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Welcome to our summer edition of *Parramatta Pulse*.

### Council's COVID-19 update

City of Parramatta Council has been dedicated to supporting the community during what has been a tough year for many people. In April, we provided a \$3 million Relief and Recovery Package to help ease the burden on our community. We are proud to have awarded over 100 small businesses, community groups, and creative enterprises with more than \$600,000 in grants to support them through the impacts of COVID-19.

It has been wonderful to see some of our Council facilities reopen to the public in line with health advice. Facilities such as our playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment, aquatic facilities, skate parks, libraries, Customer Contact Centre, Heritage and Visitor Information Centre, and more, are now open to the public.

There are many exciting projects underway in Parramatta that will help create jobs and boost our local economy. Some of these projects include our new Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Parramatta Light Rail, Sydney Metro West, 5 Parramatta Square, the relocation of the Powerhouse Museum, and more. In addition, Council has introduced the Prioritisation Assessment Program, which will help fast-track the City's shovel-ready projects and stimulate the economy.

### Holiday season in Parramatta – Christmas and New Year 2020

Get into the Christmas spirit this year by tuning in to an online carols concert with Guy Sebastian and friends at 7pm on 18 December. The annual Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Concert has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions, and instead is planned to take place as part of NSW Seniors Festival in April 2021. If you are a senior resident who receives Meals on Wheels deliveries, make sure you look out for my special Christmas delivery, which will include a Christmas card from myself, as well as a Christmas pudding. City of Parramatta Council will ring in the New Year with a special summer concert series in January.

Lord Mayor  
Councillor Bob Dwyer



## Deputy Lord Mayor re-elected

City of Parramatta Council has re-elected Councillor Michelle Garrard as Deputy Lord Mayor for her fourth consecutive term - a first for Parramatta. Cr Garrard, a life-long resident of Parramatta, was elected to City of Parramatta Council in September 2017 and represents the Dundas Ward.

## Telling the story of Parramatta

Parramatta's past, present and future has come alive in Parramatta Square with Australia's first ever digital storytelling box.

City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer launched Storybox Parramatta on Wednesday 7 October. The two-metre multimedia solar-powered cube streams visual stories created by the community about life in Parramatta, as well as archival footage from the ABC, among other things.

Between 7am and 10pm each day until Wednesday 30 December, Storybox will display an incredible selection of stories, sketches, videos, poems and artworks.

Council is a key partner in this project, which is being led by ESEM Projects in collaboration with ABC Content Ideas Lab, Western Sydney University, Story Factory, FORM Dance Projects, Sam I Am and Curious Works.

Storybox is supported by Council's Smart City Advisory Committee, including chair Councillor Steven Issa and Councillor Sameer Pandey.

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



City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer at the Storybox installation in Parramatta Square.





City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer with Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee and representatives of the builder, Devcon.

## Upgraded river foreshore paths

More pedestrians and cyclists than ever have been enjoying the upgraded paths along the Parramatta River between Silverwater Bridge and Rydalmere Ferry Wharf, following the completion of Stage 2 of the Ermington Foreshore Transformation.

Fully funded by the NSW Government through Transport for NSW's Active Transport Program, Stage 2 of the project has delivered almost one kilometre of separated walking and cycling paths along the river foreshore.

The number of people walking and cycling in Parramatta has been steadily increasing, with 30 per cent more people using the path in the past year alone.

Now is the perfect time to hop on your bike or go for a stroll along our fabulous riverfront, but please be mindful of your fellow path users. Stay to the left and ring your bell when approaching other people from behind.

## Parramatta Light Rail update



Major road works completed for the Parramatta Light Rail project in Westmead.

2020 has been a busy year for the Parramatta Light Rail project. Since major works kicked off in Rydalmere in January, the project has made significant progress and reached a number of key milestones, including the completion of main stormwater tunnelling work along Church Street and the first phase of the Parramatta Light Rail tree planting and neighbourhood improvement program.

Parramatta Light Rail construction will continue in the CBD throughout the summer with a view to being completed in that section of the alignment by July 2021. In an effort to support the

local businesses impacted by COVID-19 and Parramatta Light Rail construction, Council has introduced a number of initiatives to encourage people to visit local restaurants, cafes and other retail outlets, including the 'Go Local' campaign, an AT PARRAMATTA gift card program, and free parking for Eat Street restaurant customers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights until 31 January 2020.

For more information on Council initiatives, visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

To keep up-to-date with the latest Parramatta Light Rail developments, visit [parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](https://parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au)

## Building for the community

City of Parramatta Council's \$130 million community, cultural and civic building is taking shape at 5 Parramatta Square.

Council's construction partner, Built, has begun bulk earthworks on the two basement levels. This involves excavating 12,000 cubic metres of material before building the double-storey basement that will connect to the Parramatta Square mega basement. There are currently large earthmoving excavators on the site, as well as a 40-metre-high tower crane – with an impressive jib reaching 65 metres across the construction site.

Once work on the basement is done, construction will start on the reinforced concrete substructure. The building will begin to rise from the ground over the coming months. The building is expected to be completed by April 2022.

[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/5PS](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/5PS)



An aerial shot of the 5 Parramatta Square site.



## The Sebastian Foundation Carols at Parramatta

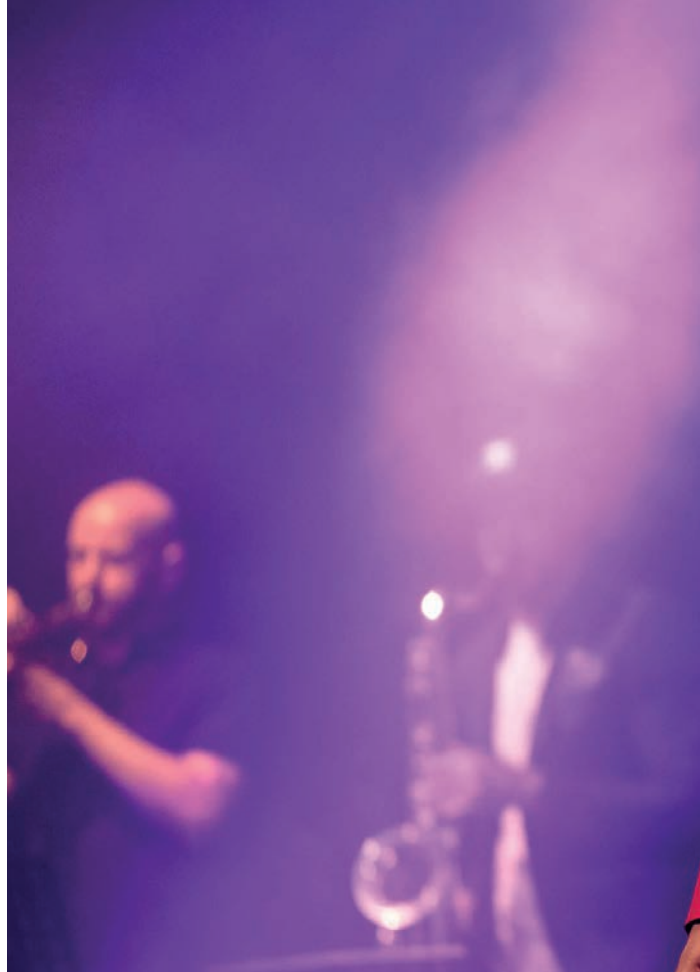
This Christmas may be a little different to previous years but it will still be merry!

Council, together with The Sebastian Foundation, is bringing the popular Carols at Parramatta event to you at home via an online concert, featuring pop sensation Guy Sebastian.

The Voice judge will be joined by his brilliant musical friends for a Christmas concert on Friday 18 December.

This event will raise money for The Sebastian Foundation, which changes lives for the better by giving families and young Australians the resilience and confidence they need to grow and be their best.

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



## Australia Day in Parramatta

Celebrate Australia Day in Parramatta on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Stay tuned for event updates throughout January on: [discoverparramatta.com/ausday](https://discoverparramatta.com/ausday)



## Parramatta Summer Concert Series

City of Parramatta Council will ring in the New Year with a special summer concert series.

Taking place in unique locations across the City over a few weeks in January, the summer concert series will feature an exciting line-up of music performances, encouraging people back into the Parramatta CBD in a COVID-safe way, while helping support local business.

For more information, including dates, line-up and concert locations, stay tuned to [discoverparramatta.com](https://discoverparramatta.com)





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## Parramatta Lanes: Beats. Eats. Art.

The award-winning Parramatta Lanes festival went digital this year – showcasing the City's best beats, eats and art over five huge nights of online entertainment.

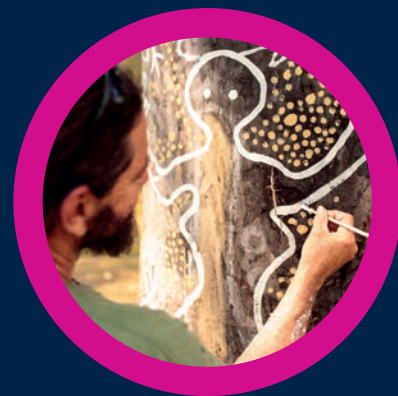
The jam-packed digital program was live-streamed from 7pm between 17 and 21 November, bringing the Parramatta Lanes experience directly into people's homes.

Amateur chefs learnt new kitchen tricks as some of the City of Parramatta's top restaurants made their signature dishes, such as Milky Lane's Deep Fried Golden Gaytime, Hyderabad House's Biryani Chicken or one of KOI Dessert Bar's winning desserts.

Music lovers watched an incredible line-up of musicians – including Jessica Jade, Dante Knows, Lil Spacely and Ricky Nifo – perform live from local bars, restaurants and other hidden gems.

Viewers could also explore their creative side with a series of art-based videos that fused poetry, storytelling, digital performance, and traditional and contemporary art. The series included works from literary arts organisation WestWords, a dive into drag culture presented by Parramatta Artists' Studios and a look at the works of the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative.

Although Parramatta Lanes has already wound up for the year, you can still access the online series at [parramattalanes.com.au](http://parramattalanes.com.au)



## Parramatta Foundations

### Mini Documentary Series

The Foundation Day festival went online this year with an exciting mini-documentary series, Parramatta Foundations, that explores the City's heritage.

The series uncovers intriguing local stories including the impact of the 1919 influenza pandemic on Parramatta; the history of the City's cuisines – from Darug eels to Eat Street; a look at the pioneers buried at Australia's oldest cemetery; and what Parramatta looked like 350 million years ago. A special episode produced by ABC Radio Sydney focuses on the Female Orphan School, the oldest three-storey building in Australia.

To view the documentaries visit [discoverparramatta.com/foundation](http://discoverparramatta.com/foundation)

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



The Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Concert has been postponed and will now take place in Seniors Week in April 2021.

Until then, to ensure Christmas is celebrated with our much loved and valued senior residents, Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer will be providing a special gift with all Meals on Wheels deliveries.





## Pool safety

With the weather warming up, now is the time to check that your pool is safe and compliant with all regulations.

### Fencing

Pools, including portable or blow-up pools, that can hold at least 30 centimetres of water need to be fenced.

Your pool fence needs to meet certain requirements regarding the height, gaps, latch and more.

### Registering your pool

NSW law requires all homeowners with a swimming pool on their property to register

their swimming pool details. You can do this via Council's website – see link below.

### Selling or leasing

If you are selling a home that has a pool, you must have:

- an Occupation Certificate;
- a Certificate of Compliance, or
- a Certificate of Non-Compliance.

Your documentation must be issued from the NSW Swimming Pool Register.

For more information visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/pool-safety](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/pool-safety)



## Stay active in summer

Active Parramatta delivers free and affordable recreation and leisure activities to keep people of all ages moving. Highlights include the state's largest free school holiday program and an extensive range of fitness activities. You can enjoy Mums N Bubs Fitness, Yoga and Seniors Gentle Exercise.

To find out more, or to book your spot, email [recreation@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recreation@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au).

### Swim school

Dolphins Swim School is taking bookings from Monday 7 December for Term 1, 2021, with classes starting Wednesday 27 January. Lessons are \$17 per student per week, with full upfront payment required when you book. You can use your Active Kids Voucher towards your payment.

Follow the Active Parramatta Facebook page:

[facebook.com/activeparramatta](https://facebook.com/activeparramatta)

Subscribe to the Active Parramatta e-newsletter:

[bit.ly/ActiveParraNewsletter](http://bit.ly/ActiveParraNewsletter)

For bookings at Epping Aquatic Centre please call 9806 5633 and for Macarthur Girls High School call 9806 5700.

## Get in the festive spirit

The City of Parramatta will celebrate Christmas this year with traditional Christmas decorations in Centenary Square, Parramatta Square and throughout the Local Government Area.

Centenary Square will feature a show-stopping 10-metre Christmas tree, adjacent

to Parramatta Town Hall, with a stunning light display and decorations.

Christmas nativity scenes, garlands and wreaths will adorn buildings throughout our town centres, with each library featuring its own decorated Christmas tree and displays.







## Picnic in the Park

Book one of Parramatta Park's seven picnic shelters this summer and enjoy a picnic with family and friends.

The Gawi and Mana shelters are perfect if you want to bring along a jumping castle, petting zoo or food cart for your celebration.

Remember that gathering sizes are subject to the current NSW Public Health Order and Greater Sydney Parklands COVID-19 restrictions. Please stay COVID-safe when enjoying our beautiful park.

For bookings visit [parrapark.com.au/shelterbookings](http://parrapark.com.au/shelterbookings)



City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer with Cr Sameer Pandey, Cr Martin Zaiter and Cr Phil Bradley at the Binalong Park Tennis Facility.

## Boost for tennis facility

The popular Binalong Park Tennis Facility has had a facelift with repainted markings, a refurbished tennis building, and new picnic shelters and tables.

The upgrade also includes a new water station that not only provides clean drinking water, it supports Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Council can use data collected at various water stations throughout the City to promote the benefits of healthy

active lifestyles and the reduction of single use plastic bottles.

In a first for Parramatta, the facility's tennis courts now include pickleball court markings painted on the surface. Pickleball combines elements from tennis, ping pong and badminton.

For more information visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tennis](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tennis)

## Community wellness

### Let's Dine Out

Good nutrition and good company help keep our minds and bodies healthy. Let's Dine Out is a Council service for people registered to receive meals through the NDIS or My Aged Care. This program provides flexible and subsidised meal options for lunch and dinner.

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



### Leisure and Learning

Our over 55s Leisure and Learning Service has gone online to keep everyone safe and active in the comfort of their own home.

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

### Social Inclusion

Community Care is offering a range of individual and group activities for people with NDIS or Commonwealth Home Support Program Funding. These activities are a great way to learn new skills and meet people, with community workers and volunteers supporting you online and over the telephone.

For more information and bookings, call 9806 5121 or email [communitycareadmin@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communitycareadmin@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

### 2020 NSW Volunteer of the Year Award Ceremony

Congratulations to Helen Macais, the NSW Central Sydney 2020 Adult Volunteer of the Year, for her valuable work as a driver for the City of Parramatta Meals on Wheels service.

Source: [volunteering.com.au/2020-awards-central-sydney](http://volunteering.com.au/2020-awards-central-sydney)

# Upgrades in your area



Phillip Street



Binalong Park Tennis Shelter



Pedestrian Improvements

## Parramatta

### Phillip Street 'Smart Street'

Construction began on Stage 1 of the \$4.3 million Phillip Street 'Smart Street' project in May 2020. The streetscape components of the project will be completed by the end of the year. 'Smart City' elements will also be installed including multifunctional poles, environmental monitoring sensors, digital screens, water misting for cooling, smart bins, smart irrigation and condition-responsive lighting. The smart elements will be completed early 2021.

### Binalong Park tennis shelters and water stations

Binalong Park now has a new water station and two new tennis shelters, as part of a \$15,000 upgrade.

The water station provides free clean drinking water and supports Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy by collecting information relating to the litres of water consumed, the number of plastic bottles prevented from entering landfill and the amount of CO2 saved.

Our heat maps show that the suburbs west of the CBD tend to experience

higher levels of heat-related stress, making the tennis shelters a welcome respite from the summer heat.

### Pedestrian improvement at Hammers and Kleins roads

Council recently improved the corner of Hammers and Kleins roads to provide safe passage to pedestrians at this busy intersection. The \$35,000 upgrade includes new fencing, reinforced concrete barrier and traffic-calming measures.



Thomas Wemyss Park



Homelands Reserve



Tobin Park

## Dundas

### Barnett Street Centre and Thomas Wemyss Park upgrade

The first round of community consultation closed in September 2020 and you can find a summary of the feedback we received at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/bartlett-street-upgrade](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/bartlett-street-upgrade). Council is now preparing a concept plan and will work towards finishing the \$400,000 upgrade in 2021.

### New pathway and play track at Homelands Reserve

The playground at Homelands Reserve received a \$60,000 upgrade with a new pathway and play track at the end of Barrawing Street in Telopea. This is a great location for children to practice their bicycle skills next time they come to visit the playground.

### Tobin Park

Council has completed a \$24,500 upgrade to Tobin Park which includes new furniture, plantings and signage at the park, which can be accessed off Tintern Avenue, Kwyong Street or Leo Place in Telopea. The colourful installations include two new sets of fixed chairs, with a table in between for you to sit and chat with your neighbours and friends. The vibrant new signage will help you find your way around.





Woodstock Road Shops



Chisholm Centre



Roger Gregory Playground

## North Rocks

### Woodstock Road Shops and Douglass Avenue Reserve Playground

The first round of community consultation closed in late September and Council is now gathering all your ideas to develop a concept plan. Construction on this \$400,000 project is expected to start in April 2021.

### Chisholm Centre

Construction commenced in April 2020 and concluded in July 2020.

This \$850,000 project upgraded the streetscape, installed new street furniture, accessible car spaces, a three-tier water point, bike racks, new plants, a street library, new access ramp, and a bird bath to attract local birds. Sustainability features include a solar smart 'big belly' bin, and new solar powered centre lighting.

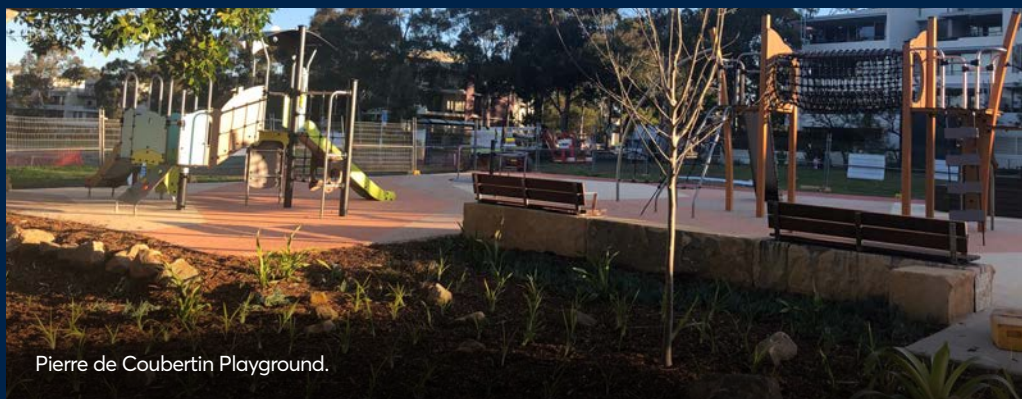
### Roger Gregory Playground

The new \$180,000 playground in Winston Hills is open for the community to enjoy.

It has been named after the late Roger Gregory, who served as a Parramatta City Councillor from 1983 to 1999. He lived in the area from 1969 to 2015 and was actively involved with the sports club, historical societies, parks committees, charities and other local community groups.



Edwin Ross Reserve



Pierre de Coubertin Playground.

## Epping

### Edwin Ross Reserve

Edwin Ross Reserve, located on Keeler Street in Carlingford, has undergone a \$200,000 upgrade and transformed into a new play space for residents and students at nearby Carlingford Public School. The improvements include a nature-themed playground, an area to play Newcombe ball, picnic shelter, and informal kick-about space. Carlingford Public School students have also painted a new street library.

### Improvements to Dundas Park

Council has installed new light poles along the walking path at Dundas Park, as part of a \$255,000 upgrade. These solar lights are designed to make you feel safer when walking in the park at night. The park also boasts a new amenities building, which includes public toilets, a bookable meeting room, and club spaces for the local Dundas United Recreation Club. There will be more works happening in 2021 to create a better connection between Yates Avenue and Dundas Park.

## Rosehill

### Pierre De Coubertin Playground

Upgrades to the Pierre De Coubertin playground in Newington were completed in October. The \$400,000 project, part of Council's Better Neighbourhood Program, means children and parents will enjoy new shade sails, soft-fall surfacing, and a range of play equipment, including accessible items.

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

# SUMMER WHERE IT'S AT



Summer is finally here and Parramatta is Where It's At when it comes to exciting things to see and do.

Explore Sydney Olympic Park, cheer on the Wanderers at Bankwest Stadium, watch a show at Riverside Theatres, get dressed up for a race at Rosehill Gardens, cycle the Parramatta Valley Cycleway, taste incredible Indian dishes at Harris Park, step back in time at a historic house, or bushwalk and picnic to your heart's content. Look no further than Parramatta to get that summer feeling.

**To celebrate Summer AT Parramatta we are giving away a share of \$10,000 in prizes.**

This competition runs from 1 December 2020 to 28 February 2021, with one Summer Prize Pack including a \$100 AT PARRAMATTA Gift Card to be won daily!

## To enter simply

1. Share a photo or a video of what 'That Summer Feeling' at Parramatta means to you on Instagram or Facebook
2. Tag @atparramatta or #summerwhereitsat
3. We'll notify you if you've won. Keep an eye on our @atparramatta social channels as we'll be sharing the winners

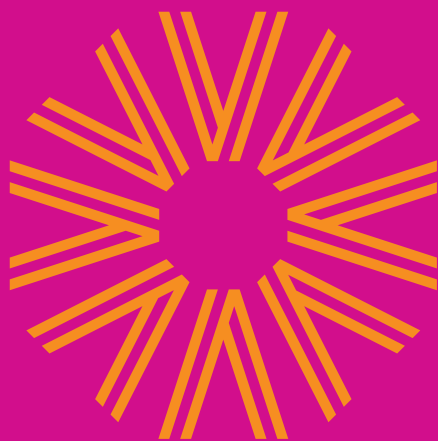
One Summer Prize pack including a \$100 AT PARRAMATTA Gift Card to be won daily. Winners will be notified by direct message on their Instagram or Facebook account.

For full terms and conditions, visit  
[ATPARRAMATTA.COM/SUMMER](https://atparramatta.com/summer)

## Give the gift of Parramatta

Show your support for local businesses by buying an AT PARRAMATTA Gift Card for someone you know.

This EFTPOS-based gift card is valid for 36 months and you can use it at participating businesses within the Parramatta Local Government Area. For more information and to view participating businesses visit:  
[atparramatta.com/gift-card](https://atparramatta.com/gift-card)







## The Red & Black are back at Wanderland

The A-League competition kicks off on Sunday 27 December and the Western Sydney Wanderers will once again take the field at Parramatta's Bankwest Stadium.

Now in their ninth season, the Wanderers will be pushing for a spot in the finals against competition heavyweights.

Experience all the colour and atmosphere a Wanderers' home match has to offer and be there to support local players Keanu Baccus and Daniel Georgievski.

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

## Parramatta Farmers Market is back

Parramatta Farmers Market in Centenary Square is back every Friday, with delectable delights and fresh produce. The last day of trading before Christmas is 18 December, with the markets reopening on 29 January 2021.

Stallholder Paolo from On Ya Gnocchi is ready to serve up a range of fresh, traditional Italian cuisine. Be sure to try the famous handmade gnocchi, lasagne, tiramisu as well as his take home Napolitano Sauce. Come and check out the Farmers Market this week!

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



## Be FloodSmart

City of Parramatta Council is working with NSW SES to bring you FloodSmart Parramatta. This award-winning flood warning service helps you learn more about the flood risk in your area.

Sign up to receive local warnings and check the water level at sites near you at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/floodsmart](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/floodsmart)

## PARTICIPATE PARRAMATTA

Have your say on Council's latest projects through Participate Parramatta – our new community engagement website where you can share your ideas through feedback forums, interactive maps, polls, and surveys.

You can also join our online community panel and subscribe to receive regular updates about opportunities to provide feedback. It's free to join and you'll have the chance to win prizes.

For more information visit [participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](http://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

## 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

# Summer programs in our libraries

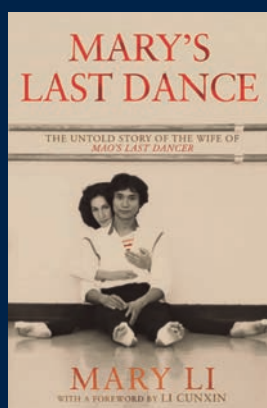
## Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading Club is back! Everyone aged four and older can be involved in the reading challenge and go into the running to win great prizes. From Tuesday 1 December to Friday 29 January, the community is invited to get reading at one of our COVID-safe libraries. Grab a booklet, grab your children, parents, grandparents and friends and have fun reading together these school holidays. You can collect your booklet at your local library, or download at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/library](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/library)

## Summer daze

Summer is here, and we are keen to read books in the sun. Join our librarians, through a series of videos, as they travel to some stunning locations in the LGA and have fun reading a book in the park, creating some craft, learning some water safety rules and more. Why not drop by your local library on your way to these places, and borrow a book or two? Not a fan of the sun? Dress up in your best magical outfit and get the whole family to join us for some Harry Potter trivia! The librarians can't wait to celebrate a magical summer with you.

Stay tuned via our YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/parralibrary](https://youtube.com/parralibrary)



## All About Books

Don't forget to pick up or download the summer issue of 'All About Books'. This online brochure is packed with hand-picked reading suggestions for adults and teens, from new and established authors, as well as library news and events. Grab one from your local library or download the latest edition, and view past issues, at [parra.city/parrareadsaab](http://parra.city/parrareadsaab)

Catch up on some of our library podcasts at [parralibrary.podbean.com](http://parralibrary.podbean.com)

## Live stream with Mary Li

Chat with Australian ballerina Mary Li about her engaging memoir, *Mary's Last Dance*. The long-awaited sequel to her husband Li Cunxin's bestselling memoir, *Mao's Last Dancer*, is a powerful and uplifting memoir about chasing an impossible dream and sacrificing ambition for the love of a child. It's a moving and unforgettable story of passion, dedication and devotion.

This free online author talk will be broadcast via Zoom on Thursday 10 December from 6.30pm, with a Q&A session at the end. Book your spot today at [parra.city/maryl原因20](http://parra.city/maryl原因20)

Mary Li,  
author of  
*Mary's Last  
Dance*





## School holidays at Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library

Our new state-of-the-art library and community centre is hosting a range of school holiday events and activities from Monday 11 to Friday 22 January. Whether you want to explore your creative side, get a bit of exercise, or learn something new, there's sure to be something that you are interested in.

For more information visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/wentworthpointcommunitycentreandlibrary/whats-on](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/wentworthpointcommunitycentreandlibrary/whats-on)



## Keep up to date with ePULSE

ePULSE is your monthly update on the latest news and events in Parramatta, delivered straight to your inbox. Find out about major construction projects, community programs and initiatives, upcoming events and festivals, cultural and recreational programs from our library network and Riverside Theatres, plus more. Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter now at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/e-pulse](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/e-pulse)



## Next up at Riverside Theatres...



### Enjoy a glass of bubbles at the theatre!

Riverside Theatres is a registered COVID-safe venue. We have enhanced health and hygiene measures in place as well as socially distanced theatre seating.

### Family Fun at Riverside

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

To check out the schedule and buy tickets, visit [riversideparramatta.com.au](https://riversideparramatta.com.au)



## We Will Rock You

12–27 February

The smash hit musical, *We Will Rock You*, hits Parramatta with a brand-new production early 2021. This production is a hilarious, eccentric and moving story of outsiders rising up against the establishment, with a backing soundtrack from Queen. In a post-apocalyptic future, the world is controlled by a mighty corporation. Rock music and all musical instruments are banned. Revolutionaries, Galileo and Scaramouche, have to break free, restore individuality and bring back the power of Rock 'n' Roll.





## Take to the streets

Experience Parramatta on foot by joining a guided walking tour that showcases the rich natural and cultural heritage of Sydney's Central River City. For more information visit [discoverparramatta.com/tours](https://discoverparramatta.com/tours)

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

Thursday 3 December  
10am–11.30am  
Suitable for all ages  
\$10 per person

### Parramatta Unlocked

Friday 4 December  
12.15pm–1pm  
Free

### Sustainable Shopping Tour

Saturday 5 December  
10am–12pm  
Suitable for all ages  
\$10 per person

### Traditions of Christmas

Saturday 5 December  
2pm–4pm  
Suitable for 5–11yrs old  
\$10 per child, carers free

### World Heritage Wonders

Sunday 6 December  
10.45am–2.45pm  
Suitable for adults  
\$40 per person, lunch included

### Warami Mittigar – Aboriginal Cultural walk

Sunday 13 December  
10am–12pm  
Suitable for adults, families  
\$8 per person

## Sharp Short Dance Festival

FORM Dance Projects' annual Sharp Short Dance Festival went online this year, showcasing the works of aspiring choreographers and dancers, film makers and music creators. More than 100 artists took part in three online heats, with the panel of judges inviting the best to perform in the live-streamed final.

During this event, awards were presented for Most Innovative Choreography, Outstanding Male and

Female Performers, Outstanding Solo, Duet and Ensemble Performances, Outstanding Dance Film and original music score, and the Audience Choice Award. Several lucky entrants also won secondments to We Are Here Company, Sydney Dance Company Pre-Professional Year, Twisted Element and Shaun Parker & Company. Check out 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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### 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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### Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6.30pm. Due to COVID-19, the public cannot attend in person, but can watch the meetings through the live stream video link on Council's website visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings)

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\* 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.