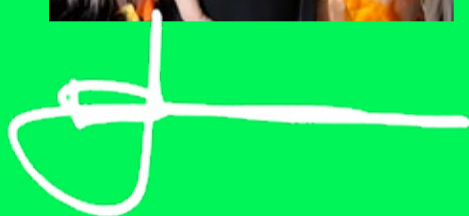




| PARRAMATTA

# YOUR CITY HAPPENINGS

DEC – FEB



Lord Mayor **Cr Donna Davis**

## WELCOME TO YOUR CITY HAPPENINGS

We'll bring you the latest updates on news, programs, events and activities every two months. This month has summer covered - with an amazing line up of things to do, see and immerse yourself in. We will follow this up with Your City News in February 2023.

I look forward to seeing you out enjoying the wonderful events and activities our City has to offer.

## SIGN UP TO LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS



**SCAN HERE**  
to sign up to our monthly e-newsletter for the latest Council news and City happenings

## WHAT TO SEE & DO THIS SUMMER



### CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO PARRAMATTA!

Get festive and have some fun with our exciting Christmas program! Carols, a Christmas tree, roaming entertainment, and great prizes when you have your photo taken with (virtual) Santa Claus! Love shopping? Find the perfect stocking filler at our Christmas markets on 14-15 December.

### BRING ON THE FIREWORKS SAT, 31ST DEC 2022

See in 2023 with a bang! Our New Year's fireworks are back - come early, grab a bite from the food stalls or bring a picnic. Enjoy family entertainment before the fireworks at 9pm at Binalong Park, Northmead Reserve, Doyle Ground, Dundas Park, and George Kendall Riverside Park. BYO chairs and blankets.



### GET SPLASHY AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AQUATIC CENTRE

Cool your kids off in Splasher's Playground or swim some lazy laps in the 10-lane Olympic pool this summer. Want to escape for some me-time? Visit the well-equipped fitness centre with spa and sauna facilities. Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre is the perfect family outing!

### COME OUT TO PLAY IN OUR PARKS

When it comes to the outdoors, the Parramatta LGA has lots of open spaces to explore. Spread your wings at Sydney Olympic Park or Lake Parramatta Reserve; cycle or picnic at Bicentennial Park; go riverside and watch the kids enjoy the award-winning playground at Blaxland Riverside Park; or soak up some history in the Armory precinct. We have parks for all occasions!



### PLACE OF THE EELS

Place of the Eels has pulled up in Parramatta Square! Western Sydney artists, Claire Healy and Sean Cordeiro, created the 8 metre aluminium monument to celebrate our City's history and community. The artwork is a replica of the Leyland bus purchased by the Parramatta Eels after Cumberland stadium burnt down.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTION

Is it school holiday time again? The team at Active Parramatta have their school holiday program ready. Enjoy new activities including golf, squash, and lacrosse. Registrations open on Monday, 12 December. View what is on offer and register!

### SCAN HERE

To find out more about your City Happenings featured in this newsletter.



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### HIGH FASHION AND HORSES AT ROSEHILL DEC - MAR 2023

The Summer Festival of Racing at Rosehill Gardens promises fun and excitement. Put on your fancy threads and head to Rosehill for racing, live music, fashion, summer menus, and eclectic cocktails - December to March. Tickets from \$17. Award-winning hospitality packages are also available.

### COME ALIVE WITH SYDNEY FESTIVAL 5 - 29 JAN 2023

Sydney Festival and the City of Parramatta have partnered again to bring you unique culture, art and performances; including Dyin Nura (Women's Place), featuring projections on Old Government House; Symphony Under The Stars; and captivating shows such as Afrique En Cirque. See world-class performances in your neighbourhood!

### LUNAR NEW YEAR YEAR OF THE RABBIT SAT, 21 JAN 2023

Come and celebrate one of the most significant festivals of the Asian community. City of Parramatta welcomes you to the Lunar New Year - Year of the Rabbit - with delicious food offerings at a night noodle market at Centenary and Parramatta Square. Keep an eye out for rabbits in the CBD; you won't miss them!



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## AUSTRALIA DAY THURS, 26 JAN 2023

Join us as we commemorate our national day. Check out the hot air balloons in Parramatta Park in the morning, and enjoy lots of family friendly activities throughout the day. Lord Mayor Donna Davis will announce the 2023 Citizen of the Year award recipients and host a special Citizenship Ceremony.

## PHIVE HAS ARRIVED

Your new community, cultural and civic hub PHIVE, 5 Parramatta Square, is officially open. Bring your family to the latest exhibition and check out the new library, with a special space just for kids. Grab a coffee and explore. You will love PHIVE in the heart of Parramatta's CBD.

## SUMMER VIBES & AUTHENTIC STREET FOODS EVERY WED, 7:30 AM - 2:30PM

If you love those summer market feels and get excited about delicious eats, come down to the Parramatta Farmers Markets at Centenary Square. Grab a gozleme, enjoy an Indian feast or fill up on paella. Don't forget the weekly live entertainment from 11am to 2pm. See you there!



# ARTS & CULTURE



## PARADISE OR THE IMPERMANENCE OF ICE CREAM 17 - 22 JAN (SYDNEY FESTIVAL)

Take a wild ride to paradise with Indian Ink's powerful new play about impermanence - of life, love ... and ice cream! Infused with serious laughter, exquisite puppetry, and inspired sound design, this show will blow your mind and melt your heart.



## CHOIR BOY 14 FEB - 11 MAR (SYDNEY WORLDPRIDE)

Written by Oscar®-winner Tarell Alvin McCraney (Moonlight), this Tony Award®-winning play - threaded throughout with soul-stirring a cappella gospel hymns - is the story of a young gay black man and his battle between identity and community.

Riverside's National Theatre of Parramatta presents this Australian Premiere.

## AFRIQUE EN CIRQUE 6 - 15 JAN (SYDNEY FESTIVAL)

West Africa's hottest acrobatic and musical talents take contemporary circus to dizzying heights - strength, agility, and a whole lot of joy. Explosive drumming and the melodic twang of the Kora soundtrack, combined with the energy of the Guinean/Canadian troupe Kalabanté, make this a show not to miss.

## CRUEL INTENTIONS: THE '90S MUSICAL 2 - 12 FEB

Get your 90's on and relive songs from The Verve, \*NSYNC, Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, Placebo and many more. Based on the Hollywood film, Cruel Intentions is jam-packed with big laughs. This bittersweet symphony will have you singing and dancing in the aisles.

# UP NEXT AT RIVERSIDE THEATRES

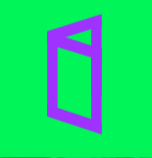


02, 10 & 14 DEC  
16 DEC  
17 DEC  
21 - 23 DEC  
22 - 23 DEC  
30 DEC

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL: A GHOST STORY** (CINEMA)  
**RIVER CITY VOICES' SLAM MESSIAH**  
**SYDNEY COMEDY CLUB IN DECEMBER**  
**A VERY NAUGHTY CHRISTMAS**  
**ROYAL BALLET'S THE NUTCRACKER** (CINEMA)  
**REWEAVING THE TAPESTRY - A NEW POLISH RHYTHM**

06 - 15 JAN  
17 - 22 JAN  
19 - 21 JAN  
20 JAN  
2 - 12 FEB  
14 FEB - 11 MAR  
16 - 26 FEB

**AFRIQUE EN CIRQUE** (SYDNEY FESTIVAL)  
**PARADISE AND THE IMPERMANENCE OF ICE CREAM** (SYDNEY FESTIVAL)  
**THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD**  
**MULTICULTURAL COMEDY NIGHT** (SYDNEY FESTIVAL)  
**CRUEL INTENTIONS: THE '90S MUSICAL**  
**CHOIR BOY** (SYDNEY WORLDPRIDE EVENT)  
**MATADOR**



# LIBRARIES

## HOLIDAY FUN AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Looking for fun, out of the sun? Your local library will come alive these school holidays with reading challenges, craft workshops, magic shows, drone building and robotics. Ever fancied touching a crocodile or running away to join the circus? You can even do that! Check out the program and book some fun online.



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