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Lord Mayor's message



Welcome to the latest edition of Parramatta Pulse. As the final autumn leaves of the season fall to the ground, our City is preparing for its transformation into a winter wonderland.

Winterlight

Each year the City of Parramatta hosts a spectacular winter festival, which includes Sydney's biggest open-air ice rink. With an ice slide and illuminated Ferris wheel, Winterlight also promises entertainment, a wide variety of food, workshops, and amusement rides. I encourage everyone to bring their family and friends to Prince Alfred Square between Friday 5 July and Sunday 21 July to experience winter joy in the heart of our City.

Powerhouse powers ahead

The past few months have been busy for Council and the wider community. And it was exciting news for all of us when the NSW Government announced in May that six design teams have been shortlisted to create the new Powerhouse Precinct in Parramatta.

The calibre of Australian and international architecture firms involved is extraordinary and the Precinct will undoubtedly be a world-class destination that will attract visitors from across the country and the world.

This will be a transformational project for arts and culture in Western Sydney and will help to position Parramatta as a truly global city. It is just one of a number of City-changing projects underway, including the Parramatta Light Rail, Parramatta Square, and Riverside Theatres redevelopment.

Destination Management Plan

Autumn also provided an opportunity for people to have a say on the City's Draft Destination Management Plan 2019-2024 (DMP).

The Draft DMP lays the foundation for the next stage of the City's growth, proposing a new framework to expand the economic, social and cultural life of Parramatta by attracting more visitors to our City.

'Digger' statue

Finally, I invite all residents who haven't already visited to head to Prince Alfred Square to see the new bronze 'Digger' statue unveiled ahead of Anzac Day. The life-size statue, which depicts a World War I soldier, was commissioned by Council and Parramatta RSL Sub Branch to commemorate the Centenary of Armistice.

Our City has a proud and diverse history from which all our residents and visitors can learn and, together, grow towards a bright and promising future.

**Lord Mayor
Councillor Andrew Wilson**



Discover Parramatta

For a roundup of the best places to eat and drink, heritage landmarks to visit, parks, nature and wildlife to explore, head to Discover Parramatta to stay up to date with what's happening in Parramatta and its neighbourhoods.

You can also sign up to our e-newsletter to get the latest updates sent straight to your inbox.

Visit discoverparramatta.com



Parramatta Light Rail tree planting

In March, City of Parramatta Council in partnership with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) commenced the first phase of the four-year Parramatta Light Rail Tree Planting and Neighbourhood Improvement program.

More than 2,500 trees are expected to be planted in streets, parks and reserves throughout the city to help offset any trees removed during light rail construction. Up to eight trees will be planted for each tree removed as a result of the construction. More than 100 trees have been planted in Barney, By, Dunlop and Harold streets in North Parramatta, as well as Jessie Street, Caroline Street and Queens Road in Westmead.

Tree species, selected by an arborist to suit local conditions, include flowering gum, magnolia, brush box and crepe myrtle.

Visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/plr-trees for more information.

To find out more about the Parramatta Light Rail, please contact the 24-hour Community Information Line on 1800 139 389, email parramattalightrail@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au

Bushwalking around Parramatta

Our City is a wonderful place to walk. We have a diversity of natural beauty from Blue Gum hill tops to rainforest gullies, freshwater river flats and saltwater estuaries.

It is a land of our ancestors, reflecting 200 million years of geological and evolutionary change and more than 60,000 years of Darug dreaming.

Council has recently updated its Bushwalks of Parramatta brochure, which includes information on 15 major walking tracks across Toongabbie, Winston Hills, Westmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, Northmead, Epping, Telopea, Homebush and other suburbs. There are quick and easy strolls, and longer tracks for more intrepid explorers.

The brochure is available at the Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre at 346A Church Street Parramatta and can be viewed online at cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation-environment/bushland-and-biodiversity/bushwalks-of-parramatta



Winter swim season

The onset of winter doesn't mean you need to give up your laps or the children's learn to swim lessons. Council operates Epping Aquatic Centre and Macarthur Girls High School Pool, both of which are heated year-round and open during the cooler months.

EPHING AQUATIC CENTRE

Winter opening hours:

- Mon: 5.30am – 9.30am
- Tues: 8.30am – 12.30pm
3.30pm – 7pm
- Wed: 5.30am – 9.30am
- Thurs: 8.30am – 12.30pm
3.30pm – 7pm
- Fri: 5.30am – 9.30am
- Sat & Sun: 8am – 12pm
- Public holidays: 8am – 12pm

MACARTHUR GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL POOL

Winter opening hours:

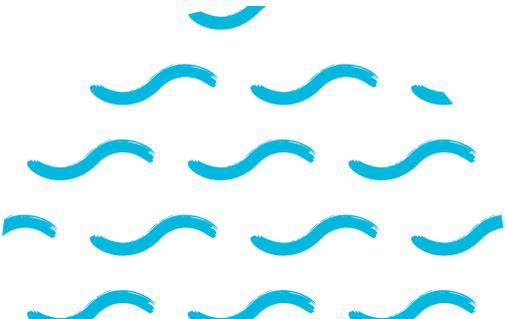
- Mon – Fri: 5.30am – 7.30am
10am – 2pm
4pm – 7pm
- Sat & Sun: 8am – 4pm
- Public holidays: 8am – 4pm

TERM 3 SWIM SCHOOL

Term 3 Swim School at Epping Aquatic Centre and Macarthur Girls High School Pool will begin on **Monday 22 July** and run through until **Sunday 29 September**.

Bookings for Term 3 will open on the following dates:

- Tuesday 11 June**
Current members same day/level
- Monday 17 June**
Current members change day/level
- Monday 24 June**
New members



Community Events Grants

Applications for Community Events Grants are open, and close on **Monday 5 August at 5pm**.

The Community Events Grants aim to establish and encourage new events in the City of Parramatta which:

- are low cost or free to the public;
- are a new offering that complements the existing events calendar;
- encourage new visitors to the City.

Applicants are eligible to receive grant funding to cover up to 20 per cent of the total event budget up to the amount of \$10,000 annually.

Events must align with the City of Parramatta's Vision and Priorities and must be delivered wholly or primarily within the Parramatta Local Government Area. The program supports not-for-profit organisations, community groups, professional groups and, in some cases, individuals.

For more information visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living-community/grants

Bankwest Stadium opens



Bankwest Stadium was officially opened in April and thousands of fans were given the chance to tour the venue at a Community Open Day.

Locals and sports enthusiasts had the opportunity to roam the general admission areas, try the different food and beverage offerings, sit in the new seats for the first time, and experience the stadium's state-of-the-art lighting, video and audio systems.

It was history in the making when the Eels kicked off with their first game back at home in Parramatta against

the Wests Tigers to a sell-out crowd of 30,000. The atmosphere in the stadium was electric with fans keen to see their team play on home turf.

The City has been abuzz on game days with fans, families, residents and visitors experiencing all that Parramatta has to offer.

The stadium will host the Parramatta Eels, Western Sydney Wanderers, Wests Tigers, NSW Waratahs and various international sporting and entertainment fixtures.

Western Sydney Wanderers will play Leeds United on Saturday 20 July.

Connect with YOUR City

Parramatta is a vibrant place to work, live, explore and play. Now you can discover all that this great city has to offer with free walking tours for new residents and workers. Led by friendly, energetic and knowledgeable guides, find out what makes living or working in Parramatta such a unique and enriching experience.

Tours are also available in Mandarin and Korean. For dates and more information on tours of Parramatta visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tours

Youth Week, 2019

A 24-metre-long mural titled 'Beyond Stereotypes' was a feature of this year's Youth Week celebrations.

The mural, depicting the faces of seven young Western Sydney women, comes alive with text and video with the help of the 'Beyond Stereotypes' smartphone app.

Other Youth Week events included Good Vibes Festival, a writing competition, and performances at Riverside Theatres.

'Beyond Stereotypes' in Rivoli Way



It's playtime!

Nineteen Parramatta playgrounds upgraded

Right across our great City, children's playgrounds have been getting a makeover. From space-themed play equipment, big slides and wide, open spaces to sandpits, bike tracks, and multi-use sport courts, kids have new

and fun parks to explore and enjoy. As part of Council's major projects program, 19 playgrounds across the City are being upgraded with \$2.64 million from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund. Most of

these upgrades have been completed and are already open to the public. The final two playgrounds will be completed before the end of 2019, with the upgrade of the Carmen Drive playground due to start in August.



Blast off!

At Burnside Gollan Reserve in Oatlands, the space-themed play equipment brings kids' imagination to life as they play. With a rocket ship climbing gym and soft-fall rubber decorated with stars and planets, this playground is out of this world.



Play and ride

The scooter and bike track is proving popular at Jason Place Reserve in North Rocks. The track winds between a wooden climbing play gym, which includes slides, monkey bars, and a rope climbing wall.



Good sports

There's something for everyone at George Kendall Riverside Park in Ermington. It features upgraded tennis courts, barbecue and picnic facilities, and new multi-use courts. The sports pavilion was recently named in honour of former Council Alderman, the late Greg McKay.



Digging fun

At Pinetree Drive Reserve in Carlingford the sandpit digger is a local favourite with young children. The play space, which includes swings and a climbing play gym, is surrounded by open, green space for all to enjoy.

There are 146 playgrounds across the City of Parramatta.

For more information visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation-environment/our-parks/playgrounds

How we celebrated autumn...

Parramasala

Despite inclement weather, the three-day Parramasala festival was a huge success, showcasing Parramatta's rich cultural diversity with music, dance, workshops and feasts.



Heritage Festival

A diverse program of tours and activities paid homage to the City's unique history and culture as part of the 2019 Australian Heritage Festival in April and May.

Following the theme 'Connecting People, Places and the Past', the Festival featured the Warami Mittigar Walks series and the Feisty Females coach tour.

Rydalmere Artists' Studios

New warehouse-style studios were opened at Rydalmere as part of an expanded Parramatta Artists' Studios (PAS). The six, purpose-built spaces give resident artists the space to work on major pieces. The new studios were funded through a grant from the NSW Government Stronger Communities Fund.



Left to right:
Parramatta MP Geoff Lee,
RSL Sub Branch Vice President
Doug Mackay, Sub Branch
Committee Member Geoff Holgate,
Sub Branch President Ron Grace,
Sub Branch Secretary Bryan
West and Lord Mayor
Cr Andrew Wilson.

Anzac Day

Ahead of Anzac Day, Council and Parramatta RSL Sub Branch unveiled a new bronze 'Digger' statue at Prince Alfred Square. The life-size statue, which depicts a World War I soldier, commemorates the Centenary of Armistice. Dawn services were held in Parramatta CBD and Epping.

Bringing communities together

Local Indigenous community members and people from at least 18 migrant backgrounds came together in April to connect and learn in a new City of Parramatta program, Parramatta Dialogues.

Cultural exchanges were led by Darug community leaders and members of local Tamil and Indian communities. Participants were introduced to the diverse cultures of Parramatta and Western Sydney through weaving, Kolam art, saree-wearing, and learning about tools and artefacts, dance and drumming.

With the pilot program complete, Council's Community Capacity Building team is now exploring ways to build on its success.

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Coming up in 2019 at Riverside Theatres...

For the whole family

The Toybox

9 & 10 July

Me and My Shadow

12 July

Cumberland Gang Show: 50 years Together

12 - 20 July

Roald Dahl's The Twits

16 July

Hitler's Daughter

13 August

Picasso and His Dog

19 August

For theatre lovers

Girl in the Machine

20 - 29 June

Prima Facie

3 - 6 July

Still Life with Chickens

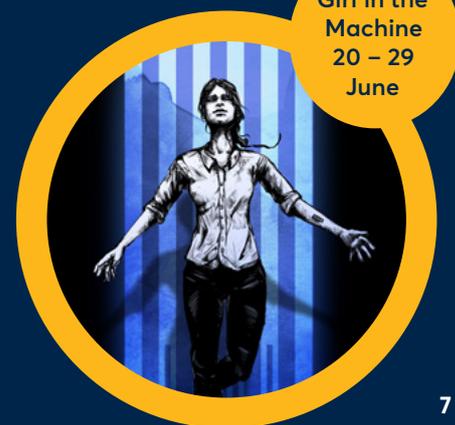
7 - 10 August

Plus everyone's favourite musical

MAMMA MIA!

2 - 17 August

Girl in the
Machine
20 - 29
June



REWIND The Aretha Franklin Songbook

Saturday 24 August at 7.30pm
ONE NIGHT ONLY

Australia's soul diva Christine Anu returns to Riverside Theatres to pay tribute to the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, in an intimate concert that is not to be missed!

Experience Christine's powerful performance and enjoy her sassy tunes as she delivers soulful interpretations of Aretha's most memorable songs, including the signature and much-loved tunes, 'R.E.S.P.E.C.T' and '(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman', among other unforgettable classics.

For more information or to book tickets visit riversideparramatta.com.au or call 8839 3399

Subscribe to Council's e-newsletter

Want to stay up-to-date with Council services, events and initiatives? Subscribe to City of Parramatta Council's e-newsletter for monthly updates on what's happening in and around your City via the 'Stay in touch' section of Council's website at cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Events coming soon...

JUNE

Philippine Flag Raising Ceremony

Saturday 22 June
Centenary Square

JULY

Winterlight

Friday 5 July to
Sunday 21 July
Prince Alfred Square
winterlight.com.au

Burrumbidgee NAIDOC

Sunday 14 July
Parramatta Park



AUGUST

Sydney Science Festival

Tuesday 6 August to
Sunday 18 August

Information is correct at the time of printing. To view current event details please check online. For City of Parramatta events, visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/events

Australia Day Awards

Applications are now open for the 2020 Australia Day Awards. For further information, please visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/ausday_awards or email ausday@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



Come down to the Friday Farmers Market

Every Friday, Centenary Square comes alive with the Parramatta Farmers Market, showcasing a variety of fresh fruits, eggs, vegetables, bread, meat, honey, pastries and flowers sourced from the Sydney basin and rural NSW.

The markets are perfect for an inspiring breakfast or lunch, and for stocking up on fresh Australian produce. Mingle with growers and artisan food producers selling high-quality, local, seasonal produce.

Friday
7.30am - 2.30pm
Centenary Square
Parramatta
(except for Friday public holidays)



City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Andrew Wilson, Councillor Phil Bradley and Councillor Patricia Prociu pictured with students at the Active Citizenship School Award.

School citizenship

Each year the Active Citizenship School Award celebrates local students who make an effort to create a welcoming, inclusive and just school community, contribute to the wider community, or participate in representative bodies or community service

groups. Students receive an award and a \$50 Dymocks gift voucher. In February, Council celebrated the inaugural Civic Reception for the 2018 Award at Carlingford Sports and Recreation Club. Schools will be notified mid-year when the 2019 Awards are open for nominations.

Winter fun takes centre stage during the July school holidays

5 – 21 July

Enjoy a taste of winter as Prince Alfred Square is transformed into a magical winter wonderland. Winterlight features Sydney's largest open-air ice-skating rink, illuminated Ferris wheel, amusement rides, live music, roving entertainment, delicious gourmet food and more. New to this year's event is the Parramatta Night Markets from the 8 – 11 July where Market Street will come alive with stalls and amazing food. Visit winterlight.com.au



Burraramatta NAIDOC

NAIDOC Week 7 – 14 July is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the rich history of our nation. As part of the festivities, you are invited to come along to Burraramatta NAIDOC at Parramatta Park on Sunday 14 July, from 11am – 6pm. Enjoy a range of free activities including traditional

and contemporary music and dance performances, market stalls and workshops among other offerings. The event is part of the City's unique Indigenous program called Warami, a Darug word meaning "good to see you". Warami runs until September. For more information visit discoverparramatta/warami



Science Festival

National Science Week 2019 runs from 6 – 18 August, with a wide variety of programs and activities available to the community and schools.

City of Parramatta is again partnering with Sydney Science Festival to celebrate all things science. The public program will focus on medicine, while the schools program will showcase Parramatta's heritage, both natural and cultural.

A highlight will be the Bush Medicine Workshop to be held at Lake Parramatta Reserve, featuring traditional medical knowledge.

From Sawbones to Specialists, a walking tour through Parramatta, will investigate how developments in scientific and medical knowledge have influenced the treatment of patients and their ailments from pre-settlement to today.

The Pandemic in Parramatta talk will bring to light the impact of the 1919 flu pandemic on our City. And a new interactive archaeological adventure will focus on archaeological sites being uncovered as Parramatta's future reaches to the sky.

For more information about the Science Festival visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tours or email discoverparramatta@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



Library Activities

Locations

Parramatta Library
1-3 Fitzwilliam Street,
Parramatta
Ph: 9806 5159

Constitution Hill Library
20 Hollis Street,
Constitution Hill
Ph: 9806 5500

Carlingford Library
Lloyds Avenue, Carlingford
Ph: 9806 5850

Dundas Valley Library
Sturt Street, Telopea
Ph: 9806 5960

Epping Library
Chambers Court, Epping
Ph: 9806 5843

Ermington Library
River Road, Ermington
Ph: 9806 5869

Newington Library
Cnr of Avenues of Europe
and Asia, Newington
Ph: 9806 5842

Insight into the 'Snapshot Killer' with Duncan McNab

Saturday 15 June, Parramatta Library,
1.30pm – 2.30pm

A chilling journey into the life and mind of charming and persuasive predator and serial killer Christopher Wilder, who murdered on two continents and evaded capture for more than 20 years.
Cost \$5

Ageing well: In conversation with Paul McIntyre

Saturday 6 July, Parramatta Library,
1.30pm – 2.30pm

In *Use it or Lose it* Paul McIntyre, host of ABC Radio's Medical Matters, provides essential tips for mid-life and beyond.
Cost \$5

Meal Planning

Thursday 15 August, Dundas Library,
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Eat better and avoid food waste. Tailor your meal plan with strategies to avoid overbuying. **Free**

Shake hands with robots Pepper & Nao: How robots work

Saturday 17 August, Parramatta Library,
1.30pm – 2.30pm

As part of the Sydney Science Festival, Western Sydney University MARCS Institute's Dr Omar Mubin will demonstrate the science behind robotics technology.
Ages 8+, Cost \$3

Book Week photography competition

Saturday 17 August – Friday 23 August

Do you love taking photos? Well, this is the competition for you!

Use the Children's Book Council of Australia's 2019 shortlist to snap a spectacular photographic creation. Find the CBCA shortlisted books here: cbca.org.au/shortlist-2019

Pick up an entry form at any City of Parramatta library branch or enter online at j.mp/PCLcomps

Categories: 6 – 8, 9 – 11, 12 – 15 years

Bookings are essential for all events. Visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/library

Are you having trouble finding your next great read?

Why not try our online reading matchmaker – Parra Reads Match – for your personalised reading suggestions as chosen by our librarians.



Your library online

City of Parramatta Libraries have several different online library collections and apps, ensuring that our members have access to as many great authors as possible.

E-books, e-audiobooks and more can be found in the online catalogue at parra.city/opac. Just search for the title or author.

The digital versions have direct links to borrow and download. Using your library card and password, visit parra.city/apps to see what's available.

Borrow Box

Extremely easy-to-use app, with a growing collection of e-books and e-audiobooks for all ages.

CloudLibrary

A great collection of e-books and e-audiobooks, with content from all over the world.

ePlatform

E-book collection with more than 17,000 e-books for all ages and interests.

RBdigital

Large e-audiobook collection, including many Australian authors, together with digital magazines and comics.

For more information or help installing or using one of the apps, call Parramatta Library on 9806 5159.



Active Parramatta

Active Parramatta delivers free and affordable recreation and leisure programs and resources for residents, workers and visitors to improve their health and well-being – including the School Holiday and Fitness programs and Active Parramatta Van initiative.

School Holidays program

A variety of free, fun and exciting physical and educational activities delivered across the City every school holiday period.

Fitness program

Discounted and free fitness classes, such as Zumba, Pilates, boot camp, boxing and circuit training, are available all year round.

Locations: Newington, Winston Hills, North Rocks, Wentworthville, Telopea, Parramatta and Beecroft.

Active Parramatta Van

My Healthy Lunchbox is a free four-week workshop, with interactive nutrition seminars and cooking demonstrations aimed at educating parents and guardians about nutrition for kids.

Location: Wentworthville

Mums n Bubs Fitness is a free nine-week exercise program designed for mums with children under five years. Suitable for women of all fitness levels.

Locations: Parramatta, Telopea and Wentworthville

Seniors Gentle Exercise is a free, low-impact, six-week exercise program to gradually increase fitness, assist mobility and alleviate joint pain.

Location: Ermington

For more information visit the Active Parramatta Facebook page facebook.com/activeparramatta/ or subscribe to the Active Parramatta e-newsletter here bit.ly/2iUHRY1

Contact us via email at recreation@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



How active are you?

Our community is an active one, but many residents would like to do more exercise. Council conducted a survey of more than 900 locals in December 2018 through the Our City, Your Say panel to better understand physical activity habits and needs.

Walking is the most popular activity (71%), followed by bush walking (36%), swimming (34%), running/jogging (30%) and aerobics/fitness (30%).

Main reasons to be physically active are to keep fit/maintain health (80%),

to improve fitness levels (58%) and to lose or maintain weight (54%).

Main barrier to being more active is lack of time (51%), largely driven by work commitments and family obligations.

71% would like to do more physical activity

41% exercise at home

27% are part of a gym/fitness centre

Upgrades in your area



Wentworthville Station Shops



Felton Road pocket park, Carlingford



Sturt and Acacia Parks, Telopea

Parramatta

Constitution Hill Shops

A detailed design for the \$130,000 works to install new bench seating, new garden beds, mature trees, new centre signage and car parking bollards on Hollis Street is complete. Construction is expected to commence in June.

Wentworthville Station Shops

The minor upgrade works include improvements to the pedestrian crossing, new garden beds, bench seating and mature tree planting along Wentworthville Avenue. The upgrade cost is \$70,000.

Epping

Dence Park Masterplan, Epping

A third round of community consultation for the Masterplan in May provided feedback on design options. The Plan will guide improvement of the whole park, including the Epping Aquatic Centre and Creative Centre.

To stay up to date with progress visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/dence-park-masterplan or email placeservices@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Rosehill

North Granville Community Facility and Public Domain Masterplan

NSW Government grant funding will deliver infrastructure and capital works in Granville as part of Council's commitment to the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program (PRUAIP). The Masterplan development provides a long-term vision to improve community amenities, recreational facilities, open space, active transport corridors and public domain.

Community consultation will be held during June to inform design options. For further information visit oursay.org/cityofparramatta or email placeservices@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Eastern River foreshore, Rydalmere

This \$1.25 million project will see the installation of a toilet block and separation of the pedestrian and cycle paths at Eric Primrose Reserve, Ermington. Construction commenced in May.

Halvorsen Park, Ermington

Construction of a new public toilet will commence in June. Additional works will also be undertaken including landscaping and tree planting. The project cost is \$250,000.

Dundas

Sturt and Acacia Parks, Telopea

Council received a Precinct Support Scheme Grant from the NSW Government to make major upgrades to the two parks. Council is drafting concept designs based on community feedback received in May and will exhibit them for comment in September. The project cost is \$5 million.

Tintern Avenue shops, Telopea

The shops precinct is being upgraded during May and June. Council is installing a new picnic seating area, shade trees, landscaping, a widened footpath, kerb ramps, accessible parking bays, and a new rain garden. The project cost is \$280,000.

Oatlands connecting centres

Council is constructing footpaths and planting trees along select roads throughout June and July to improve pedestrian access from Oatlands Village to Bells Road shops, and Gibbons Road shops to Tintern Avenue shops. The project cost is \$320,000.



The Chisholm Centre, Winston Hills

North Rocks

Felton Road pocket park, Carlingford

The \$100,000 works have improved pedestrian access and safety, and created an inviting place for users. The improvements included widened pedestrian pavement upgrades, new trees, and new seating.

Carmen Drive, Carlingford

The final design has been completed and the project will cost more than \$900,000, with construction commencing in August. The upgrade will include a new fenced playground, amenities block with baby change table, and a new car park, as well as an upgrade to the shops frontage.

Ventura Road shops access, Northmead

The concept has been finalised with community support. Works improving access from the adjoining reserve to the shops, streetscape and garden beds will commence in January 2020. The project will cost approximately \$425,000.

The Chisholm Centre, Winston Hills

Access to the centre has been improved with the completion of new stairs from Bellotti Ave to The Chisholm Centre, with solid concrete stairs as well as handrails and tactile indicators for the visually impaired. The project cost \$20,000.



John Wearn Reserve set for major upgrade

John Wearn Reserve in Carlingford is set to undergo a major upgrade as part of the North Rocks Park Precinct Masterplan.

Thanks to \$3.2 million from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund, the 2.4 hectare park will host a new and improved playground, dog park, carpark, amenities block, skate park, fitness station, barbecue facilities, multi-use sport court, picnic shelters, and a new stage with amphitheatre seating.

Improvements will also be made to North Rocks Park, including new lighting. The whole upgrade is expected to be completed by December 2019.

The City of Parramatta has also upgraded the North Rocks Child Care Centre playground.

The \$400,000 upgrade includes new shade structures, embankment slide, softfall rubber, a nature play area with Australia-themed sculptures, a vegetable garden, herb pots, fruit trees, and new retaining walls and landscaping.



Artist's impressions of John Wearn Reserve after upgrades

Winter declutter

Winter is a great time to declutter as we spend more time indoors.

Constitution Hill Library (Thursday 8 August, 5pm – 7pm) and **Epping Library** (Monday 26 August, 10am – 12pm) will host decluttering workshops this winter. Presented by Susanne Thiebe from Less Mess, the workshops will show you how to organise your home and keep the clutter at bay.

To book visit parra.city/events

Chemical and electrical waste

Some problem waste, such as gas bottles, light globes, fire extinguishers, television sets, and paints, can be collected from your home for free. For more details or to make a booking visit problemwaste.com.au or call 9806 5544.

Council also offers four free booked clean-ups per year for bulky waste. Book a collection at cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/waste



Garage Sale Trail

One person's trash is another person's treasure. This year, the nation's biggest Garage Sale Trail is on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September. Everyone is encouraged to host or visit a garage sale on the day.

In 2018, 350,000 Australians took part and 3.2 million kilograms of second-hand goods were sold. Register at garagesaletrail.com.au

City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr Andrew Wilson and Councillor Phil Bradley pictured with volunteers at Parramatta's annual National Tree Day event.



National Tree Day

Come along to the City of Parramatta's annual National Tree Day event on Sunday 28 July.

Join us in planting 10,000 native plants in Winston Hills.

A range of entertainment and food options will be available on the day, including a native wildlife display, face

painting, and a free sausage sizzle for the first 1,000 people.

Wear sturdy shoes and sun protection and bring your water bottle.

Third Settlement Reserve, Winston Hills (Edison Rd & Euclid St)

Sunday 28 July, 10am – 1pm

For more information or to register visit treeday.planetark.org/site/10020944

Parra-pets-matta: Desexing

The cost of desexing a pet can be expensive, but it is important to keep domestic animal populations at a sustainable level.

Council has teamed up with selected local vets to offer low-cost desexing during the months of June and July. Cats can be desexed for \$30, dogs under 25kgs for \$100, and dogs over 25kgs for \$150.

Why desex your pets?

- Desexing helps to reduce pet overpopulation and reduces the number of animals euthanised due to a lack of suitable homes.
- Undesexed domestic cats left to roam add to the stray cat population, which can affect wildlife.
- Cats can become pregnant at just four months old; dogs can become pregnant at five months. Early desexing is important.
- Life-time registration fees are subsidised for desexed animals.

For more information go to cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/parrapets

This program is not open to breeders, rescue groups, or trap neuter release (TNR) programs.

Funds are limited, so act now!



Competition
closes on
13 September



TRUCK ART Competition is back

Calling all school students! The popular Truck Art Competition is back and Council is seeking great ideas and designs from young Parramatta residents for how to address waste issues. This year's challenge is to help inform the community about the correct way to place rubbish bins on collection night. When bins are presented incorrectly — for example, when they are placed too close to a tree, power pole or car, or they are facing the wrong way — it makes collection dangerous or impossible for the garbage truck drivers. With more than 76,000 bins to empty every week, correct bin positioning is important.

Students are asked to create an A4, landscape artwork that shows our community how to present their bins correctly.

The six best entries will each receive a family zoo pass. The overall winning artwork will be displayed on the side of a garbage truck and be made into bin stickers.

For more details or to enter the competition visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/waste or call 9806 8295.

Making social connections

Loneliness is a growing issue globally, but Council is doing its bit to address the problem in our community.

City of Parramatta resident Nora has dementia but still lives in her own home with some service support. Concerned that Nora could become lonely when she was no longer able to go out on her own, the City's Community Care team decided to help. Through the Social Lunch Program, a volunteer was found to go to Nora's home for lunch and a chat. With Nora's family's support, Helen and Nora have been lunching together now for 18 months — sometimes at home and sometimes out and about.

Council's Social Lunch Program helps people to stay at home longer and reduces loneliness.

For more information call 9806 5005 or visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/community-care



"You don't know what joy this brings me. The relaxation of walking out the front door and having something to look forward to. It's a recharge; everyone needs a little recharge."
— Nora

A footpath for every street

Council is seeking to ensure that every street in the City has at least one accessible footpath. This is outlined in Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021. One of the objectives of the Plan is to provide continuous accessible pathways throughout

Parramatta, which includes actions to upgrade and build new footpaths. Inaccessible pathways create barriers to participation for people with physical disabilities, so these works are vital to achieving liveable communities for all.

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YOUR SAY

Join the 'Our City Your Say' forum where you can participate in Council's decision-making and have your say on issues that impact you. To join the panel, visit bit.ly/ourcityyoursay

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KOREAN

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

ARABIC

إذا كنت بحاجة للمساعدة في ترجمة هذه النشرة، اتصل بـ TIS على الرقم 131 450 واطلب منهم الاتصال نيابة عنك بخدمة زبائن باراماتا على الرقم 9806 5050 من الإثنين 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。

HINDI

यदि आपको यह सूचना-पत्र समझने में सहायता चाहिए तो कृपया TIS को 131 450 पर फ़ोन करें और उनसे कहें कि आपकी तरफ़ से पैरामाटा कस्टमर सर्विस को 9806 5050 पर फ़ोन करें। यह सेवा सोमवार से शुक्रवार, सुबह 8.30 बजे से शाम 5.00 तक उपलब्ध है।



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