

# NORTH ROCKS WARD UPDATE

## 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.

## John Wearn Reserve Movie Night

In celebration of completed improvements to John Wearn Reserve, the community came together to watch *The Lion King* under the stars on 17 April. John Wearn Reserve underwent a \$5.2 million refurbishment with a new safari-themed playground, toilet amenities, a car park, dog park, barbecue facilities, a stage with amphitheatre seating and more. The movie night was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in a COVID-safe way and celebrate our fantastic facilities.

Outdoor areas play an important role in our community's health, wellbeing and prosperity, so it's important that these spaces meet the needs of our growing population. Council is committed to upgrading our parks and playgrounds to ensure the community has access to first-class facilities that are close to home, right across our Local Government Area.



John Wearn Reserve Family Fun Day Movie Night



Artist's impression of Peggy Womersley Amenities Building

## Peggy Womersley Amenities Building

The final design for the new amenities building at Peggy Womersley Reserve is complete, and the project is out to tender. Peggy Womersley Reserve's Kingsdene Oval is used for rugby union in winter and athletics in summer. The existing single-storey sports pavilion building will be demolished to make way for a new double-storey building that includes:

- Player and referee change rooms
- Club storage facilities
- Kiosk
- Public toilet facilities
- Community room
- Covered viewing deck (only accessible to building hirers)
- Associated landscape works including access paths

The \$2.3 million project will dramatically improve the existing dated facilities

# Message to our Community

Welcome to the project update newsletter for North Rocks Ward.

Planned projects include upgrades to Peggy Womersley amenities building; the intersection at Alkira and North Rocks Road; Woodstock shops and Douglas Road playground; additional commuter parking at Junction Road, Winston Hills and Perry Street, North Rocks; and

improvements to Lomond Centre shops and Melbourne Road Reserve playground, among others.

Council completed upgrades to John Wearn Reserve, Carlingford and the Max Ruddock Reserve playground.

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

## Alkira & North Rocks Traffic Light Upgrade

In November 2020, Council awarded the tender to widen this intersection, relocate utility services, create a new westbound dedicated right-turn lane and install much-needed traffic lights at the intersection of Alkira Road and North Rocks Road, North Rocks.

Work commenced in April 2021 and is scheduled for completion by late September 2021. Site clearing and footpath demolition has been completed and retaining wall construction is in progress. We look forward to delivering a safer journey to work, school, sports and home.



Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer and Cr Andrew Jefferies at Alkira Road

## Junction Road Commuter Carpark

City of Parramatta Council, The Hills Shire Council and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are working in partnership on the construction of 100 commuter car parking spaces at Junction Road, Winston Hills, which will service the bus stop along the M2 Motorway. TfNSW will provide up to \$2.5 million to complete pavement, kerb, footpath, landscaping and angled car parking spaces.

The Hills Shire Council will carry out the design and construction of the project (the proposed works are located within The Hills Shire Council boundary), while City of Parramatta Council is carrying out the community consultation (the adjoining residents reside in the Parramatta Local Government Area).

## Max Ruddock Reserve Playground and Amenity Building

Max Ruddock Reserve has been upgraded with a new playground, landscaping, fitness station, ball protector fence, seating and updated amenity building. The \$750,000 upgrade is designed to enhance the enjoyment of all who visit the reserve.



Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer and Cr Andrew Jefferies at Max Ruddock Reserve Playground



Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer and Cr Andrew Jefferies at Junction Road



# Woodstock Shops and Douglass Road Playground

The City of Parramatta is upgrading Woodstock Road Shops and Douglass Avenue Reserve Playground in Carlingford as part of our long-running Better Neighbourhood Program (BNP).

The upgrade will consist of new landscaping, trees, seating, pavement and a street library at Woodstock Shops and a new playground at Douglass Road Reserve. Upgrades to the shops were complete in May 2021. The Playground will be open in late July.



Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer and Cr Andrew Jefferies at Douglass Ave Reserve Playground



Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer and Cr Andrew Jefferies at Woodstock shops

# Hunts Creek Pedestrian Bridge & Walking Track

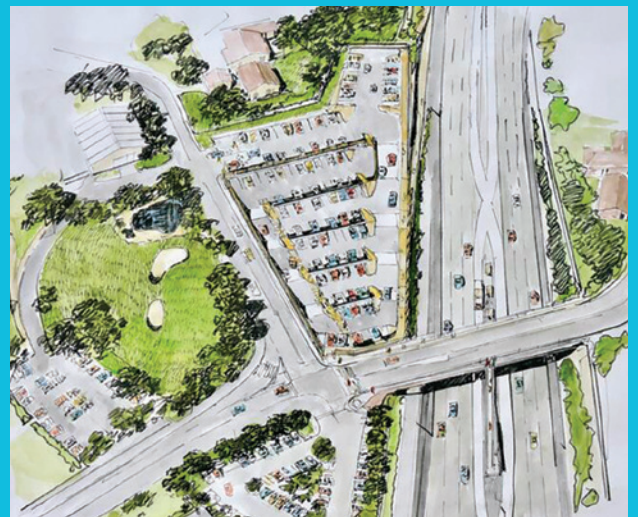
Northam Drive Reserve is getting a new bridge and walking track. Construction of Hunts Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Walking Track will commence in mid-2021.



The Hunts Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Walking Track

# Perry Street Commuter Carpark

Planning is underway to provide additional commuter parking at North Rocks. This project is being delivered by Transport for NSW. The project is part of the NSW Government's Commuter Car Park Program, providing you with more convenient access to public transport at key interchanges and helping to ease congestion on our roads. Subject to community consultation and planning approval, construction of approximately 135 additional spaces is expected to begin mid-2021. The project will be completed by mid-2022.



Artist's impression of Perry Street Commuter Carpark



# Lomond Centre Shops Upgrade

The Lomond Centre is primarily privately owned, but Council has committed to improving the public areas surrounding the shops. The upgrade will focus on enhancing garden beds and shop access. The design has been finalised and construction is expected to start in July 2021. The project is part of Council's Better Neighbourhood Program, a long-running and successful program that focuses on the capital upgrades of local centres outside of the Parramatta CBD. The program commenced in 1999 and delivers improvements to centres with the goal of enhancing safety, vitality and economic prosperity.



Lord Mayor Cr Bob Dwyer and Cr Andrew Jefferies at Lomond Centre

## Melbourne Road Reserve

Council is upgrading the Melbourne Road Reserve playground located at the corner of Melbourne Road and Russell Avenue in Winston Hills. The existing play equipment includes a swing set and multi-play structure with climbing and sliding elements.

Council is planning to replace the soft fall mulch with wet-pour rubber and increase play elements with new playground equipment.

Two new seats will be included in the playground area and the raised timber edge that presently surrounds the playground will be removed to prevent trip hazards. The upgraded playground, due to be completed in late June 2021, will stay in the same location and all existing trees and garden beds will be retained.

Melbourne Road Reserve is classified as a 'Pocket Park' so the available budget is limited to the playground area only and does not cover additional park enhancements.



Artist's impression of Melbourne Road Reserve

## Council is keen to hear your thoughts and feedback on our Project Update News.

Scan the QR code on the right to access the survey, or visit:

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