

EPPING WARD UPDATE

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Boronia Grove Community Centre Open

The much-awaited Boronia Grove Community Centre is open in the heart of Epping. The \$1.95 million facility, made possible with the help of the NSW Stronger Communities Fund, is located close to Epping train station and bus stops.

The two-storey facility has five meeting rooms for the community to hire and an arts room. Two adjoining meeting rooms can be booked for bigger events, such as birthday parties or small conferences. The facility adds yet more vibrancy to Epping and will soon include a new café.



Councillors Lorraine Wearne, Bill Tyrrell and Donna Davis at
Boronia Grove Community Centre

Youth Week Activities

Local young people delivered three interactive workshops over three weeks in May as part of 2021 Youth Week. The Council's Community Capacity Building Team works with young people throughout the year to build skills, confidence and connection to place as they design and plan Youth Week activities 'for young people by young people'.

The interactive workshops, held on 6 May, 13 May and 20 May, were aimed at participants aged between 13 and 24 years old. The workshops included terrarium making, drama and drawing.



Young people in the process of making terrariums

Epping Pool Plans Improved for Kids

Council has secured additional funding for water play equipment and a children's shallow wading pool to be included in improvements to Epping Pool and surrounds.

The \$25.6 million project scope now includes the design and construction of water play equipment and children's wading pool, the design and construction of a new 25-metre indoor pool, an eight-lane 50-metre outdoor pool and refurbishment of the existing amenities building.

The project is in the detailed design phase, with the development application expected to be lodged in September 2021 and anticipated completion in late 2023.

Visit the Participate Parramatta website for updates, more information, and ways you can get involved.
participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/dencepark

Message to our community

Welcome to the project update newsletter for Epping Ward.

Planned projects include upgrades to Epping Pool, Kilpack Park, Epping Library and the Leisure and Learning Centre, along with further work to restore Terrys Creek catchment.

Boronia Grove Community Centre is officially open, and Council has also completed upgrades to the pedestrian thoroughfare linking Carlingford Court and Carlingford Village, the connection between the new Alan Hayes Pavilion at Dundas Park and Yates Avenue Shops, and lighting and drainage at Carlingford Oval.

You can find further information about these projects and many others throughout this newsletter.



The local community enjoys a movie night at Dundas Park

Dundas Park Movie Night

As part of the new Alan Hayes Pavilion, the \$2.1 million upgrade means the community now has a hireable community meeting room, kiosk, solar lighting and new barbecue facility.

To celebrate the official opening of Alan Hayes Pavilion at Dundas Park, 600 people gathered at an outdoor cinema event on 16 April. The festive crowd watched the family-friendly movie Pokémon Detective Pikachu. A small entry fee of \$5 provided movie goers with a sausage sizzle, drink and popcorn to enjoy with their movie.



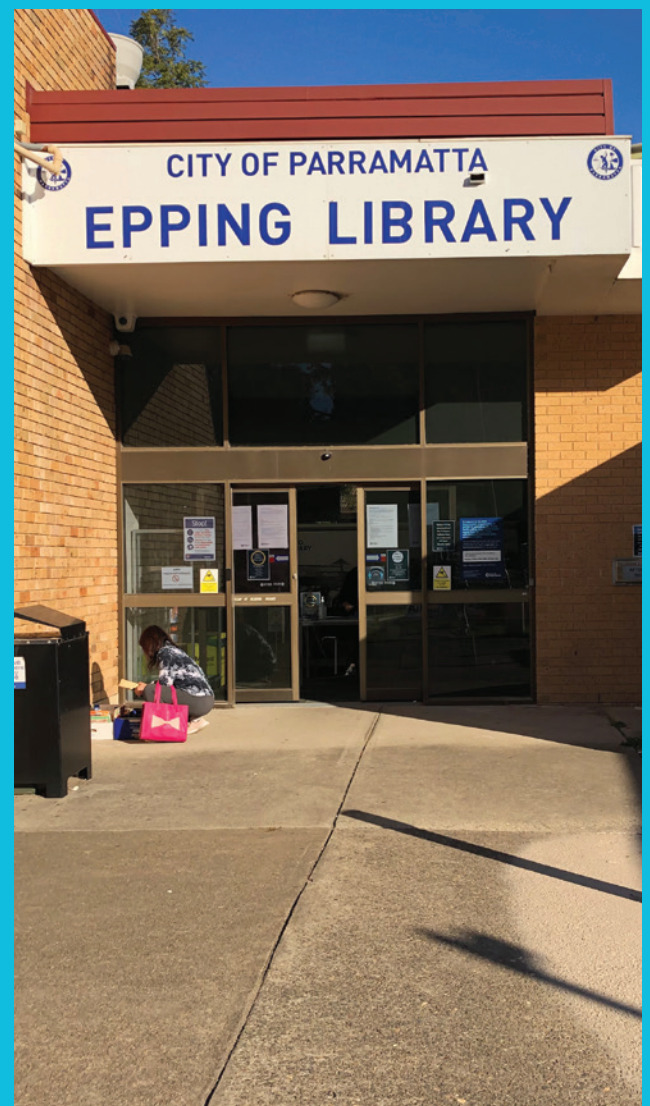
Alan Hayes Pavilion

Epping Library and LLC improvements

The number of people living and visiting Epping is growing. In response, Council is making some improvements to Epping Library and the downstairs Leisure and Learning Centre to provide more community space for existing and future Epping residents. These facilities have not had an upgrade since the 1970s.

The proposed \$1 million upgrade will reconfigure the library to meet the needs of existing and future library users; rationalise the Leisure and Learning Centre by reconfiguring the space to provide four additional meeting room spaces; and upgrade the toilets on both levels.

The project is in the design phase, with construction scheduled to start in August. The upgrades are expected to be completed by February 2022. Council will endeavour to minimise impacts on library users, particularly during the HSC period later this year.



Epping Library will soon undergo upgrades

Long Hai Day

In a service held on 28 February, Council acknowledged the supreme sacrifice made by all those who served on Long Hai Day (Operation Hammersley) during actions in South Vietnam by forces of the 8th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment in 1970. The service, held at Epping's Cenotaph on the 51st anniversary of Long Hai Day, included the installation of two plaques.

The first plaque was installed in honour of Sergeant Alan William Ahearn, a soldier of the 8th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, who was killed in action during his tour of duty in South Vietnam on 14 May 1970. Alan was a local Epping boy who attended Epping Boys High School.

The second plaque installed at the Cenotaph honours all 8th Battalion members who made the supreme sacrifice during their service with the Battalion during its tour of Southeast Asia. It is further acknowledged that many members of 8RAR regard the Epping Cenotaph as their home Cenotaph.

Council assisted the 8RAR Association and Epping RSL Sub-branch to host a service. The Lord Mayor also wrote letters of acknowledgement to the family of the late Sergeant Alan William Ahearn, and to the president and members of the 8th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. The Council chamber held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for all those who served during Operation Hammersley, 8th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.



Councillors Bill Tyrrell, Lorraine Wearne and Donna Davis with Taj Mawass, member of the Epping Chamber of Commerce at the Long Hai Day service

Yates Avenue Netball Court

Did you know there is a netball court at Dundas Park? Located east of Yates Avenue shops, it has been closed for the past few years, but reopened last year.

You can play netball, basketball, or even a casual game of badminton or handball there. Whilst there, why not pick up a book from the street library outside the court? You can enjoy reading it in the picnic shelter next to the court.



Yates Avenue netball court in Dundas Park

Yates Avenue Shops Upgrade Improves Dundas Park Connection

Following recent completion of the Alan Hayes Pavilion in Dundas Park, Council has completed additional work to improve the connection between Dundas Park and Yates Avenue Shops.

The proposed upgrades have enhanced the look and feel of the Yates Avenue frontage, providing a sense of arrival and assisting with wayfinding for park users.

Improvements include a new entry wall with 'Dundas Park' signage, new picnic table and benches, refreshed line marking for parking next to Daisys by the Park café, replacement of log fencing with timber bollards and sandstone blocks, signage to the amenities building, and new landscaping.

Pennant Hills Road Stage 2 Works

The Pennant Hills Road Improvement Plan aimed to create a uniform visual identity along the section of Pennant Hills Road that runs through Carlingford.

The Plan's Stage 2 improvements have focused on a popular pedestrian thoroughfare linking Carlingford Court and Carlingford Village. The completed improvements include a new seat, new RMS safety fencing to protect pedestrians, and new granite pathway treatment along the full length of shop frontages between Carlingford Road and Keeler Street.



Councillors Donna Davis, Lorraine Wearne and Bill Tyrrell at Pennant Hills Road

Carlingford Oval Improvements

With \$495,000 in funding from the Commonwealth Government's Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream Program, and the NSW State Government's Community Building Partnership Program, lighting and drainage has been dramatically improved at Carlingford Oval.

Following groundworks, laying of conduits and cables and footing installation in January,

floodlight poles and header fittings were installed during March just in time for the end of daylight saving and the beginning of the football season.

The project has been a collaborative effort between Roselea Football Club and City of Parramatta, with input and support from Carlingford High School and the NSW Department of Education and Training.



Carlingford Oval before upgrades



Carlingford Oval with new lighting and drainage



Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer, Lady Mayoress Jenny Dwyer, Councillors Bill Tyrrell, Donna Davis and Lorraine Wearne with John Alexander MP and members of the Roselea Football Club



Players from Roselea Football Club practice under the new lighting

Planter boxes get a refresh

The planter boxes outside Epping Hotel and at the bottom of the stairs from Epping Station along Beecroft Road are being refreshed with new plantings at a cost of \$2,000.



New planter boxes at Beecroft Road, Epping

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qrco.de/punsfeedback

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