For the first time Parramatta has its own dedicated program of events, which will run over 10 days and is expected to draw thousands of visitors to the area.

The Parramatta program was recently announced at Old Government House and includes a huge opening party on 14 January (4pm-11pm), which will be free to the public and will feature live performances at Prince Alfred Park and along the foreshore at the Old Kings School site, combined with a breathtaking aerial display on Church Street.

Some of the other attractions of the Festival include Live Live Cinema: Carnival of Souls, an adaption of Herk Harvey’s stunning black and white horror classic at Riverside Theatres, and live music, including bands, DJs and cabaret at The Idolize Spiegeltent in Prince Alfred Park.

"Whether it's our historic river foreshore and busy Church Street, 'eat street' precinct or our Riverside Theatres, Parramatta has all the elements to put on a great show," Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Lorraine Wearne said.

The Parramatta program is a joint initiative of Sydney Festival, Parramatta City Council and the State Government.

Read more about Parramatta’s Sydney Festival program on page 4 or visit www.sydneyfestival.org.au
Lord Mayor’s Message

The past few months have certainly been very busy and with Christmas and New Years approaching, we have an opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed.

The recent Parramasala festival once again provided plenty of entertainment, with some fascinating international and national acts. It was a great celebration of South Asian cultures and once again reminded people that Parramatta is a thriving City with a great interest in the arts.

This point was reinforced during discussions with NSW Premier, Hon. Barry O’Farrell, (p1) in November, where we looked at the ways Parramatta could support the future growth of greater Sydney.

Looking ahead to 2012 and the next 12 months promises to be just as exciting with plenty of plans to activate spaces along our foreshore, including the transformation of the Barry Wilde Bridge (p2). Our appeal as a ‘festival’ City is also set to be enhanced and I’m looking forward to another year of events and activities, such as Parramatta’s expanded 10-day Sydney Festival program, which will continue to engage our communities and attract thousands of visitors.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Cr Lorraine Wearne
Lord Mayor of Parramatta

Wilde about Barry’s bridge

Parramatta will soon have a new iconic landmark after Parramatta City Council approved construction of a bridge fountain on Barry Wilde Bridge.

Work on the bridge is to commence shortly, and expected to be completed by June 2012. Once complete it will be the first known bridge fountain in Australia.

Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Lorraine Wearne, said the project would further facilitate Council’s river foreshore activation program. “The river is one of our best assets and this initiative is a great way to draw people to Parramatta and provide a landmark that is unique to our City and this country,” she said.

“This innovative concept incorporates water, light and colour to form a visual and sensory experience that will excite residents,” Cr Wearne said.

The concept design that has been developed for the bridge fountain is located on the eastern side of the structure and at night will complement the Elizabeth Street Footbridge, or Oar Bridge, which is already known for its brilliant displays at night. Solar panels will also be located on or near the Bridge to reduce the amount of electricity used for the fountain pumps and lights, helping reduce operating costs.

Local hero honoured

The efforts of youth social worker, Thomas Ater, were remembered at a special presentation at the Granville Youth and Community Recreation Centre (GYCRC) in November this year.

Thomas, who passed away earlier this year, was a very active member of the community. He worked at the GYCRC, through an outreach program at the Hills Holroyd Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre, to run basketball, life skills and drop-in programs.

To commemorate his commitment to local youth, Parramatta City Council renamed the GYCRC basketball court in his honour.

Cr Lorraine Wearne
Lord Mayor of Parramatta
Santa, Smurfs and all things kids

There were smiles all around as Council officially welcomed the festive season with the lighting of Parramatta Town Hall and its nine metre high Christmas tree.

Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Lorraine Wearne, said she was delighted to see hundreds of families come out to celebrate the occasion.

The Kids Concert, which featured special appearances by Santa, The Smurfs, and entertainment by the Parramatta City Brass Band and the Jingle Jangle Christmas Show, was a big hit!

Ermington Bay Nature Pathway opened

Cyclists and other recreational enthusiasts will enjoy improved pedestrian and bike access following the completion of a joint Parramatta City Council, State and Federal Government project along Ermington Bay.

More than $2.8m has been spent on the construction of the Ermington Bay Nature Pathway, which weaves through the mangrove forest on the northern shore of Parramatta River, in Melrose Park.

The works included the construction of a 350m boardwalk and a 315m shared pedestrian and cycle-way, bushland regeneration and estuarine revegetation works.

Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Lorraine Wearne, who along with State MP for Parramatta, Dr Geoff Lee, and Federal MP Julie Owens unveiled the project, said the project was a great example of collaboration between the three tiers of government.

“The pathway and cycleway will also improve connectivity along the northern side of Parramatta River and is an important link in the Parramatta Valley Cycleway, providing commuters and residents from across Sydney better access to the centre of Parramatta,” Cr Wearne said.

Waterfront site set for transformation

A unique opportunity to transform the Parramatta River Foreshore with premium high rise apartments, an iconic Discovery Centre including multi-function spaces and a public domain is on offer, with Parramatta City Council accepting request for proposals for the development of a waterfront site.

Once developed, the prime project site, located between Lennox and Bernie Banton Bridge, will be buzzing with activity, events, public art, retail and an exhibition space.

“This development will capture our City’s relationship with the River, take advantage of Parramatta’s waterfront access and open up the area to business, culture and social life,” said Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Lorraine Wearne.

Council will accept requests for proposals until 2pm, 2 March 2012.

For more information, visit www.tenderlink.com/parracity or contact Council on 9806 5000.
Welcome the New Year with a awgin’ Parramatta party!

6pm – 9pm
Parramatta River Foreshore between Lennox Bridge and Elizabeth Street Footbridge

This year’s celebrations on Parramatta’s river foreshore boasts an entertainment line-up that includes swing band dance performances, fireworks and roving performers.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening is HMAS Heidi Hoops, and swing bands Mick Conway’s Junk Band and Cope St Parade are sure to keep the crowd bopping in the lead-up to the spectacular jet ski and fireworks display at 9pm.

Prepare to get there early so you don’t miss out on the fantastic festivities and also to ensure you can snag the perfect seat for the evening.

There will be some road closures this year so make sure you aren’t caught stuck in a car, travel by public transport and relax for the evening.

For further information visit www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/nye or call 8839 3311

An outstanding program of events from Australia and around the world will perform in Parramatta from January 13–22, as the City hosts its first dedicated 10-day program as part of the Sydney Festival, featuring a mixture of free and ticketed events in theatre, music and film.

Parra Opening Party (POP)
The Festival will kick off with our free Parra Opening Party on 14 January from 4pm – 11pm, featuring dance performances in crowded shopping areas, art installations literally growing out of empty shop spaces, free films plus the chance to get involved in workshops and art-making with local artists including Parramatta Artist Studios.

Notting Hill Carnival DJ, Norman Jay, will park his iconic double-decker bus in Eat Street for a marathon seven hour set of feel-good summer tunes. As the sun sets, the City will come alive with wandering performers, musicians, projections and mobile sound systems keeping crowds entertained. Unmissable will be As The World Tipped, as a massive stage takes over Church Street and literally tips skyward leading to a breathtaking mix of aerial performance and music.

Idolize Spiegeltent
One of the Festival highlights will be the Idolize Spiegeltent at Prince Alfred Park featuring a wondrous mix of music, cabaret and more than a little mayhem.

Spiegeltents are hand-hewn pavilions used as travelling dance halls, bars and entertainment salons. There are only a handful of these unique and legendary ‘tents of mirrors’ left in the world today. Parramatta’s very own Spiegeltent will be home to a wonderful world of colour, activity and laughter set in the beautiful Festival Garden.

Some of the Spiegeltent performances include:
- Briefs – funny, sexy and a little in-your-face circus-infused mischief
- Indigenous singer and guitarist Frank Yamma
- Ivory Coast’s soulful jazz performer Fatoumata Diawara
- Former lead singer with 90s rockers Verbana, AA Bondy
- Rhythm and blues big band, Clairy Brown & the Bangin Rackettes

Closing Night
Celebrate the last night in style with a free concert under the stars at the Old King’s School site on 21 January with Dan Sultan, Busby Marou and Kasey Chambers.

Riverside Theatres
The Theatres will host many amazing performances, including:
- La Putyka – a dazzling exploration of a rowdy Czech pub
- Carnival of Souls – a multi-dimensional production bringing the zombie genre to life
- Asa and Fefe
- And many more!

Check out the full program line up, times, locations and booking details at www.sydneyfestival.org.au/2012
**Fly into the Lunar New Year with a burst of fire**

Soar on down to Church Street Parramatta to welcome the Year of the Dragon!

Council will host a free night of festivities on Friday, 3 February from 4:30pm – 9:30pm at Church St South, with traditional dancing, paper lanterns, a delicious array of cuisine and live music.

With a history that dates back thousands of years, the Lunar New Year Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays and is celebrated between late January and early February according to the Lunar calendar.

The Lunar New Year tradition is an opportunity for people to reconcile, forget all grudges, and wish peace and happiness for everyone.

This year’s Festival has a jam-packed schedule of free entertainment planned, with dragon and lion dancing, cultural performances, lantern-making workshops, face painting, traditional Chinese massage and martial arts demonstrations.

For more information about the Lunar New Year Twilight Festival phone (02) 8839 3311 or go to www.discoverparramatta.com

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**Australia Day the Parramatta way**

This Australia Day, celebrate your country and all the wonderful things it has to offer at one of the biggest Australia Day events in the country at the iconic Parramatta Park.

Festivities will kick-off at 6am to 10am with the spectacular Aerial Carnivale, where the morning skies will be filled with colour as a fleet of hot air balloons ascend above Parramatta Park. There will also be many activities on offer including circus shows, amusement rides and face painting.

Stay cool during the peak of the day from 10am to 4pm at the Big Backyard, back by popular demand, and enjoy endless family fun.

There will be a community stage with live music and entertainment performances, lamington and kite making workshops, amusement rides, Australian colonial historical re-enactments, animal encounters with adorable dressed up ducks, sheep shearing, delicious treats and much more.

As the sun sets, the evening celebrations will open with the Dig 1100 Concert, from 6pm to 9pm, with an entertainment line-up that will keep you toe-tapping well into the night. Don’t miss must-see performances by the headline act of the evening Aussie rock group Thirsty Merc, followed by Tim Freedman from The Whitlams. Kids will simply love the stars of Ice Age 4 show, bringing all their favourite characters live on stage.

Celebrations will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9pm.

Australia Day at Parramatta Park is an alcohol free event and there is strictly no glass in the park. For more information visit www.ausdayparramatta.com.au

*Please note: Program subject to change*

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Stilt walkers and hot air balloons help spread the magic on Australia Day.

The Lunar New Year Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays.
Parramatta City Council celebrated its sesquicentenary on 27 November 2011, marking 150 years since Council was proclaimed a Municipality. Take a stroll through some of Council’s history, along with some interesting facts and achievements.

**Historical Dates**

- **24 August 1843**  Proclamation of Parramatta District Council
- **27 November 1861** Incorporation of Parramatta Municipal Council
- **20 January 1885**  Incorporation of Granville Municipal Council
- **26 March 1889**  Incorporation of Dundas Municipal Council
- **18 June 1891** Incorporation of Ermington and Rydalmere Municipal Council
- **27 October 1938** Proclamation of Parramatta as a City
- **13 December 1948** Amalgamation of Parramatta City Council, Dundas, Granville and Ermington and Rydalmere Municipal Councils
- **12 December 1988** Royal Proclamation – Title of Mayor upgraded to Lord Mayor in recognition of Parramatta’s status as a City of importance
- **8 September 2000** First female Lord Mayor elected – Cr Lorraine Wearne.

**Quiz**

1. What does the word Parramatta mean?
2. In the 1920s and 30s where was the largest inland freshwater lifesaving club in Australia located?
3. What year was the proclamation of Parramatta as a city?
4. What infrastructure in the 19th Century greatly affected the roles (and health) of the ‘nightsoil men’?
Lake Parramatta was a happening joint in the 1920s and 30s! It was an incredibly popular swimming hole where the young and old would go to cool off over the scorching summer months. There was even a Lifesaving Club erected to oversee the safety of swimmers, which went on to become the largest inland freshwater lifesaving club in Australia.

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Facts about Council
- To date, there have been 45 Mayors and 10 Lord Mayors.
- John Williams was the first Mayor of Parramatta, elected in December 1861. However, he resigned six weeks later.
- Councillors were originally known as Aldermen.

What happened to 19th Century occupations?
- Lamplighter - now electricity and gas lines supply power.
- Inspector of Nuisances - modern equivalent is the Environmental Health Officer.
The project encourages residents to do the right thing with their recycling bin for their chance to win great monthly prizes.

The campaign has commenced, with Council officers conducting random visual inspections of recycle bin contents. If your household has placed the correct items into your recycling bin, you may receive a ‘smiley face’ bin tag. Receiving this tag will enable you to go into a monthly draw to win Council-provided prizes. If the bin is found to contain contamination, the household will receive a ‘frown face’ bin tag, a big no-no, which may result in the recycling bin being removed if persistent misuse of the service continues.

Contamination of the recyclables bin in Parramatta is between 10–15% and Council is aiming to lower this contamination rate to 5–10% by June 2012. This project aims to empower residents to utilise their services correctly. Currently, 17% of what residents place in the garbage bin in Parramatta could be recycled through their household recycling service.

Everyone likes being rewarded for doing the right thing. So, think carefully about how you will dispose of this issue of the Parra Pulse, will it bring you a smiling bin-tag?

Get recycling NOW to be in the chance to win some great prizes and make your neighbours envious with the amount of smiling stickers you can get.

Turn that frown upside down, and recycle!

Pool safety protects our children

As the weather gets warmer there is nothing more tempting than jumping into the pool for a quick cool down or a lazy day. However, pool safety is a far hotter issue.

In the lead-up to summer, Parramatta City Council and the Westmead Children’s Hospital are spreading the important message about pool safety and awareness.

Last year, sadly, 31 children under the age of five arrived at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead because of drowning or near drowning. Alarmingly these numbers have increased from previous years. In NSW, of the children under the age of five who drown, about 70% occur in or around backyard swimming pools.

Visit The Children’s Hospital Westmead’s website www.kidshealth.chw.edu.au for further information on fencing regulations and how to ensure your pool environment is safe. They have put together a video to help educate parents around pool safety too.

To check if a pool meets legislative requirements pool owners and occupiers should contact Parramatta City Council on 9806 5050.
Over the past couple of months a small building space on Albert Street, Parramatta, has taken on new life. A group of local and immigrant artists have injected life into the vacant building, as part of a new community arts initiative. The New Neighbours Project, which ran from 10 October to 27 November 2011, will continue to be open for viewing by appointment.

Produced by the Parramatta Artists Studios, the artworks involve collaboration between refugees recently released from detention, and local artists. The project is supported by Parramatta City Council and was running as a pilot program in collaboration with Housing NSW and Parramatta Mission.

For more information on the project and to arrange a visiting time call Chrissie Ianssen on 0431 439 222.

Revolutionising local business

Revolutionary things are brewing as the ParraConnect Advisory Committee continues to pave the way to Parramatta’s digital future, with work on track to deliver the Australian-first Mobile Concierge project.

The launch of the program in Parramatta will see participants use smart cards or Near Field Communication (NFC) Mobile Phones to shop from participating retailers, allowing workers, residents and visitors the opportunity to purchase goods or services remotely – creating a ‘virtual marketplace’.

The smart cards also have the capacity to hold large amounts of information and could be used to access car-parks, work buildings, libraries and used as part of loyalty programs.

Retailers, clubs and hospitality businesses who participate in the program will be equipped with an Android Tablet and a NFC (Near Field Communication) card reader.

Customers will simply ‘wave’ the card past the reader and will be able to access a simple loyalty program via cloud technology on the tablet.

“This is an iconic project that will not only create jobs and provide economic benefits but also has the potential to dramatically change the way people do business,” said the Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Lorraine Wearne.

If you’re a business owner and want to be one of the first businesses in not only Parramatta but in Australia to provide your customers, better, faster service within a highly connected community, register your interest today, call 9806 5373 or visit www.parraconnect.net.au.

Top Tweets

@MissPiggyEats: Oh thanks for letting me know. Having the council on twitter is like being able to telephone God and ask questions. Love it!

@annafamiliant: There’s always something happening – the city is buzzing, alive and full of diversity

Parramatta City Council Twitter @parracity

@media_pixels: Informative, fun, engaging, diverse, community orientated, cultural n caring n sharing. Thank you

@CUEVO: Love the friendly reminders you are placing on recycling bins of those who put non-recyclables in them. Great initiative!!

Artists bring local spaces to life

A small shack has been transformed from an old demountable space to a vibrant room of artwork created by various artists.

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School Holiday activities

Want to try something new in the school holidays? Why not check out Parramatta City Council’s School Holidays Guide, packed with free or low-cost activities for you and your children to enjoy.

Some activities for January include:
- Bike4Kids on 11 January
- Hookin2Hockey and Basketball Play on 13 January
- Go4Fun on 16 January
- Bend it like Beckham on 17 of January
- Celebrating Girls in Sport Festival on 18 January
- And a bigger and better NSW Rugby League Ultimate Experience day on 25 January

Want more information? Email your full name to recreation@parracity.nsw.gov.au to have your name added to our electronic mailing list, to receive our school holiday activities guide and other related sport and recreation information.

Library

**WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY**
Taronga ZooMobile
Ermington Library
10:30am – 11:30am | $5.00 per person
Bookings essential

Guildford Branch Library
12:30pm – 1:30pm | $5.00 per person
Bookings close Friday 16 December

**TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY**
Preparing your child to learn to read
Literacy Seminars for parents of preschool & lower primary school students
Parramatta City Library
5:30pm – 7pm | FREE | Bookings essential

**WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY**
Writing skills and text types
Literacy Seminars for parents of older primary school children
Parramatta City Library
5:30pm – 7pm | FREE | Bookings essential

**TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY**
Supporting a struggling reader
Literacy Seminars for parents of primary school children
Parramatta City Library
5:30pm – 7pm | FREE | Bookings essential

**TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY**
Technology Help – Travelling with Technology
Parramatta City Library
12:30pm – 3:30pm | FREE | Bookings essential

**TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**
Technology Help – First time Facebook
Parramatta City Library
12:30pm – 3:30pm | FREE | Bookings essential

**TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**
National Year of Reading Launch and Library Lover’s Day
Parramatta City Library
11am – 12pm | FREE

**TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY**
Technology Help
Find it on Flickr
Parramatta City Library
12:30pm – 3:30pm | FREE | Bookings essential

Exhibition

*The Passage of Time*
Saturday 14 January 2012
3.30pm-5.30pm
Pin Spot Gallery for Creative Wellbeing, Connection Arcade, Corner Darcy and Church Street Parramatta

*The Passage of Time* is an exhibition of works featuring oil paintings by Joy Lukunic. Lukunic has held solo exhibitions at Salmon Galleries and Charlotte Cafe, Balmain, and group exhibitions at Tap Gallery, Global Gallery, and See Street Gallery.

Featuring a meet the artist afternoon in a relaxed and informal environment.
Contact your Councillors

The Councillors’ Support Officer (phone 9806 5066) can put you in touch with the Councillors that represent your Ward. Alternatively you can contact them directly on the following numbers.

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  - Mob: 0427 277 299
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  - Deputy Lord Mayor
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**SWIMMING POOLS**
- Parramatta Swimming Centre
  - O’Connell Street, Parramatta
  - Tel: 9630 3669
- Granville Swimming Centre
  - Enid Avenue, Granville
  - Tel: 9637 1593

**LIBRARIES**
- Parramatta City Library
  - Address: Civic Place, Parramatta
  - Tel: 9806 5159
- Dundas Valley Branch Library
  - Address: Sturt Street, Telopea
  - Tel: 9638 1146
- Ermington Branch Library
  - Address: River Road, Ermington
  - Tel: 9638 2270
- Granville Branch Library
  - Address: 8 Carlton Street, Granville
  - Tel: 9637 4270
- Guildford Branch Library
  - Address: Railway Terrace, Guildford
  - Tel: 9632 6744
- Constitution Hill Branch Library
  - Address: 20 Hollis Street, Constitution Hill
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**COUNCIL’S WASTE HOTLINE**
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**LORD MAYOR’S WEBSITE PAGE**
Welcome to the January – March edition of Parra Pulse, the community newsletter of Parramatta City Council.

Parramatta is about to enter its busy events season, with New Year’s Eve, Australia Day 2012 and Lunar New Year. An exciting new development is the expansion of Sydney Festival to include a 10 day Parramatta program, which includes incredible free opening and closing events. Our front page story details how our partnership with the State Government continues to make Parramatta an exciting events destination. More details on pages 4-5.

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