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**CITY OF  
PARRAMATTA**



## A message from the Mayor

**Welcome to the winter copy of Parramatta Pulse.**  
There are lots of things to do this winter.

### **The Escarpment Boardwalk**

The escarpment boardwalk is now open.

It runs along the Parramatta River from Melrose Park to Parramatta Park.

It is now easy to run, walk or ride a bike around the city.

### **Project updates**

We started to build a new Aquatic and Leisure centre.

We are also working on 5 Parramatta square.

They will open next year.

### **Winter in our city**

The winterlight festival is coming back this year.

We had the festival for 10 years now.

It starts on 10 June and ends on 5 September.

To find out more go to [discoverparramatta.com](https://discoverparramatta.com)

Everyone living in NSW can get Dine and Discover vouchers.

They are \$100 vouchers from the Government to eat out and do fun things.

You can use the voucher at places like cafes and restaurants, movie theatres and museums.

You must use the vouchers before 30 June 2021.

### **Boronia Grove Community Centre**

The Boronia Grove Community Centre in Epping opens in June.

You can hire rooms for small meetings, art projects and birthday parties.

Lord Mayor

**Councillor Bob Dwyer**

## 5 Parramatta Square

We are working on a new community building on Parramatta square.

The building will be a part of the Town Hall next to Parramatta train station.

It will have 6 stories.

It will be a place for meeting people, arts and learning.

The building costs \$130 million.

It should be finished by April 2022.

You can find out more at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/5PS](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/5PS)

## Aquatic and Leisure Centre

We are building a new aquatic and leisure centre in Parramatta Park.

It will have

- A 50 metre heated swimming pool with 10 lanes
- A 25 metre indoor pool
- Seats inside and outside
- Cafes and community rooms
- A spa, sauna and fitness place
- A car park

Power will come from solar panels on the roof.

It will be finished at the start of 2023.

Council and the NSW Government pay \$88 million for this project.

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





# Dine and Discover vouchers

You can get vouchers from the NSW government to eat out and do fun things.

You will get 4 vouchers.

Each voucher is for \$25.

You can use 2 vouchers to eat out.

You can use them at places like restaurants, cafes and pubs.

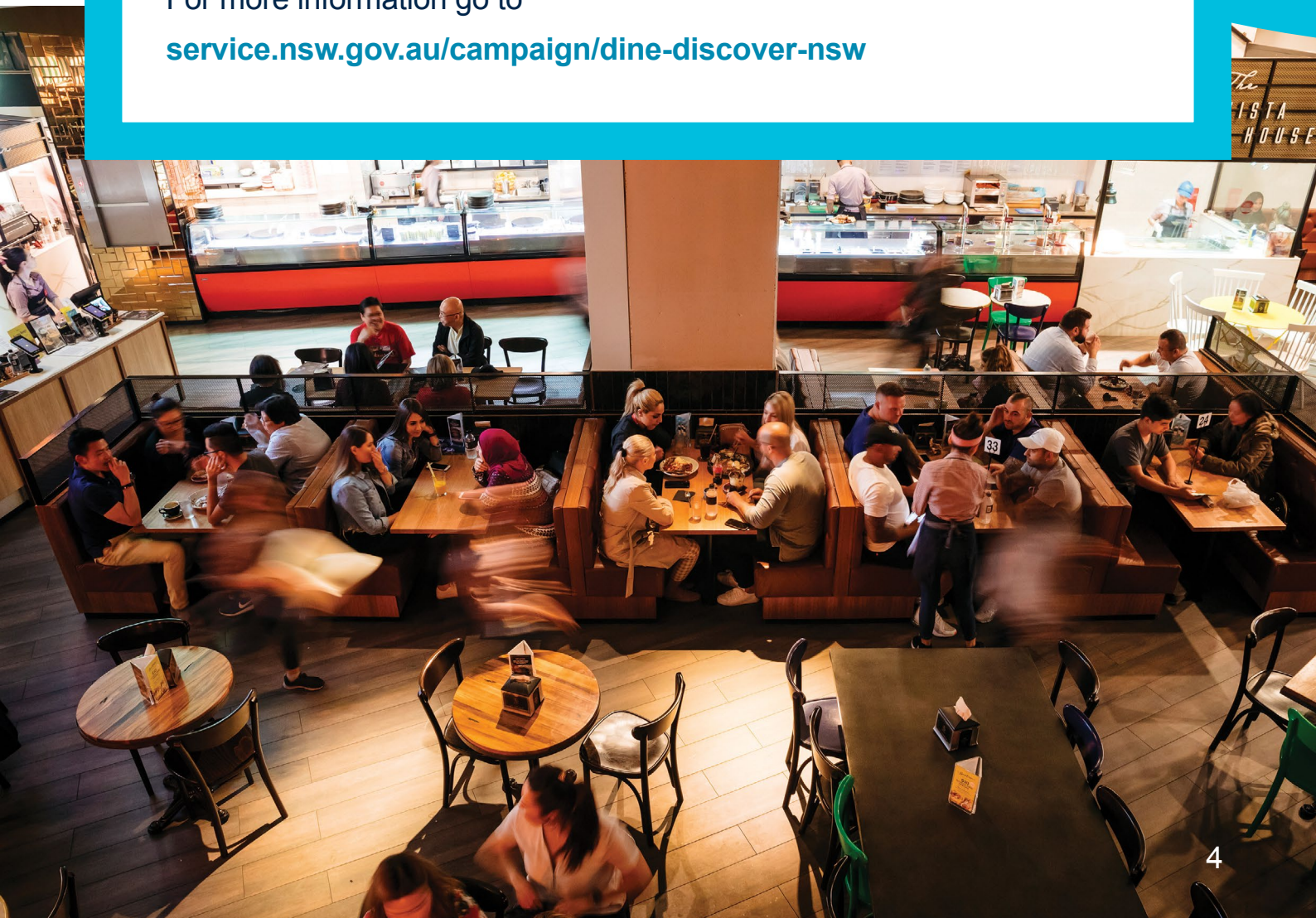
You can use the other 2 vouchers to do fun things.

This could be things like going to the movies, concerts, museums or sports.

You must apply to get the vouchers.

For more information go to

[service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw](https://service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw)





## Escarpment Boardwalk

The escarpment boardwalk is open.

Parramatta Council and the NSW Government paid \$18 million for it.

It runs along Parramatta River from Melrose Park to Parramatta Park.

Council also made new stairs at Stewart Street and Macarthur Girls high school.

For more information go to

[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/escarpment-boardwalk](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/escarpment-boardwalk)



## Parramatta Light Rail

We made new paths for walking and biking.

This will help people get to public transport.

You can also take your bike on the new light rail.

The paths run

- Next to the light rail between Carlingford and Camelia
- Between Cumberland Hospital and Westmead Children's Hospital
- Along Tramway Avenue and across James Ruse Drive

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



# 10 years of Winterlight Festival

Winterlight festival is on from 10 June to 10 September.

There will be

- Ice Skating
- Shopping
- Shelters made of ice

You can sign up to the Discover Parramatta e-newsletter at [discoverparramatta.com](https://discoverparramatta.com)

You can also follow us on

- [facebook.com/atparramatta](https://facebook.com/atparramatta)
- [instagram.com/atparramatta](https://instagram.com/atparramatta)





# Warami events

City of Parramatta will have a few Warami events.

You can listen to the history and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

There will be smoking ceremonies and other Aboriginal performances.

The Warami events will be between 26 May to 11 July.

## Sorry day

Sorry day was on 26 May from 10am to 4pm.

The event was at the Parramatta Female Factory and Institution Precinct.

You could

- Listen to stories of Aboriginal people
- See a smoking ceremony
- Watch Aboriginal performances

# Warami events

## Reconciliation week

Reconciliation week was from the 23 May to 3 June.

Reconciliation week helps bring Aboriginal and not Aboriginal people in Australia together.

This reconciliation week is called More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.

## Burramatta NAIDOC

Burramatta NAIDOC will be on 11 July 2021 in Parramatta Park.

It starts at 10.30am and ends at 5pm.

We will celebrate the culture and great things Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have done.

Barkaa will be one of the artists on stage during NAIDOC week.

Photo by Ken Leanfore.





# Discover Parramatta

We have a new online tour.

You can see all of Parramatta from your home.

To take the tour go here [discoverparramatta.com/virtualtour](https://discoverparramatta.com/virtualtour)



## Parramatta Nights

Parramatta Nights was on from 25 March to 18 April.

It was the biggest event in Parramatta since COVID-19 started.

We had 19 shows over 4 nights on a rooftop.

There was also

- A cinema
- Roller skating
- Jazz music



Live Jazz with Freyja Garbett on the new Parramatta Square.

Photo by Ken Leanfore.



## Active Parramatta

Active Parramatta has new activities for every age.

We have

- A free school holiday program for kids
- Cheap fitness classes like yoga, dancing and Pilates
- Free Parramatta Van activities like Mums N Bubs Fitness
- Swimming programs

You can sign up for classes in the middle of June.

You can

- Like us on Facebook [@activeparramatta](#)
- Sign up for the Active Parramatta e-newsletter  
[cityofparramatta.co/ActiveParraNewsletter](http://cityofparramatta.co/ActiveParraNewsletter)
- Learn more at  
[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation/active-parramatta](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation/active-parramatta)





## A better Sydney Olympic Park

The NSW Government pays \$18 million to make Sydney Olympic Park better.

We will

- Have more sports and cultural activities
- Make the park look nicer
- Have more barbecues and public toilets

These are some of the places we will make better

- Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
- Blaxland Riverside Park
- Wentworth and Wentworth Common playground
- Quaycentre

Work has already started. Some places might be closed while we do the work.

To find out more go to [sydneyolympicpark.com.au](http://sydneyolympicpark.com.au)

# For people over 55

## Keep fit and learn

We now do some activities in person.

Some of these activities are

- Tai chi
- Line dancing
- Painting
- Chair yoga



You can still do activities online if you like that better.

To join activities go to [cityofparramatta.co/term-activities](https://cityofparramatta.co/term-activities)

## Meals on Wheels

Meals on wheels can help you if you cannot make your own meals.

They bring frozen meals to your home that are healthy and do not cost much.

They can also check in on people to see if they are ok.

For more information call 9806 5121

You can visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/food-services](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/food-services)





# For people over 55

## Social Inclusion program

This program helps people feel valued and part of the community.

We support older people, people with disability and carers.

We can support you

- To study
- With your family
- To go to community events
- To meet new people



For more information call **9806 5121**

Or visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/social-inclusion](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/social-inclusion)

## Let's Dine Out

Let's Dine Out makes it easier and cheaper to eat out.

You can get cheaper meals at restaurants if you signed up to get meals through NDIS or My Aged Care.

We can help you get to the restaurants.

For more information call **9806 5121**

Or visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/food-services](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/food-services)

# New Online Services Portal

Council made a new Online Services Portal

On the portal you can

- Change your information
- Pay for things
- Tell Council about things that are not right

This could be things like rubbish that was dumped or bins that did not get picked up.

Scan the QR code to get to the portal.



# Upgrades in your area

## Dundas

### Acacia Park

The NSW Government paid \$1 million to make Acacia Park better.

It will be safer and have more fun things to do.

It will have a new

- Playground
- Pathway
- Look out over Parramatta CBD

Acacia Park will open in the middle of 2021.

We will have a Family Fun Day when Acacia Park opens again.

### Plan for Heart of Play

You told us what you think about the Heart of Play plan.

We want to have a new plan in the middle of 2021.

North Parramatta will get parks that are linked together.

We will make the parks nicer and safer.

There will be more places for sports.



# Upgrades in your area

## Dundas

### Sturt Park

We will pay \$4 million to make Sturt Park in Telopea better.

Sturt Park will have

- An outdoor theatre
- A better skate park
- 2 new playgrounds
- A better Ponds Walk trail

For more information go to

[participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sturt-and-acacia-park](https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/sturt-and-acacia-park)

## Rosehill

We will make Good Street and Bridge Street in Granville better.

This will cost \$8.5 million.

We will build new paths and make the streets safer.

Work will start soon.

There will be some big changes for people driving in this area.

To find out more go to

[oursay.org/cityofparramatta/good-bridge-streets](https://oursay.org/cityofparramatta/good-bridge-streets)

# Upgrades in your area

## Parramatta

### Alfred Street

Lots of people ride their bikes in Parramatta.

We want to build a new cycleway on Alfred Street.

People can then ride their bikes to Parramatta CBD through Alfred St.

Work will start in July or August 2021.

### Family Fun Day at Pierre De Coubertin Park

We will have a Family Fun Day at Pierre De Coubertin Park in Newington. It will be in July.

Pierre De Coubertin Park has a new playground.

Everyone is welcome at the Family Fun Day.

For more information go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/family-fun-day-program](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/family-fun-day-program)

### Arthur Phillip Park

Thank you for your feedback about the plan for Arthur Philip Park.

We used your feedback for the new plan.

You can look at the new plan until the 25 June 2021.

To look at the new plan go to [participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)



# Upgrades in your area

## Parramatta

### Binalong Park

We want to know what you think about the plan for Binalong Park.

We want to be sure the new Binalong Park has everything the community needs.

You can see the plan until 25 June 2021.

To look at the plan go to [participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/binalongpark](https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/binalongpark)

### Bungaree Road shops

We started work around the Bungaree Road shops.

There will be

- Nicer shops and outdoor areas
- More seats and bins
- Parking
- New paths
- A bike rack

The project will finish in the middle of 2021.

# Upgrades in your area

## Parramatta

### Gallery Gardens Park

You can now visit Gallery Gardens Park

It is on the corner of Fitzwilliam Road and Picasso Crescent in Old Toongabbie.

The park has

- A new playground and fitness area
- A new bush area
- Information about keeping animals and plants safe
- Accessible paths for wheelchairs
- Better parking





# Upgrades in your area

## Epping

### Dundas Park

The new Dundas Park buildings are finished.

The council now works on Dundas Park and Yates Avenue shops.

There will be

- New signs
- Tables and benches
- New markings for parking

### Pennant Hills Road

We made Pennant Hills Road better and safer.

There is

- A new footpath
- Nicer shops
- A bench
- A fence to keep people safe from cars

# Upgrades in your area

## Epping

### **Boronia Grove**

Boronia Grove Community Centre in Epping will open in June.

It is near the Epping train station and bus stop.

It has meeting rooms and an art room.

There will also be a new cafe.

For bookings go to

[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/booking-a-venue](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/booking-a-venue)

## North Rocks

### **Woodstock shops**

We will make Woodstock Road shops and Douglass Avenue Reserve playground better.

Thank you to everyone who told Council what we should do.

The shops will have

- A street library
- More trees
- New seats and bins
- Ramps and accessible parking

The new playground will be near Douglass Avenue Reserve.

It will open at the end of June.

# Upgrades in your area

## North Rocks

### Lomond Centre shops

The Lomond Centre in Winston Hills will get new

- Trees and plants
- Signs
- Seats and bins
- Ramps and accessible parking

Thank you to everyone who had a say.

### Max Ruddock Reserve

Max Ruddock Reserve in Winston Hills is finished.

Families can enjoy a new play area with

- Swings, climbing things and slides
- A fitness area
- Better paths for everyone
- A picnic area





## At Parramatta gift card

Have you heard about the At Parramatta gift card?

You can use the gift card at over 100 businesses in Parramatta like

- Restaurants and cafes
- Hairdressers
- Shops

Buying a gift card is a good way to help businesses.

You can use the gift card for 3 years.

Visit [giftcards.atparramatta.com](https://giftcards.atparramatta.com) for more information.



## Parramatta Farmers Market

You can buy fresh food at the farmers markets in Centenary Square.

Parramatta Farmers Market has a COVID-safe plan.

There is lots of space so everyone can social distance.

The market is every Friday from 7:30am to 2:30pm.

To find out more got to

[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/visiting/things-to-do/farmers-market](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/visiting/things-to-do/farmers-market)





## Have a look around Chisholm Centre

Chisholm Centre is up the road from Winston Hills.

It has great food for everyone.

The Bagel Bakery Café has hot meat pies and lamingtons.

Chookalicious has special burgers.

My Hao makes its own pho.

Chisholm Centre just got

- New street lights that run with solar power
- Accessible parking and a ramp
- Bike racks
- A bath for birds

Find out more [discoverparramatta.com/chisholm-centre](https://discoverparramatta.com/chisholm-centre)

A photograph of a young man and woman smiling at the camera at night. The man is wearing a bright orange hoodie with the text 'illegally' on it. The woman is wearing a dark top. They are standing in front of some blurred city lights.

## Get the news

You can sign up for our monthly e-newsletter ePULSE.

It has all the news and events in Parramatta.

To sign up for ePulse go to

[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/e-pulse](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/e-pulse)

## We want to know what you think

Have your say about Council projects.

You can share your ideas.

You can have a say about the way we live, work and play in Parramatta.

You can find out more go to [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)



# Riverside Theatre

## If you like music

- Beethoven's Pastoral 13 June
- Carmen 17 June
- Love Song Dedications  
(without Richard Mercer)  
20-21 July

## If you like music and plays

- Spiegelesque 17-20 June
- Wicked 23 July-7 August

## If you like dance and circus

- The Tap Affect 8-10 July
- Chasing Smoke 14-17 July

## For kids

- Sharp Short Theatre  
7-18 June
- Mr Snot Bottom's Horrible  
Terrible Really Really  
Bad Bad Show 28-29 June
- Zoom 15-16 July
- The Clown is sad? 19 July
- New Owner 28-29 July
- Robot Song 24-25 August

# Riverside Theatre



## **Spiegelesque**

Spiegelesque tells stories about the world of dancing

This is a fun show with singing and dancing.



## **Wicked**

Wicked will be on this July and August.

The show tells the things we did not know about the witches of Oz.

# Riverside Theatre

## **New Owner**

Bart is a puppy in an animal shelter.

Mabel is a sad and lonely woman because her husband died.

She gets Bart from the animal shelter.

The show is about losing someone, friendship and a new start.

It is good for children over 8 years.

## **Robot Song**

Robot Song is a true story. It is about an 11 year old girl called Juniper.

Juniper finds out that no one likes her at school.

Her life changes when her parents give her a robot.

## **Chasing Smoke**

Chasing Smoke is from the only Aboriginal circus group in Australia.

It is about being a proud Aboriginal today.

The show has dancing, tricks and juggling.



# Riverside Theatre



## **The Tap Affect**

The Tap Affect tells you about where tap dancing came from.

There are 7 dancers that all tell a story.

## **Riverside Theatres Parramatta**

8-10 July at 8pm

10 July at 2.30pm

## **Workshop and see the show**

- For beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced dancers

Saturday 10 July at 11am.

**You can buy your tickets here**

[riversideparramatta.com.au/show/thetapaaffect](https://riversideparramatta.com.au/show/thetapaaffect)



## Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library

Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library can help you

- Meet new people
- Learn a new skill
- Find a new hobby

We have

- Fitness classes
- Music classes
- English classes

Find out more [cityofparramatta.co/whatson](https://cityofparramatta.co/whatson)

# Find your next book at the City of Parramatta libraries

We made a new tool that helps you find books to read.

The tool is called Who else Writes like.

## To use this tool

- Log in with your library card number
- Search for the person who wrote a book you like
- Click Search
- You will get a list of books that you might like to read

You can try it out here [whoelsewriteslike.com/account/regex\\_login](https://whoelsewriteslike.com/account/regex_login)

## Parra Reads Match

Para Reads Match is great for people that like books.

You fill in a form online and say what you like or not like to read.

A person from the library will make a book list just for you.

You can fill in the form at [parra.city/parrareads\\_match](https://parra.city/parrareads_match)





## **Come and see us**

The library opening hours have changed.

You now have more time to

- Look for books
- Use a computer
- Go to events

To check the opening hours of your local Library got to  
[parra.city/openinghours](http://parra.city/openinghours)

## **Locations**

### **Parramatta Library**

1 – 3 Fitzwilliam Street,  
Parramatta  
Phone 9806 5159

### **Constitution Hill Library**

20 Hollis Street,  
Constitution Hill  
Phone 9806 5500

### **Carlingford Library**

Lloyds Avenue, Carlingford  
Phone 9806 5850

### **Dundas Valley Library**

Sturt Street, Telopea  
Phone 9806 5960

### **Epping Library**

Chambers Court, Epping  
Phone 9806 5843

### **Ermington Library**

River Road, Ermington  
Phone 9806 5869

### **Newington Library**

Corner of Avenues of Europe  
and Asia, Newington  
Phone 9806 5842

### **Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library**

10 Footbridge Boulevard,  
Wentworth Point  
Phone 9806 8600

## A–Z Things @ Parramatta

A–Z Things @ Parramatta are videos about 26 art works.

Each video tells the story of another art work. It talks about why it is important to Parramatta.

The name of each art works begins with a letter from the Alphabet.

If you have something in your house that has a special story please tell us.

Find out more at [historyandheritage.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/cultural-collections](https://historyandheritage.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/cultural-collections)



## The Visitor Information Centre

The visitor information centre made new videos about people who are important to Parramatta.

To look at the videos go to [cityofparramatta.co/parramattapeople](https://cityofparramatta.co/parramattapeople)

## Have your say about the city

Join Participate Parramatta Online to have your say about important things in Parramatta.

You can have your say online and in person.

To join the group go to [qrco.de/ppcommunity](https://qrco.de/ppcommunity)

Or

Scan the QR code here



## Tell us what you think

Council wants to hear what you think about the Pulse magazine.

Answer some questions and you might win a \$50 **At Parramatta** gift card.

**Scan the QR code to answer the questions.**

People who do not speak English can call this number for help 131 450

Easy English and Accessible PDF versions of Parramatta Pulse are available on the Council website.



# Development Applications

All developments applications are available at on the Council website at [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

## Council Meetings

Council Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

They start at 6.30pm.

You can join the meetings in person or online.

For more information go to

[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings)

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