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Lord Mayor's Message

Welcome to our spring edition of Parramatta Pulse. As the warmer weather sets in, things are heating up in Parramatta with a lot of exciting things to do this season.

Online Citizenship Ceremonies

I am delighted that Council has resumed its citizenship ceremony program to support local residents. Stay tuned for information on upcoming ceremonies on Council's website.

Major project updates

I am thrilled that early works have begun on the Sydney Metro West, and construction is continuing on 5 Parramatta Square and Parramatta Light Rail. Construction has also begun on the new Aquatic and Leisure Centre, and the world class institution of Powerhouse Parramatta is expected to begin early next year. These facilities will become landmarks in our City and I look forward to seeing them evolve and service our growing community.

Council's New Home

Council has purchased the building at 9 Wentworth Street with plans to remodel the interior to become its new administrative headquarters.

From 2023, corporate staff and the Customer Contact Centre will have a new home in the seven storey Wentworth Street building, close to the \$2.7 billion Parramatta Square and the Light Rail route.

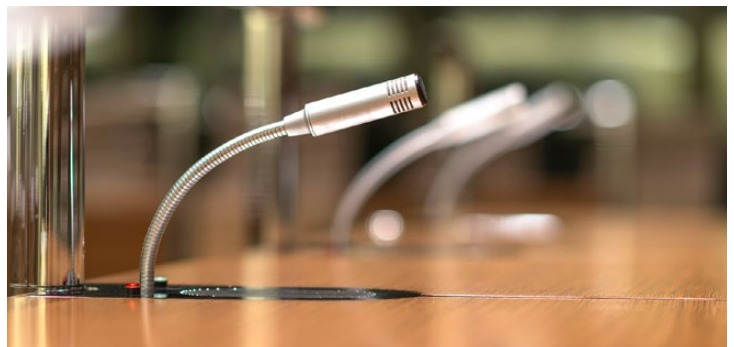
With many major projects transforming our City, the new office space will help us to continue delivering these exciting projects into the future from the heart of the growing Parramatta CBD.

Lord Mayor
Councillor Steven Issa

Local Government Elections happening this December

Local Government Elections were postponed due to circumstances presented by COVID-19. Previously planned for 4 September, the NSW Government has selected 4 December as the new election date. Voting is mandatory for all residents of the City of Parramatta Local Government Area.

To check which Council Ward you will vote within, and to learn more about key dates for the election, visit: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/council/local-government-elections



Sydney Metro West

This new underground railway will connect Greater Parramatta and the Sydney CBD, delivering metro services to more communities. **To find out more and to receive project updates, visit: sydnymetro.info/west**

The City Centre Car Park closed in September to make way for the future Parramatta metro station. Alternative off-street parking is available at:

- Justice Precinct Car Park - Hunter Street
- Parramatta Station Car Park - Wentworth Street.

To easily find parking in Parramatta, use Parking Finder: parramatta.spotparking.com.au





Building set to begin on new aquatic and leisure centre

With the planning, approvals and design of Parramatta's new \$88.6 million aquatic and leisure centre completed,

the only way to go is up. In fact, site preparation is underway to enable just that – construction of this much-anticipated project has begun.

Prior to the NSW lockdown and the pause placed on the building industry, construction firm Lipman worked closely with an arborist to supervise the removal of 186 trees and to nominate specific tree protection zones. Importantly, a total of 489 trees will be replanted on site in the final stages of the project as part of the landscape masterplan.

The 40,000-square-metre indoor-outdoor pool and leisure facility will blend seamlessly into the leafy natural environment of Parramatta Park.

Top soil has also been removed to allow for piling and bulk excavation on site.

The new community facility is expected to be completed in 2023.

Find out more at: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate

5 Parramatta Square will be WHERE IT'S AT

It's time to get excited! Council's new flagship community, cultural and civic facility – 5 Parramatta Square – is on track to open to the public in mid-2022. With striking architecture and thoughtful design, the people of Parramatta can look forward to world-class community and cultural experiences in a state-of-the-art hub dedicated to connection, participation and learning.

5 Parramatta Square will be a 'smart' building with in-built, environmentally sensitive design features, digital connectivity throughout, and technology-enhanced community

meeting rooms and function spaces. A ground-floor café focused on health and wellbeing will have indoor and outdoor seating opening onto the Square. Customers will be able to dine in, grab and go, or 'click and collect', whether they're working in the building or just visiting. Council meetings will be held in the new Council Chambers overlooking Parramatta Square.

The opening of 5 Parramatta Square next year is further testament to the fact that Parramatta is WHERE IT'S AT!

Find out more at: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/5PS



Light rail delivering a greener Parramatta

The Parramatta Light Rail team has launched a Tree Offset Strategy, which will see the local environment

significantly greener than when the project began.

Trees will be planted along the alignment and in surrounding streets, parks and reserves, contributing to urban greening not just along the rail line, but also in the general area.

Up to eight trees will be planted for every tree removed to make way for the project. To support local wildlife, 77 nesting boxes have also been installed across the alignment.

Overall, the project will see more than 3,500 new trees planted – and replanting is already underway.

Stage 1 of the Parramatta Light Rail, connecting Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia, is expected to open in 2023.

Find out more at: parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/trees



Working together to keep our City clean

Maintaining a litter-free City is important for our community, our environment and local wildlife.

Council invests a lot of time and money into keeping our City clean.

We have staff collecting litter from streets and parks, street sweepers collecting litter from roadways, litter-trapping devices in drains and contractors collecting litter from along our waterways. Combined, these activities collect over 185,000kg of litter each year!

We all have a role to play in preventing litter and protecting our local environment. Putting your rubbish in the bin, picking up rubbish when you see it, and even choosing reusables over single-use items all help to reduce litter. Take a look at our new video clip showcasing how Council and our community are working together to keep our local environment clean.

Find out more:
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/litter



Meals on Wheels: here for you

We look out for each other in Parramatta, especially when someone needs a helping hand. Meals on Wheels continues to operate, delivering nutritious meals to frail older residents, people with disabilities, or residents recovering from surgery or chronic illness. For more information, call Community Care on 9806 5121 or My Aged Care on 1800 200 422.

You can also visit:
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care/food-services



Spruce up your garden for the annual Spring Garden Competition!

Calling all green thumbs! It's time to start getting your garden ready for the annual Spring Garden Competition, which will be hosted online this year. The competition is open to all residents, businesses and organisations living or working in the City of Parramatta area, with prizes to the value of \$400 for individuals and \$500

for groups. There's a category for every garden no matter how big or small!

Submit your entries by 5pm on 30 November 2021.

For more information, visit:
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/springgarden or call 9806 8279.

Do you receive early flood warnings?

The City of Parramatta is among the state's most flash flood-affected areas. To help keep our community safe, we've developed a free, easy-to-use, flood warning service: FloodSmart Parramatta.

Developed in partnership with NSW State Emergency Service, Bureau of Meteorology, NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment, and Sydney Water, there are currently seven areas across Parramatta identified to receive early-warning flood information, with more to come soon.

When the FloodSmart Parramatta system predicts flooding is likely, you'll

get an early-warning message via text, email or phone (you choose!). You can sign up to receive warnings for as many areas that you need to know about, such as where you work or live, where your children go to school, or where your friends and relatives live.

Find out more and sign up for the free service at: cityofparramatta.co/floodwarning



Flooding can happen quickly. Have you subscribed to the free FloodSmart Parramatta early-warning service?



Spring into pool safety

Do you have a swimming pool? As we approach summer, why not use this time to ensure your pool area is safe by downloading a pool safety self-assessment checklist form and reading Council's pool safety brochure.

For more information, visit:
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/swimming-pools-safety



Get active with Active Parramatta

Active Parramatta delivers a wide range of exciting fitness, recreation and leisure activities and programs for all ages and abilities, including:

- Free school holiday programs for kids
- Affordable health and fitness activities for adults, including yoga, Zumba and Pilates
- Free Active Parramatta Van activities, such as Mums N Bubs Fitness and Better Ageing programs for over 55s and much more!

To stay up to date with all the latest news and programs, like us on Facebook

[@activeparramatta](https://www.facebook.com/activeparramatta) or subscribe to our e-newsletter by visiting <http://bit.ly/ActiveParraNewsletter>

View our full list of programs by visiting bit.ly/ActiveParraFitness or contact us at recreation@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Upgrades in your area:

Parramatta Street Libraries

Over the past 12 months, Council has helped set up street libraries throughout the Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA), encouraging residents to "Take a book; leave a book". Promoting sharing, many street libraries are conveniently located near a park or shopping centre.

Council has worked with local resident custodians to provide unique themes to their street libraries. In the Rosehill Ward, an Ermington street library's theme is 'Going on a Bear (Book) Hunt'. **See the library's flyer and learn more at: streetlibrary.org.au/library/were-going-on-a-book-hunt/**

Wondering if there's a street library in your local neighbourhood?

Find one near you at: streetlibrary.org.au/find



Dundas Village Shops

The Dundas Village Shops will be getting a make over later this year, following two rounds of community consultation. The \$150,000 project is part of Council's Better Neighbourhood Program, and includes the installation of a new shade sail over the picnic seating out the front of the centre, new seating in front of the shops, tree planting, street library, community noticeboard and new centre signage.

To stay up to date on this fabulous project, please visit: participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/dundas-village-shops

Arthur Phillip Park Masterplan

The masterplan considers the important roles the park currently plays, and how to provide a better park experience for all in the future. The community prioritised four key areas during the masterplan consultations:

- Improve circuit path and accessibility
- Upgrade district playground/social facilities
- Provide a water play facility
- Improve the playing field

We received 538 responses across three rounds of community consultation. Many thanks to those who provided feedback.

To view the adopted masterplan and the results of the community consultation, please visit: participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/arthur-phillip-masterplan

Binalong Park Masterplan

Thank you to those who provided feedback to inform the development of the draft Binalong Park masterplan. We received 802 responses across three rounds of community consultation.

Council adopted the Binalong Park masterplan on 26 July 2021. It provides a blueprint for the park, identifies opportunities to improve the layout of recreational facilities and reviews existing amenities buildings. The masterplan also considers future recreational requirements such as providing local meeting rooms or social spaces. The delivery of sporting fields and community assets is also highlighted.

To view the adopted masterplan and the outcomes of the community consultation, please visit: participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/binalongpark



Upgrades to Epping Leisure and Learning Centre

Construction works have started on Epping Leisure and Learning Centre, which is located under Epping Library. The upgrade works include installing additional partitioning walls to create new meeting rooms and a new foyer to allow for access to the meeting rooms. The works are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021 and will deliver four additional rooms.

To find out more about the venue and meeting room availability, please visit: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/booking-a-venue/epping-leisure-and-learning-centre

Pedestrian improvements at Fitzwilliam Road, Old Toongabbie

Council is reviewing pedestrian crossings and the need for crossing improvements at a number of local schools. Fitzwilliam Road, located at Old Toongabbie, can be particularly busy on school days. To support pedestrians crossing there, a kerb extension will be constructed on the south side of Fitzwilliam Road at the existing pedestrian refuge island, west of Picasso Crescent (outside Toongabbie Public School). Council has completed community consultation and, construction works are anticipated to complete late 2021.

Find out more about proposed improvements visit: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/about-parramatta/news/on-exhibition/proposed-traffic-facilities-in-lga

Carmen Drive upgrade multi award winner!

The Carmen Drive Reinvigoration Project was a hugely successful and popular \$930,000 upgrade to a neighbourhood activity centre, including a new short term car park, new playground, new amenities block and a streetscape redesign. On site community consultation sessions, letters, and an extensive social media campaign saw residents and businesses join together to shape a new vision for the Carmen Drive shopping centre. Together, they shifted the focus for the upgrade from 'liveability' to 'love ability'. The project won the Greater Sydney Commission Planning Awards 2021 in the category of 'Great Community Collaboration' and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) NSW & ACT Awards 2021 in the category of 'Community Precinct Award'.

You can find out more about our projects at: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/council/place-management/placemaking-projects

Have your say on projects that matter to you

Participate Parramatta is Council's dedicated online platform for community engagement. Share your ideas through feedback forums, interactive maps, polls and surveys. You can help shape where we live, work and play plus discover more about ongoing and past projects.

Find out more: participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au





Parking just got easier

The City of Parramatta is undergoing a significant transformation, and that often means road works and changes to traffic conditions, including on street parking. However, Council's Parking Finder can easily help you locate parking. Parking Finder works in 'real time', just enter the type of parking (on street, kiss and ride, accessible parking, multi level car park station etc.) and the amount of time you need, and Parking Finder will show you what's available.

Alternatively, enter the details of your destination and Parking Finder will show you parking options nearby.

If you're using on street parking, Council has made paying for parking easier. Download the Easy Park app on your mobile phone and follow the instructions or look for the pink Easy Park information on parking meters.

For more information, visit: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/parking_and_transport/car_parks

Launch of new AT PARRAMATTA website

As the centre of global Sydney, Parramatta is an iconic metropolis that is creating world-class centres of excellence in industry, education, health, research, innovation, arts and entertainment.

Parramatta has never stopped transforming, and nor have we, with the AT Parramatta website undergoing major improvements to reflect this excitement.

Be sure to visit the new and improved: atparramatta.com



Discover Parramatta's hidden walking trails

Why not get out in the fresh air and take an invigorating walk on some of the hidden walking paths around Parramatta? You'll be surprised by creeks, waterfalls, majestic Red River and Sydney Blue Gums. Native birds, reptiles and mammals take refuge in these secluded pockets of bushland, and so can you.



Discover Parramatta's hidden walking trails at: cityofparramatta.co/bushwalks



New booking system

Holding an event and looking for a venue? Council is launching a new online system in late October, which makes booking any community facility much easier. It allows anyone to make and manage a booking for community centres, halls, meeting rooms, parks, reserves and sportsgrounds in a few simple steps.

Find out more:

cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/booking-a-venue



Major improvements for local schools

City of Parramatta Council has secured more than \$4.7 million under the Federal Government Stimulus Commitments on Road Safety Program (School Zone Infrastructure). The funding will support 18 projects across the LGA. Four projects, designed to allow students to walk and cycle safely to school, were completed in 2020/21 at Epping Public School, Rosehill Public School, Parramatta Marist High School and Darcy Road Public School. Fourteen projects are planned for local schools during 2021/22. The improved pedestrian facilities will promote active transport by increasing the ability for students to walk and cycle safely to school.

For more information, visit: cityofparramatta.co/road-safety



Citizen of the Year Awards 2022

If you know a local hero who has made an outstanding contribution to our community, now is your chance to let us know! Nominations are open for the City of Parramatta Citizen of the Year Awards 2022, which are part of Council's Australia Day program.

Submissions close 5pm, 2 December, so nominate someone today by visiting: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/citizen-of-the-year-awards or call (02) 9806 5000.



What's on at Parramatta Libraries

IELTS workshop – overview of the four skills and IELTS exam techniques

22 November
10am - 1pm

If you're thinking about taking the IELTS test, these free workshops will provide opportunities for discussion, advice, tips and practise. Sessions include an overview of the four skills and exam techniques.

For more information, visit: parra.city/ielts21



Parralibrary YouTube

Check out the library's YouTube channel for a variety of videos. There's craft videos, story time, workshops, readings from classic books, instructional videos on how to join the library and use library apps, and much more.

Watch the videos: youtube.com/user/Parralibrary

Subscribe to ePULSE and get the inside scoop

ePULSE is Council's monthly e-newsletter, bringing you the latest news, activities, major construction updates and more straight to your inbox.

If you want to keep across the latest, subscribe now:

cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/e-pulse

If you receive ePULSE and love it, forward this link to a friend who also lives in our LGA.

November Author Talks

Fiona McIntosh presents

'The Spy's Wife'

Wednesday 24 November

1pm – 2pm

Find out more: parra.city/mcintosh21

Making playdough at home

Would you like to learn how to make playdough? Our homemade non toxic playdough recipe takes a short time to make using everyday ingredients you probably already have in the pantry. Library staff member Denie will show you how easy it is!

Find out more:

[cityofparramatta.nsw.](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community/library/your_library_at_home)

[gov.au/community/library/your_library_at_home](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community/library/your_library_at_home)



Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library: Online Workshops

Enjoy a selection of pre recorded and live online activities with Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library. From educational activities to craft classes, skills workshops and live talks, there is something for everyone at WPCCL.

Find out more:

cityofparramatta.co/whatson



Next up at Riverside Theatres...

Riverside Theatres Digital

Experience the buzz of Riverside Theatres from the comfort of home. The exciting season of online programming includes a smorgasbord of live and on demand theatre, interactive workshops, and music performances.

Comedy at Riverside December

12 December

Have a laugh with Sydney Comedy Club's top rating comedians!

The Tap Affect

15 - 17 December

Be captivated by the inaugural work of newly-founded Australian Tap Dance Company that celebrates tap dance.

Enjoy inspiring performances set to famous big band jazz tunes of the 20s, 40s sounds and contemporary music. Each performer will delve into their deeply personal bond to tap dancing, showcasing their unique style and story.



JUST Tricking, Annoying, Stupid, Crazy, Disgusting, Shocking, Doomed LIVE ON STAGE!

22 December

The wonderful world of JUST books by Andy Griffiths, will be vividly and hilariously brought to life on the stage. This magical production will dazzle the young and young at heart!

For further information, visit: riversideparramatta.com.au

Heritage and Visitor Information Centre invites you to experience Parramatta differently this Spring

Parramatta People Series

Watch our new video series and unlock the stories of locals who've helped make Parramatta the great place it is today.

Access the video series: historyandheritage.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/parramatta_people

Parramatta trivia

Test your local knowledge with a fun and fascinating Parramatta trivia quiz on topics from art and history to watering holes. The perfect way to stay connected – virtually.

Find out more at: historyandheritage.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/parramatta_trivia_quiz

Parramatta virtual tours

Get a bird's eye view of the City and explore Parramatta's heritage buildings in our 360 degree virtual tours.

Take a tour at: discoverparramatta.com/virtualtour

Parramatta virtual classrooms

Teachers wanting to expand the lessons they deliver remotely can now request access to our new online Aboriginal Classroom. This immersive online experience includes three video sessions (10-15 minutes each) presented by Dharug elders. The session concludes with an online Q&A session led by a Dharug elder.

For more information, email us via: education@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 8839 3311.

A-Z Things @ Parramatta

Launched earlier this year, A Z Things @ Parramatta comprises a selection of 26 artefacts from our Cultural Collections showcased in a short video series presented by the Cultural Collections Officer. A mystery object's significance and relationship to Parramatta is revealed in each episode, along with its unique story.

Watch the episodes and get involved at: historyandheritage.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/welcome_z_things_parramatta



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Development Applications:

Since home delivered copies of many of our local newspapers are no longer available, all Development Applications (DAs), items on exhibition, and public notices are available on Council's website at: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6.30pm. In line with NSW Government's easing of COVID 19 restrictions, fully vaccinated members of the public can now attend in person. COVID safe measures will be in place and attendees must check in, show proof of vaccination status, and wear a face mask. The one person per 4 square metre rule will also be in place. To view the live stream visit: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings

All information is correct at the time of publication. Please refer to Council's website for the latest information: cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



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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.

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phone interpretation services
are available via
TIS National on **131 450**.

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

KOREAN

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필요하신 경우, TIS (131 450)에 전화하여
Parramatta Customer Service (9806 5050)
를 연결해 달라고 요청하시면 됩니다.
업무시간은 월요일에서 금요일, 오전
8시 30분부터 오후 5시까지입니다.

ARABIC

إذا كنت بحاجة للمساعدة في
ترجمة هذه النشرة، اتصل بـ TIS على
الرقم 131 450 واطلب منهم الاتصال
بغرفة عنك بخدمة زبائن باراماتا على الرقم
9806 5050 من الإثنين إلى الجمعة بين
الساعة 8:30 صباحاً و 5:00 مساءً.

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。

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