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Lord Mayor Cr Pandey with staff at the new Parramatta Aquatic Centre set to open this spring.



## WELCOME TO YOUR CITY NEWS

In this edition, dive into our brand-new, world-class Parramatta Aquatic Centre! Bring your family and friends to swim their first lap and enjoy a range of recreational activities. Make the most of our community spaces by celebrating PHIVE's 1st birthday, Riverside Theatre's Spot On Children's Festival and Parramatta Lanes.

I also encourage you to highlight the unsung hero in your life by nominating them for our upcoming Citizen of the Year awards. Hope to see you around our great City!

Lord Mayor  
Cr Sameer Pandey



SCAN HERE to register for activities and more details featured in this newsletter.

# WELCOME

### ABOUT THE PAC

Officially opening to the public from this spring, the Parramatta Aquatic Centre (or 'PAC') is Parramatta's brand new, year-round destination for swimming, fitness and wellness, catering to families, schools, workers, and visitors.

### SECURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

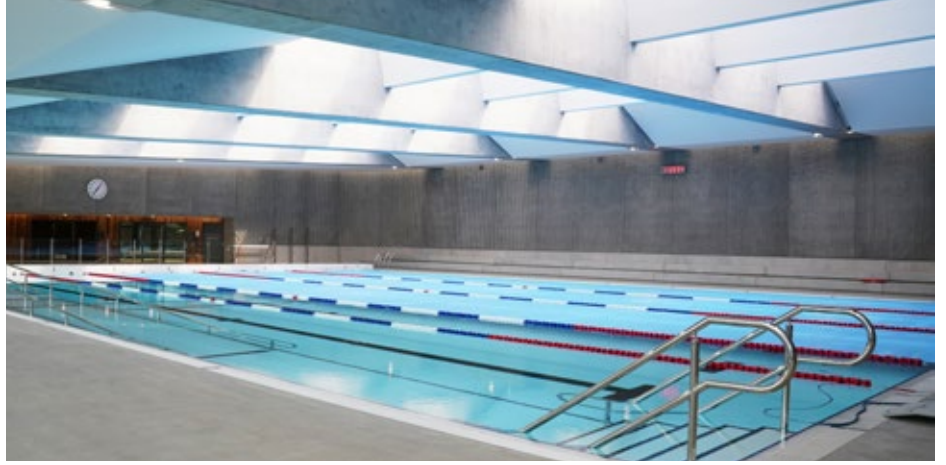
Whether you're an avid swimmer looking to do regular laps, or want full facility access to support all your health and wellness needs, a wide range of membership options are available to purchase now via the website.

### DIVE INTO A CAREER WITH THE PAC

We are currently recruiting for a wide range of fitness and aquatic roles. Are you ready to begin an exciting career at a brand new aquatic centre in the thriving Parramatta region? Apply online now!

### YOU ASKED FOR A POOL, THE PAC HAS THREE!

Dive into the heated 50m Outdoor Memorial Swimming Pool, which features 10 lap lanes and an accessible ramp entry. Set amongst leafy, park-like surrounds, it's the perfect destination for year-round lap swimming, school swimming carnivals, competition swimming and training. Indoors you will find the 25m heated Leisure Pool (Bugi Badu), perfect for laps, recreational swimming, and home to aqua aerobics. The Program Swimming Pool (Gulyangarri Badu) is the dedicated Learn to Swim indoor pool, which is also heated. Enrolments are now open online for Learn to Swim classes, catering for students from six months old through to adults. The Indoor Splash Zone (Gungung Badu) is the place to be for families with babies through to primary school aged children. There you'll find a slide and loads of play equipment for kids to enjoy, plus a zero-depth entry point to provide a safe and fun aquatic space for all swimming abilities.



# GO TO THE PAC >>

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Train with the PAC in the fully equipped, state-of-the-art gym facility, designed to cater for everyone from the recreational and social user to the dedicated fitness enthusiast. The open plan gym floor includes more than 100 pieces of the latest fitness equipment from NovoFit. Members can also enjoy a dedicated weights area, functional training space and gym floor classes, while three purpose-built studios provide a home for cycle, yoga, pilates, Les Mills classes and more. Fitness classes cater to all levels, abilities, and goals, while the PAC instructors are qualified, inspiring, caring, and dedicated to help make getting fit challenging yet fun.

Make sure you leave time to finish your visit with a session in the spa, steam, and sauna facilities. Whether you're looking to unwind after a day at work or a good workout, this will be just what you need.



## AND THE PARENTS AREN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT

To allow parents the opportunity to refresh and unwind as they enjoy the aquatic and fitness facilities, the PAC features an onsite crèche. Here, children can enjoy fun and engaging play facilitated by the experienced childcare team. The crèche is available for children from 12 weeks old through to pre-schoolers, and open for members 8.30am-12.30pm, Monday through Saturday. Bookings are essential.



SCAN HERE  
to find out everything you  
need for your first visit!





## HIP HIP HOORAY! HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY TO PHIVE



September marks one year since the doors of PHIVE, Parramatta's striking library and community hub, opened to the community for the first time. Since then, some 400,000 people have visited to learn something new, study, explore the library, enjoy Story Time, join a wellness class, attend an event, or visit exciting exhibitions.

The space has been recognised further afield, in the International Library of the Year Awards, and named outstanding community project at the Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue's BOOMTOWN! Project of the Year awards.

### LET'S CELEBRATE

Join us on Saturday 23 September to celebrate PHIVE's 1st birthday:

- Experience Beetle, our charming, uniquely Australian, physical theatre performance. Encounter larger than life beetles and stick insects, and discover that even the smallest voices matter. Bookings essential.
- Take a free tour highlighting the art and architecture of PHIVE and surrounding heritage.
- Get creative or challenge your mind with our free workshops for kids and adults.
- Drop in with the kids (or grandkids!) to our free and fun birthday party activities.

There are plenty more cultural, creative, active, educational and entertaining activities happening at PHIVE. To see what's on, visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/PHIVE](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/PHIVE)

## WHAT'S ON THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



### SPOT ON CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL AT RIVERSIDE THEATRES

Spot On Children's Festival is the place to be, happening from 23 September to 4 October. Kids of all ages will find something they love in this year's line-up of theatre, musical performances and circus acts, from classics such as Room on the Broom, Possum Magic and more.



### SPRING INTO SEPTEMBER AT WENTWORTH POINT

Our free taste tester programs are on these school holidays, offering a range of programs and activities for both the young and young-at-heart. Get out and enjoy the sunshine with cycling, or stay indoors and discover robotics, STEM, dance and art.



### HOLIDAY FUN AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Want to try something new these school holidays? Head to your local library for an exciting line up of free workshops and activities! There's everything from virtual reality and robotics, through to African music or Bollywood dancing. Check online for the full program. Bookings open 9am, Monday 4 September.



## MORE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTION



### ACTION-PACKED PROGRAMS

Registrations are now open for the exciting Active Parramatta Spring School Holiday Program, and the whole family can get involved. There's a wide range of fun and free sporting and recreational activities on offer. Visit our website to view the full schedule and register. Registrations open 7pm, Friday 15 September.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

From netball and archery to creative writing and park adventures, Sydney Olympic Park will play host to more than 30 activities these school holidays, including full day programs, with a wide range of options to suit all ages and interests.



## HELP US FIND LOCAL HEROES

Know someone who goes above and beyond in their service to the Parramatta community? Nominate them now for the Citizen of the Year Awards. Nominations close 5pm, Wednesday 15 November. We're also looking for volunteer members for the judging panel, to help review, assess, and select award recipients. Express your interest by 5pm, Monday 16 October.

## MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES



### CHARLES STREET SQUARE OPENS

Charles Street Square has been transformed into an attractive public space that celebrates our vibrant river foreshore. The \$12.7m project includes a wide riverfront walk and ferry shelter, and allows people to easily move from the river foreshore to the City's edge via a series of ramps, stairs and garden terraces. An official opening will be held later this year.



### ALFRED STREET BRIDGE COMES ALIVE

Australia's first true diagonal arch bridge will officially open this spring, the perfect time to get on your bike or out on foot to explore Parramatta. The new pedestrian and cyclist bridge connects to the future Tramway Avenue light rail stop, located south of the bridge.



### REKO RENNIE'S 'WHERE EELS LIE DOWN'

Standing tall at 7.5m right in Parramatta Square, *Where Eels Lie Down* is the latest public artwork by leading Australian contemporary artist Reko Rennie. This remarkable sculpture pays homage to the eel's historical significance in our region, intertwining Aboriginal culture and contemporary expression.

# PARRAMATTA LANES RETURNS



## EATS. BEATS. ART 11 – 14 OCT

Parramatta Lanes is back for 2023, bigger and brighter. Over four incredible nights, this free festival will transform Parramatta into a maze of after-dark fun. It's one of Sydney's biggest cultural festivals with laneways that come alive with food trucks, pop up music stages and more. Come find your Lane.



"HAVE  
YOUR  
SAY"

### DIVE IN TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

Want to use your voice to make a splash? Sign up or log in to Participate Parramatta and provide feedback on any project before the end of October to go in the draw to win a 20 visit pass to the Parramatta Aquatic Centre! Scan the QR code to visit now.



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