



# YOUR CITY NEWS

APRIL - MAY 2024



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The Lord Mayor laid a wreath on Long Hai Day. A plaque was dedicated in remembrance of Private Harry Winston White, an Epping local killed in action.

## WELCOME TO YOUR CITY NEWS

It's such an exciting time of growth and development in Parramatta, with tram testing now underway for the Parramatta Light Rail. Get out and about these school holidays with our family-friendly activities including live music, theatre, sports, swimming and free movie nights. Grab a coffee and a bite to eat at our new café on the ground floor of PHIVE, our 6-Star Green Star award-winning library and community space.

Lord Mayor  
Cr Pierre Esber



## WHAT'S ON



### ANZAC DAY

25 APRIL

Join us in honouring the courage and sacrifice of all Australian servicemen and women, past and present, this ANZAC DAY. Get up early and commemorate the day alongside your community at the annual Dawn Services, hosted by our local City of Parramatta and Epping RSL sub-Branches.

### NATIONAL SORRY DAY

26 MAY

Join us for a day of acknowledgement, reflection and healing. Observe National Sorry Day to learn the stories of the Stolen Generation, celebrate Aboriginal achievements, and reflect on the importance of acknowledging historical trauma.

### RIVERSIDE THEATRES

There's plenty to see at Riverside this season, including music from *Heavenly Sopranos* and beautiful theatre works like *MEDEA*, *Fourteen* and *Wild Dogs Under My Skirt*. Catch thrilling productions for the school holidays with Flying Fruit Fly Circus' *Tempo* and international hit **360 ALLSTARS**. Visit [riversideparramatta.com.au](http://riversideparramatta.com.au) to book.



# PROJECT UPDATES



## PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL IS NOW BEING TESTED

Light rail testing is underway to make sure the systems and vehicles are safe. Road conditions have changed, and trams can't stop quickly or easily.

If you're walking, riding or driving near the light rail, always remember:



Stop



Listen



Look around

Visit [parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](http://parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au) to find out more.

## EPHING AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADES

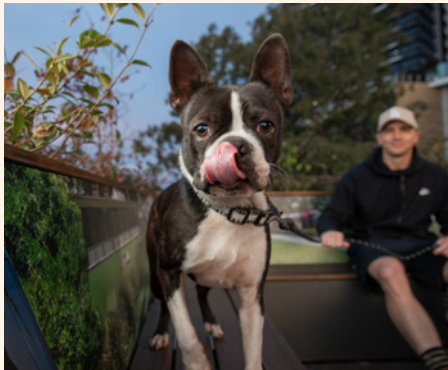
The Epping Aquatic Centre will close for construction from 30 April 2024. This includes upgrading the outdoor 50m pool, new 20m indoor pool and upgrades to the existing family waterplay area. A much-loved community asset, it will remain in its current bushland setting and include key upgrades that will benefit the community, now and into the future.

## IMPORTANT TRAFFIC CHANGES ON NORTH ROCKS ROAD

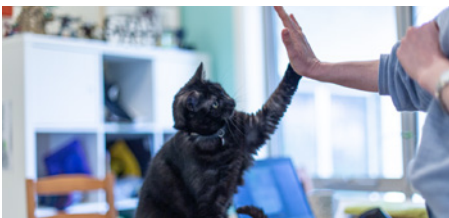
Construction will start soon on the Hunts Creek Bridge, with major works to North Rocks Road adjacent to the Woolworths carpark. There will be some unavoidable traffic disruptions, including North Rocks Road becoming one-way for five months, but every effort will be made to minimise the impact on residents.

## WEST EPHING PARK DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

Council is currently in process of finalising administrative requirements to deliver the West Epping Park dog off-leash area. The \$354,000 project is being funded by the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program. It is anticipated that all requirements will be completed in early-mid 2024 with construction to commence soon after.



# PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES



## CALLING ALL PET LOVERS

Join the Parra Pets Matta Facebook Group, your community hub for all things pets. Help reunite pet owners with their lost pets, share useful advice, and hear about the latest pet news. For cat lovers, Council has partnered with the RSPCA to help transition your cat to a safe-at-home lifestyle.



## KEEP ACTIVE THIS AUTUMN

Registrations for Active Parramatta's Term 2 Fitness Program open 8 April. Take advantage of early bird pricing and explore our range of discounted activities run by industry professionals. Or try the FREE Active Parramatta Van, delivering community health and fitness programs online and in-person. Term 2 registrations open 26 April.



## YOUR NEW GO-TO EATERY

Head to the ground floor of PHIVE to find new eatery, Publique. Whether you're meeting a colleague for brunch, grabbing a study break coffee, having lunch with friends, or treating the kids, Publique Eatery has you covered. Enjoy fresh breakfasts, lunches and other goodies with a focus on health and wellness.



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



## DIVE IN WITH THE PAC


Make a splash at the Parramatta Aquatic Centre these school holidays. It's open seven days a week, so head along and explore the wide range of aquatic spaces, including the indoor splash zone, 25m leisure pool, and 50m outdoor pool.



## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Get outdoors, get active, get creative, and get adventurous at Sydney Olympic Park these April school holidays with plenty of different programs for kids of all ages and interests. Visit the Sydney Olympic Park website for more information and to book.

## HAMBLEDON COTTAGE CELEBRATES 200 YEARS SATURDAY 13 APRIL

This significant colonial heritage site once owned by pioneer John Macarthur and Elizabeth Macarthur, will be holding a community Bicentennial Day this April. Come down and enjoy fun-filled family activities, entertainment and a house tour including a new exhibition 



## DISCOVER A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

Located on Level 1 of Parramatta Library at PHIVE, our designated creative and innovative spaces (The IDEAS Lab, IDEAS Lounge and 3D Studio) offer a wealth of learning opportunities for all ages. Explore technologies and creative workshops. Imagine, Discover, Engage, Aspire and Succeed with us.



## ACTIVE PARRAMATTA AWAITS

Play the holidays away at Active Parramatta, with endless fun activities like NRL, netball, skateboarding, European handball, and silent discos. Registrations open 7pm, Wednesday 10 April. Hurry, these popular activities fill up fast.



This will be followed up with a week-long program of historic talks and walks at the cottage and children's activities, to coincide with the school holidays.



## FREE OUTDOOR CINEMA SERIES

12 - 26 APRIL | 4PM - 9PM

Mark your calendars and head down to your local park these April school holidays for a FREE movie night! Grab a picnic blanket and enjoy fun-filled activities with the family prior to the screening, including live music, roving entertainment and garden games. For movie listings, kid's workshops and food options check out [atparramatta.com](http://atparramatta.com).

Outdoor Cinema Series locations:

- Caber Park–Friday 12 April
- Boronia Park–Saturday 13 April
- Arthur Philip Park–Friday 19 April
- Sturt Park–Saturday 20 April
- Silverwater Park–Friday 26 April



## SOMETHING FOR EVERY CHILD AT WENTWORTH POINT

Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library has fantastic activities lined up to keep your children entertained and engaged these school holidays. From 'Junior Architect' activities for toddlers to the thrill of laser tag and the mind-blowing experience of virtual reality, there's something for every child to enjoy.



# FOGO IS COMING



## RECYCLE YOUR FOOD SCRAPS WITH FOGO

FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) is a new way to recycle your food scraps and garden waste, and reduce landfill at the same time. The FOGO waste collection service is coming in November to people living in houses, townhouses or unit buildings with less than 30 dwellings.



## COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH THE PARRAMATTA EELS

The City of Parramatta is partnering with NRL powerhouse, Parramatta Eels, to drive visitation and economic growth for the City and invest in our community. We're extending the game day experience beyond the stadium and inviting league fans to visit the At Parramatta zone outside CommBank Stadium ahead of kick-off for home games to test their skills and win prizes from local businesses. It's a chance for us to promote our City's great eating, accommodation and entertainment spots and to keep league fans coming back to enjoy all our City has to offer.

# HAVE YOUR SAY



## WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY? TELL US HOW

Council is committed to engaging with our community on the decisions that we make. Our Community Engagement Strategy outlines when and how we gather your feedback, so we want your help in shaping this important document. Scan the QR code to learn more and get involved.

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### ARABIC

إذا كنت بحاجة للمساعدة في ترجمة هذه النشرة اتصل بر TIS على الرقم 131 450 وأطلب منهم الاتصال ببرنامج خدمة عملاء Parramatta على الرقم 9806 5050 من الاثنين 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。

### KOREAN

본 소식지와 관련해 통역 지원이 필요한 경우, TIS (131 450)에 전화하여 Parramatta Customer Service (9806 5050)를 연결해 달라고 요청하시면 됩니다. 업무시간은 평요일에서 금요일 오전 8시 30분부터 오후 5시까지입니다.