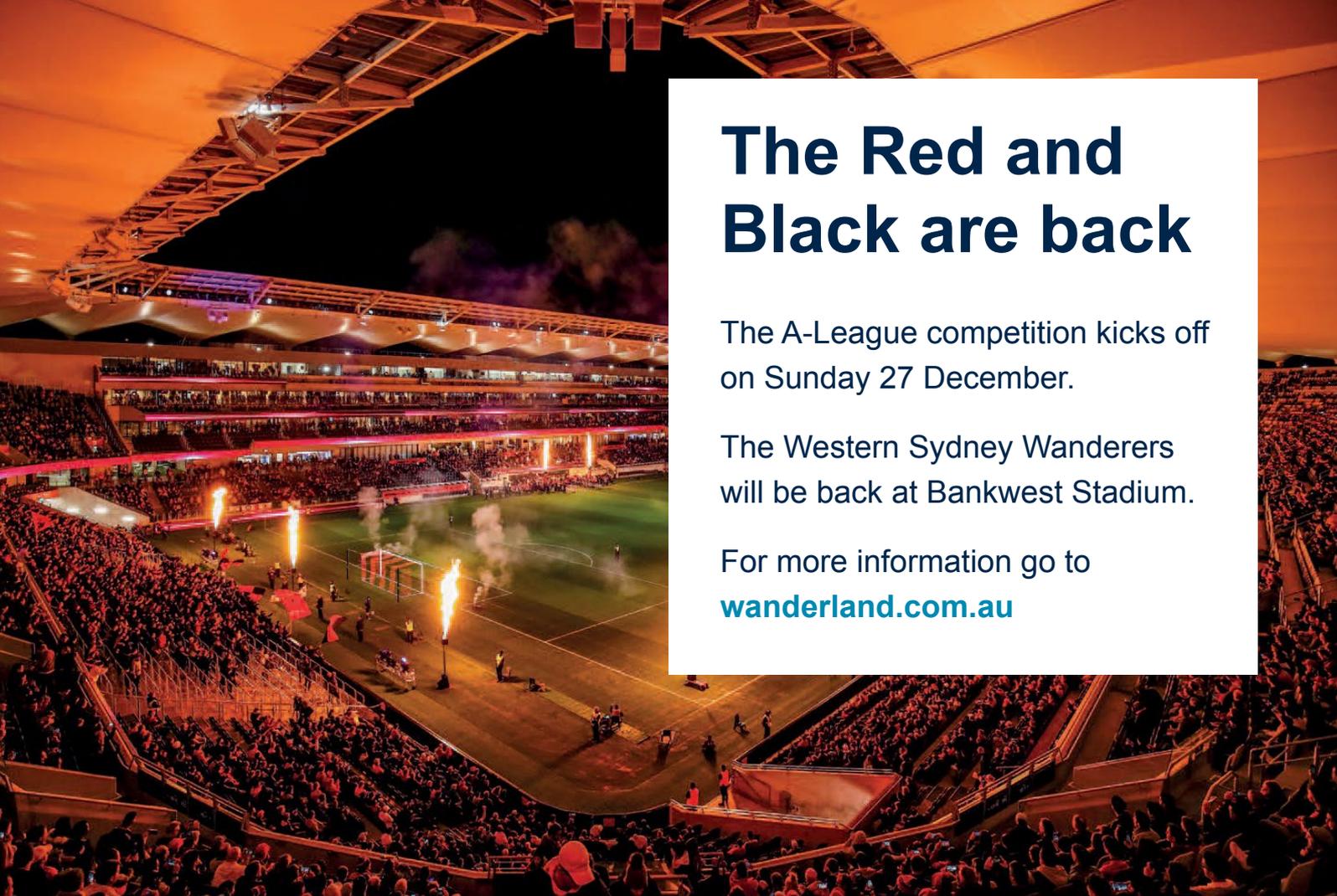
# Give the gift of Parramatta

You can buy At Parramatta gift cards for someone you know.

The gift cards support local businesses.

For more information go to [atparramatta.com/gift-card](http://atparramatta.com/gift-card)





# The Red and Black are back

The A-League competition kicks off on Sunday 27 December.

The Western Sydney Wanderers will be back at Bankwest Stadium.

For more information go to [wanderland.com.au](http://wanderland.com.au)

## Parramatta Farmers Market

Parramatta Farmers Market in Centenary Square is back every Friday.

The last day for this year is 18 December.

The market opens again on 29 January 2021.

For more information go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/farmersmarket](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/farmersmarket)





## Be FloodSmart

FloodSmart Parramatta is a flood warning service.

It tells you about the risk of floods in your area.

Sign up to get warnings and check water levels at  
[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/floodsmart](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/floodsmart)

## Participate Parramatta

Have your say about Council projects.

Participate Parramatta is our new website to share your ideas.

You can also join our online community. It is free and you can win prizes.

For more information go to  
[participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

# Summer programs in our libraries

## Summer Reading Club

Everyone from age 4 can join our Summer Reading Club.

You can win prizes.

The club runs from 1 December 2020 to 29 January 2021.

You can get your booklet at your local library.

Or you can download it at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/library](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/library)

## Summer Daze

You can follow our library staff in a number of videos. They will travel to different places and read books in the park, do crafts or learn new things.

Or you can join us for some Harry Potter trivia!

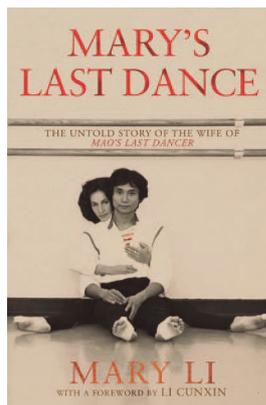
Check out our YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/parralibrary](https://youtube.com/parralibrary)

## All About Books

Pick up or download the summer copy of "All About Books".

It has book ideas for adults and teens and library news and events.

You can get it at your local library or download it at [parra.city/parrareadsaab](http://parra.city/parrareadsaab)



## Live Stream with Mary Li

You can talk to Australian ballerina Mary Li about her new book, Mary's Last Dance.

This free online talk with Mary Li will be on Zoom on 10 December. It starts at 6.30pm. There will be time for questions at the end.

You can book here [parra.city/maryli20](http://parra.city/maryli20)

## 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**



# School holidays at Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library

Our new library and community centre will have school holiday activities from 11 to 22 January.

For more information go to  
[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/  
wentworthpointcommunitycentreand  
library/whats-on](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/wentworthpointcommunitycentreandlibrary/whats-on)



## Keep up to date with ePulse

ePulse is a monthly online newsletter about what is happening in Parramatta.

Find out about projects, programs and events.

Sign up for the e-newsletter at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/e-pulse](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/e-pulse)

## Next up at Riverside Theatres

### Have a drink at the theatre!

Riverside Theatres is COVID-safe.

We clean more often and do social-distance seating.

### Family Fun at Riverside

To see what is on and to buy tickets go to

[riversideparramatta.com.au](http://riversideparramatta.com.au)

### We Will Rock You

12 -27 February 2021

The musical We Will Rock you is coming to Parramatta.



# Take to the streets

Join a guided tour through Parramatta.

For more information go to [discoverparramatta.com/tours](https://discoverparramatta.com/tours)

## **Nature walk and wheel – Day of People with Disability & Conflict**

Thursday 3 December

10am -11.30am

For all ages

\$10 per person

## **Parramatta Unlocked**

Friday 4 December

12.15pm – 1pm

Free

## **Sustainable Shopping Tour**

Saturday 5 December

10am – 12pm

For all ages

\$10 per person

## **Traditions of Christmas**

Saturday 5 December

2pm – 4pm

For 5 to 11 years old

\$10 per child, carers are free

## **World Heritage Wonders**

Sunday 6 December

10.45am – 2.45pm

For adults

\$40 per person, includes lunch

## **Warami Mittigar – Aboriginal cultural walk**

Sunday 13 December

10am – 12pm

For adults and families

\$8 per person



# Sharp Short Dance Festival

The Sharp Short Dance Festival was online this year.

It showed the work of young dancers, film and music makers.

More than 100 artists took part. Lots of different awards were given out.

See the winners at [form.org.au/sharp-short-dance-2020-heats-and-final](https://form.org.au/sharp-short-dance-2020-heats-and-final)



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