

# EPPING WARD UPDATE

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## A New Dundas Park Pavilion Completed

Work on the Alan Hayes Pavilion in Dundas Park started in September 2019 and the \$2.1 million project was completed in December 2020.

The new pavilion replaces the existing sporting pavilion, which was constructed by club members many years ago. Upgrades include new toilet facilities and an undercover barbecue for use by the community. There will also be a hireable meeting room that anyone can book using Council's Booking Office. The pavilion will provide much-needed additional storage space, change rooms, and a kiosk for the Dundas United Recreation Club.

Visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/booking-a-venue](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/living/booking-a-venue) for further information.



Cr Lorraine Wearne, Cr Bill Tyrrell and Cr Donna Davis at Alan Hayes Pavilion

## Loftus Square Basketball Rings Upgrade

Loftus Square is very popular with local kids as a place to come and play basketball. Council provided \$800 in funding to replace three basketball rings. This park also provides many other activities and with its interesting bus shelter murals is a credit to the hard-working park committee.



One of three new basketball rings at Loftus Square



The new playground at Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve

## Sir Thomas Mitchell Playground Upgrade

The playground at Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve has been upgraded as part of Council's Open Space and Natural Reserve's Playground Renewal Program. The new playground has pirate-themed play equipment, including a 'treasure island', plus a barbecue and picnic shelter next to the playground. Visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/our-parks/sir-thomas-mitchell-reserve](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/our-parks/sir-thomas-mitchell-reserve) for more information.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve was a quarry for over 100 years until the 1940s.

# Message to our Community

Welcome to the project update newsletter for Epping Ward. City of Parramatta Council has planned approximately 66 projects in your ward this financial year worth an estimated \$34 million.

Planned projects include upgrades to Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas Valley; a new raised pedestrian crossing at Pembroke Street, Epping; and traffic improvements in Ryde Street, Epping for Epping West Public School.

Council also completed upgrades to the Alan Hayes Pavilion at Dundas Park; Edwin Ross Reserve Playground, Carlingford; Loftus Square basketball courts, Epping; and the Somerville Park Amenities Building, Eastwood, to name just a few.

You can find further information about these projects and many others throughout this newsletter.

## Edwin Ross Reserve Playground Completed

In August 2020, a new playground at Edwin Ross Reserve, at the corner of Keeler and Rickard Streets, Carlingford, was completed at a cost of \$200,000. The plain grassed area was turned into a multifunctional playground.

The playground includes nature-themed play equipment, a place to play Newcombe Ball, space for kicking a ball or an informal cricket game, an accessible picnic table and bench, and a street library.

The playground was designed with lots of input from students from Carlingford Public School. Students also painted the street library.



Cr Donna Davis, Cr Bill Tyrrell and Cr Lorraine Wearne at Edwin Ross Reserve



West Epping Park Tennis Courts

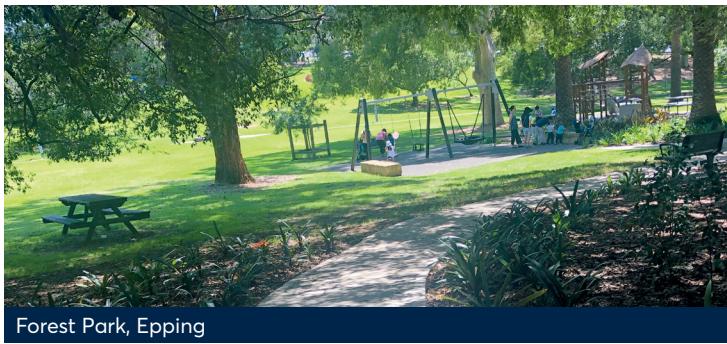
## West Epping Park Tennis Courts

The tennis courts at West Epping Park have been resurfaced and are back in action thanks to \$120,000 funding provided by Council and the NSW Government. The repainted courts are now Council's second tennis facility with both tennis and pickleball line markings. The upgrades to the courts feature new fencing, lighting, and a picnic shelter. Visit [cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tennis](https://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/tennis) to book a court.

## Beecroft Speed Cushions

Works to install speed cushions in Orchard Road south of Murray Farms Road, Beecroft have been completed at a cost of \$7,500. The cushions will help reduce crash risk and ensure northbound vehicles slow down on approaching the intersection and comply with existing "Stop" restrictions.





Forest Park, Epping

## Additional Planting in Forest Park

Following the installation of a new no-step footpath in early 2020, Council contributed \$5,000 to fund additional planting to help make the park even more inviting.

A no-step footpath is a footpath that uses the natural slope of the land to create an accessible footpath that doesn't have steps. This increases accessibility for those in wheelchairs and parents with prams.

New planting will be provided in the garden between the new path and the children's playground and in garden beds under the trees. New plants include camellias, clivias and azaleas.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Forest Park is home to a small community garden that is looked after by dedicated volunteers. It has an array of herbs to spice up your next meal – visit and take only what you need.



There are now 90 nesting boxes throughout the Epping Ward

## Nesting Boxes

A total of 56 new nesting boxes have been installed at locations around Epping thanks to Eco Logical Australia, bringing the total number in the ward to 90.

The nesting boxes can be found at locations including: Boronia Park; Edna Hunt Reserve; Beecroft Reserve South; the bushland along the eastern side of Terry Creek; and the bushland stretch made up of James Hoskin Reserve, Fred Spurway Reserve, Skenes Avenue Reserve and Mobbs Lane Reserve.

The nesting boxes will provide shelter for species including tree creeper, small parrot, dollar bird/crimson rosella, pardalote, kookaburra, black cockatoo/large owl, sugar glider/squirrel glider, greater glider and microbat.



Cr Donna Davis, Cr Lorraine Wearne and Cr Bill Tyrrell at one of Epping Ward's street libraries

## Street Libraries

A street library is a colourful weatherproof box providing access to free books. The public can take a book and then return it to any street library in Australia to exchange for another book. Council has installed 11 new street libraries throughout the Epping Ward.

Street libraries give you access to free books to enjoy and expand your reading horizons. Many are at convenient locations near a park, community facility or shopping area. Some of these locations include:

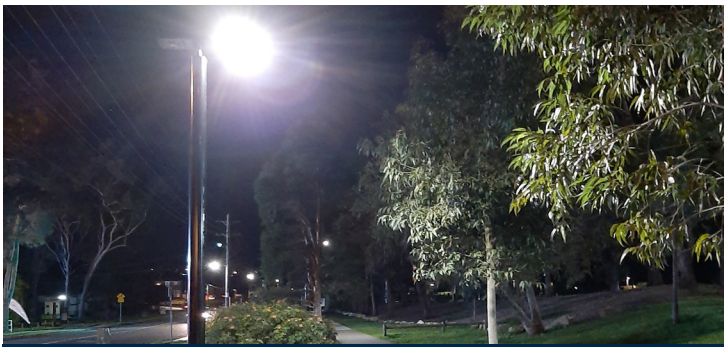
- St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, Dundas Valley
- Epping Baptist Church, Epping
- Epping Uniting Church, Epping
- Edwin Ross Reserve, Carlingford
- Epping Little Sprouts, Epping
- Forest Park, Epping
- Yates Avenue Netball Court, Dundas Valley

You can view the full list of locations at: [streetlibrary.org.au/find/](http://streetlibrary.org.au/find/). Be sure to visit one of these street libraries and pick up a book, or leave a new one behind for someone else to enjoy.

## Pembroke Street Raised Crossing

Detailed design is in progress for a raised pedestrian crossing in Pembroke Street east of Essex Street, Epping. The purpose of the raised pedestrian crossing is to reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety at the existing crossing.

Works have been approved by Council and construction is intended to commence during the 2021 Term 1 school holiday period. The estimated cost is \$240,000.



New smart pole lighting has been installed at Dundas Park

## Dundas Park Lighting

New solar light smart poles have been installed on park footpaths in Dundas Park at a cost of \$255,000 to encourage safe walking and exercise in the dawn and dusk hours. The 30 solar light poles are the first of their kind in Parramatta. The lights are motion-sensored to go dim when no one is around, and they light up when they detect movement within 30 metres. The lights will be on P3 (bright) from dusk to 10pm; and P4 (not as bright) or P3 with dimmable passive infrared (PIR) technology from 10pm – 6am.

## Epping West Traffic Improvements

Students and families of Epping West Public School will benefit from traffic improvement works in Ryde Street between Angus Avenue and Carlingford Road, Epping. In consultation with Epping West Public School P&C, the works will include removal of the existing pedestrian refuge island and installation of a one-way (northbound) restriction in Ryde Street between Angus Avenue and Carlingford Road to allow 13 additional parking spaces within the "No Stopping" area in Ryde Street. It will also include installation of a combination of "P5 Minutes 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm School Days" and "No Parking 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm School Days" restrictions to facilitate set-down / pick-ups for school children. Also, the footpath will be widened in Ryde Street at Angus Avenue (both sides) and at Carlingford Road (east side) to reduce the crossing length for pedestrians. Lastly, there will be a "No Right Turn" restriction from Ward Street into Carlingford Road.

Detailed design is underway. The project is estimated to cost \$80,000 with construction planned to begin during the 2021 Term 1 school holiday period.

## Boronia Park Sports Building Upgrade

Council is upgrading the sports pavilion building and surrounding landscape at Boronia Park.

Works will include:

- Demolition of existing buildings and groundskeepers' shed;
- A new sports pavilion building with increased facilities;
- Upgrades to existing paths and access to suit the new building;
- Extension of existing concrete terrace seating;
- Landscaping including garden beds and tree planting.

The building will be constructed of natural materials (timber and brick) to ensure it is appropriate to the bushland character of the park.

Council endorsed the nominated construction contractor at the 7 December 2020 Council Meeting. Construction is expected to commence early 2021 and take around eight months to complete. Council thanks Epping Eastwood Football Club and Boronia Park Committee for their continued input and support.

## Traffic Calming in Evans Road at Yates Avenue, Dundas

Detailed design is progressing for traffic calming in Evans Road at Yates Avenue, Dundas. The estimated cost is \$200,000 and construction is intended to commence in April 2021. The works include installation of raised thresholds in Evans Road on both approaches to Yates Avenue. The purpose of this proposal is to make it easier to turn right out of Yates Avenue and improve the safety at this intersection by reducing vehicle speeds on Evans Road.

# Council is keen to hear your thoughts and feedback on our Project Update News.

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