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Catching the Parramatta Light Rail with Natalie Ward MLC, Shadow Minister for Transport, Monica Tudehope MP, Member for Epping and Parramatta local, Katie Mullins.

WELCOME TO YOUR CITY NEWS

With summer in full swing in Parramatta, we've rounded up all the exciting happenings — from the launch of Parramatta Light Rail, live sports events including my beloved Parramatta Eels games, a thriving theatre and music scene, and fascinating library activities. I hope you'll get out and rediscover what makes our City such a special place to call home.

Lord Mayor
Cr Martin Zaiter

WHAT'S ON



CHEER ON THE PARRAMATTA EELS 16 & 23 MARCH

Don't miss the action as the Eels take on their Wests Tigers rivals on 16 March and face the Bulldogs in another epic showdown on 23 March. Head down early, soak up the atmosphere in the City, and enjoy one of the many dining options in Parramatta Square and Church St. Two massive games, one electrifying team – cheer on the Eels and feel the thrilling roar of Parramatta!

SEE WHAT'S PLAYING AT RIVERSIDE THEATRES

There's plenty to see at Riverside this season. Escape to the theatrical world of Aussie politics in *The Wharf Revue*, celebrate the creativity of the LGBTQI+ community in *Queerstories 2025* and get to know Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the smash hit *RBG: Of Many, One*. Tickets are on sale now.



ALL ABOARD THE PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL

The NSW Government's Parramatta Light Rail services began Friday, 20 December. Now known as the L4 Westmead & Carlingford Line, Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 connects Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and Camellia, with a two-way track spanning 12 kilometres and 16 light rail stops. Services run from 5am to 1am daily.



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APPLY FOR A CULTURAL GRANT

Closes 4 March 2025

This is your chance to apply for funding to support heritage, creative and cultural projects. Six exciting opportunities are available, including two new categories: Heritage Activation and Night Time Creative Economy. Applications close on 4 March, so don't miss this exciting opportunity to bring your creative vision to life.

MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES



CAR PARKS TO GO CASHLESS

Enjoy seamless parking across Justice Precinct, Parramatta Station, and Eat Street car parks as we transition to a fully cashless system. Our refreshed program enhances your experience with newly painted facilities and improved lighting making it easier to find your vehicle. Upcoming advanced features like entry and exit technology and plate recognition will make parking easier than ever.



HUNTS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Significant construction work on Hunts Creek Bridge, North Parramatta, is now underway until the end of March 2026. Expect changes in traffic conditions on North Rocks Road and the Church Street, Windsor Road, North Rocks Road intersection, extending to the Woolworths' driveway at The Mills Shopping Centre.



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MAKE WAY FOR CIVIC LINK BLOCK 3

Parramatta's green spine is officially underway. In preparation for the new boulevard that will connect the CBD to the Parramatta River, excavation works for the first stage of the Civic Link Block 3 Project have started along Horwood Place and in front of 32A Phillip Street. The work includes archaeological investigations to assess the cultural significance of the area and preserve Parramatta's rich history.

GET INVOLVED AND GET ACTIVE



MAKE WAVES AT THE PAC

When it comes to keeping cool this summer, Parramatta Aquatic Centre has you covered. The PAC is your ultimate destination for family-friendly aquatic fun, with multiple indoor and outdoor pools open all year round. Whether you're getting your laps in or treating the kids to a day at the Indoor Splash Zone, you can beat the heat — and the queue — by pre-booking your visit online.



BOOK IN SOME LIBRARY TIME

2025 will be one for the books. Curious kids and adults: discover fun workshops and classes across all our library locations this season — Author Talks, Story Time, STEM, Digital literacy classes and more. Students: the Parramatta Library at PHIVE is here for you, with study nooks, quiet zones, WIFI, more than 65,000 books and resources, and importantly, coffee permitted!



FOGO GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Start the year sustainably with FOGO-friendly back-to-school habits. Pack waste-free lunches using reusable containers, teach your kids to identify FOGO items, and encourage them to use your FOGO caddy to compost food scraps at home. Small actions at both home and school can lead to a greener future for everyone, so waste less, FOGO more!



West Epping Park

EPPING WARD

Completed upgrades

> The new dog off-leash area is now open at West Epping Park, which is fully-fenced with water stations, additional trees and seating.

Planned upgrades

- > The playground at Kim Rutherford Reserve in Epping will be upgraded with new playground equipment, safety surfacing and updated seating.
- > An upgrade to Somerville Park will begin in the next few months, including a new playground, multi-use court, outdoor fitness stations and paths, plus upgrades to Terry's Creek bushland area, sportsfields and carparks.
- > Council's Epping Town Centre East upgrades will be expanded to cover an updated concept plan from November 2024, including paving, kerb ramps, pedestrian crossings, landscaping, lighting and more.



Shannons Paddock, Westmead.

PARRAMATTA WARD

Completed upgrades

> Pendle Hill's Joseph Knox Park playground upgrade is now complete with a climbing tower, triple swing set and equipment for inclusive and sensory play.

Planned upgrades

- > Shannons Paddock will get a new heritage-inspired playground.
- > New fitness equipment and a picnic shelter to be added along the Parramatta River Foreshore.
- > Belmore Park Stage 1 planning is underway, as environmental investigations will cause two weeks of limited access in early 2025.
- > Community consultation for the Iron Street shops upgrade will begin in early 2025, with a focus on adding greenery, shade and vibrancy.



George Kendall Riverside Park, Ermington

ROSEHILL WARD

Completed upgrades

- > George Kendall Riverside Park has reopened, featuring 18 hectares of parkland and an upgraded off-leash dog park.
- > 99 trees have been planted across Granville under the NSW Government's Greening Our City tree-planting program.
- > Wentworth Point Playground and Social Space was completed in November 2024, celebrated in December with a community Christmas event.

Planned upgrades

- > The sporting field at Robin Thomas Reserve will have a new irrigation system, levelling and turfing.
- > As part of Connecting Granville, minor streetscape improvements to Good Street north of Parramatta Road have begun.
- > Construction of a new recreational facility at Newington Reserve is due to begin in March 2025, including a synthetic sportsfield and a sports pavilion.



Homelands Reserve, Telopea

DUNDAS WARD

Completed upgrades

> Homelands Reserve and Fred Robertson Park playgrounds now have new climbing equipment.

Planned upgrades

- > W.R. Musto Playground upgrades will include new equipment, rubber safety surfacing and furniture.
- > Council will soon release draft locations and designs for Waratah Shops' new lighting and CCTV as part of Council's Better Neighbourhood Program.
- > The Strengthening the Heart of Play Project will soon be open to community consultation on Participate Parramatta, with plans for connecting footpaths, a new sports pavilion, additional Sherwin Park Community Garden upgrades and more.



Caroline Chisholm Park, Winston Hills

NORTH ROCKS WARD

Completed upgrades

- > Winston Hills' Caroline Chisholm Park now boasts new play equipment, landscaping, seating and a modified basketball court.
- > The Peggy Womersley Reserve playground is now complete with an exciting range of skill and sensory-based play equipment.
- > The tennis courts at Caroline Chisholm Reserve and Caber Park in Winston Hills now have energy-efficient LED lighting.
- > The Lake Parramatta Swimming Area reopened in October 2024.

Planned upgrades

- > Sporting facility improvements at Max Ruddock Reserve and Peggy Womersley Reserve are being planned for, including upgraded cricket nets, long jump surface and cricket wickets.
- > Max Ruddock Reserve Amenities Building & Viewing Platforms site establishment and demolition will commence in March or April 2025, with planned completion for mid-2027.



NEW TO THE AREA?

Check out our dedicated new residents page on our website which will be your hub for what's happening around the City and all the programs and services Council provides.

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THE T-WAY IS OPEN

An exciting new pedestrian and cyclist link for our community, the T-Way is now open. Enjoy dedicated walking and bike paths with boardwalks, priority crossings and a new 75-metre-long bridge. With some on-road sections between Parramatta and Windsor removed, the route is now safer and more scenic thanks to a \$10.1M improvement project co-funded by City of Parramatta and the NSW Government's Get NSW Active Program.

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY**



CALLING ALL HERITAGE ENTHUSIASTS

Interested in local heritage? Council needs your help! The City of Parramatta is inviting feedback that will kickstart a Comprehensive Heritage Review of the places, items and themes that matter to you. To learn more, visit Participate Parramatta but be quick! The online survey closes at 5:00pm on Monday, 3 March 2025.



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