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Lord Mayor Cr Pierre Esber at the opening of the newly upgraded Parramatta Town Hall.

## WELCOME TO YOUR CITY NEWS

We're so excited that the doors to the newly upgraded Parramatta Town Hall are open! Enjoy a tour and find out what's on offer at this historic meeting place. In this edition of City News you'll find everything from live sport, music and theatre, to free business support, exercise classes, and upgrades to your local area. There's plenty more to discover around your Parramatta! I look forward to seeing you out and about.

Lord Mayor  
Cr Pierre Esber



## WHAT'S ON



### A-LEAGUE'S BIG SYDNEY DERBY 2 MARCH

Don't miss your chance to see the biggest rivalry in the men's A-League football! Catch the action live when the Western Sydney Wanderers take revenge on Sydney FC in their home Sydney Derby of the 2023/2024 season at CommBank Stadium.



### LIVE MUSIC IN PARRAMATTA

Check out Parramatta's vibrant live music scene this March! Visit our website to see the full lineup of fantastic gigs and free events near you. Plus, some stellar First Nations hip hop artists will take to the stage when Ngana Birrung returns.



### WHAT'S ON AT RIVERSIDE THEATRES

There's plenty to see at Riverside this season. See the major new work, *Yuldea* by Bangarra Dance Theatre, or explore the different types of Ancient Greek love through rap and spoken word with *Agapi & Other Kinds of Love*. Whatever you're into, Riverside has something for everyone!

# PARRAMATTA TOWN HALL REOPENS



## MEET YOU HERE

The next chapter of Parramatta Town Hall is here, and you are invited to be part of it!

Steeped in history and proudly marking the Parramatta Square entrance, the newly upgraded Parramatta Town Hall is open. This iconic meeting place now houses an inspiring collection of heritage and contemporary event spaces, ready to again host gatherings, events and meetings.

Choose from the magnificent Great Hall, the newly-built glass atrium awash with natural light overlooking Parramatta Square, or the Inspector of Nuisances, Charles Byrnes or Town Clerk rooms. The integration with PHIVE also offers more opportunities to connect and embrace a new and exciting phase in the City's transformation.

Discover more about Parramatta Town Hall's 150 years of history at [parramattatownhall.com.au](http://parramattatownhall.com.au).

## PARRAMATTA TOWN HALL GUIDED TOURS

Explore the heritage-listed architecture, plus learn about the landmark's rich history and contribution to Parramatta on a free guided building tour. Bookings essential.



### SCAN HERE

to find out more about your City News featured in this newsletter, plus access Easy Read and Accessible versions.

## GET INVOLVED AND GET ACTIVE



### WHAT'S ON AT PARRAMATTA LIBRARIES

Studying in 2024? Parramatta Library at PHIVE has you covered! With study nooks overlooking Parramatta Square, quiet zones, WIFI, digital resources, and over 65,000 books. Coffee is also permitted, so you can stay focused throughout your study. Our other library locations also offer a range of free events, including VR, 3D printing, writing workshops and more.

### BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS BACK TO THE PAC

Learn to Swim programs at the Parramatta Aquatic Centre have kicked off for 2024. There are classes for everyone, from children as young as six months through to adults. Head online to view the program and enrol into swimming lessons today.

### TIME TO GET MOVING

Trying to move more? The Active Parramatta Van delivers free community health and fitness programs across the entire Parramatta community. Choose between online or face-to-face, with classes to suit all fitness levels. The Active Parramatta Fitness Program also offers a wide range of affordable activities like yoga, pilates and Zumba.



# UPGRADES IN YOUR AREA

Milson Park, Westmead.



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Rydalmere Park, Rydalmere.



Draft concept plan of Max Ruddock Reserve Amenities Building.\*

## PARRAMATTA WARD

### Completed upgrades

> Milson Park has been improved with new wetlands to increase habitat diversity, plus a shared path, nature play, picnic areas, and fitness stations.

### Planned upgrades

- > New recreational facilities for Sue Savage Reserve, including skate park, and fitness station.
- > Improved parking, accessibility and landscaping for Sherwood Street Shops.



Artist impression of planned upgrades to the Stamford Avenue Shops.\*

## DUNDAS WARD

### Completed upgrades

> Sherwin Park now has a community garden with a water connection, 13 raised vegetable garden beds, compost bays, decomposed granite pathways and more.

### Planned upgrades

> Upgrades to the Stamford Avenue shops, including new footpaths, street furniture, landscaping, trees, and improved parking and accessibility to better serve the local community.

*\*Artist interpretation only; the final design is subject to the outcomes of consultation, further site investigation works and project approvals.*

## ROSEHILL WARD

### Completed upgrades

> Upgraded soccer fields and cricket pitch, new cricket practice nets, and improved spectator facilities at Rydalmere Park.

> Upgraded thoroughfare at Ermington Shops between Betty Cuthbert Avenue and Club Lane, including new bespoke furniture, hanging lighting, feature trees, and surface upgrade.

### Planned upgrades

- > Street upgrades to improve connections between Granville Town Centre, FS Garside and M4 Cycleway (FS Garside Reserve upgrade due to open early 2024).
- > Pedestrian area improvements at Hill Road and Half Street intersection, Wentworth Point.



Artist impression of planned upgrades for Epping Town Centre East.\*

## EPPING WARD

### Planned upgrades

- > New mural at Epping Library.
- > Upgrades for Epping Town Centre East, including improved outdoor dining, pedestrian amenity, safety, and tree planting.

## NORTH ROCKS WARD

### Completed upgrades

> Stage 1 works: New pathways at Don Moore Reserve connecting amenities building with picnic shelter, and bottom netball courts.

> New outdoor seating at Caroline Chisholm Shops.

### Planned upgrades

- > Stage 2 works: Access improvement and landscape works at Don Moore Reserve.
- > Brand new Max Ruddock Reserve Amenities Building, including rooftop viewing platform. This \$5.3m project is proudly funded by the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program in association with City of Parramatta Council.



## FREE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

Are you a small business, entrepreneur, or looking to start a business in Parramatta? Tap into professional development and upskilling opportunities with City of Parramatta's extensive program of free workshops and events. See our website for the full program.

# ENVIRONMENT



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2024

Join in Australia's biggest clean-up event! There are three ways to get involved this year: Business Clean Up Day (27 February), Schools Clean Up Day (1 March), and Clean Up Australia Day (3 March). Register online today, and help preserve our local parks, bushland, streets, and waterways.

## BE READY WITH ALERTS DASHBOARD

Council's disaster alerts dashboard is designed to help keep you safe and informed with real-time emergency updates and alerts relevant to you from the Bureau of Meteorology, Live Traffic NSW and Rural Fire Services. Check it out, pin it, and keep it as a point of reference.



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YOUR  
SAY



## WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN

In 2023, Council delivered workshops in each of our wards, with more than 200 residents giving us their feedback. Learn more about what we heard and sign up to Participate Parramatta to find out about opportunities to get involved this year.



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