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YOUR CITY HAPPENINGS

DEC – FEB

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Lord Mayor **Cr Pierre Esber**

WELCOME TO YOUR CITY HAPPENINGS

It's that time of year when the weather warms up and the festive season begins! Join our exciting celebrations during Christmas, New Year, Australia Day and Lunar New Year, as well as our fantastic programs at Parramatta Aquatic Centre, Riverside Theatres, PHIVE and our branch libraries.

I look forward to seeing you out and about enjoying our City this summer.

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WHAT TO SEE & DO THIS SUMMER



CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO PARRAMATTA 30 NOV – 23 DEC

Enjoy live music, roaming entertainment and our biggest ever 16m Christmas tree, located in Parramatta Square. Plus, find the perfect stocking filler at our Good Gift Markets on 7 December in Centenary Square, or donate a gift to our Christmas Giving Tree located at PHIVE and our branch libraries.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR SUN, 31 DEC

Grab your picnic blanket and head to Parramatta Park to end your year with a bang! The party starts at 5pm with family activities and a concert headlined by ARIA award-winning band Sneaky Sound System, followed by a fireworks spectacular. There's something for everyone, and it's all free.



COMMEMORATE AUSTRALIA DAY 25 & 26 JAN

Watch the stunning balloon glow display light up the night alongside the 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards, or get up early on Australia Day for a morning of family games and entertainment, with a special Citizenship Ceremony hosted by Lord Mayor Pierre Esber. It's all on at Parramatta Park.

ROAR INTO THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON SAT, 10 FEB

Parramatta Square will come alive for an exciting evening of sound, colour and delicious eats to celebrate Lunar New Year. See in the Year of the Dragon with a night noodle market, live entertainment, lion dancers, workshops and much more.



SYDNEY FESTIVAL 5 – 28 JAN

Sydney Festival is back for 2024, with three weeks of culture, art and performances. Catch the fabulously funny premiere NSW season of *Bananaland* by Kate Miller-Heidke at Riverside Theatres or the startlit summer concert, Sydney Symphony Under the Stars at Parramatta Park, plus plenty more.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY

Head to the libraries these school holidays for festive activities like Christmas wreath making, Christmas light coding, or bookmark sewing. There are also workshops including DIY skincare, VR, 3D printing and more. Or join the Summer Reading program with the whole family, discover some new reads, and win!

ESCAPE THE HEAT AT PHIVE

Cool things are happening in our award-winning community hub in the heart of Parramatta Square. Take a tour of the sustainable award-winning architecture, or join one of our summer holiday events – many are free! You can check out the full program on the PHIVE website.

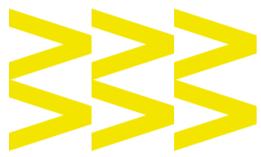
GET OUT AND GET ACTIVE

The Active Parramatta School Holiday Program is back with old favourites and new activities like Quidditch. Registrations open 3 January. Or start 2024 right with pilates, yoga, boxing, outdoor fitness programs in the Active Parramatta Fitness Program. Register from 8 January. Head online for the full program and registrations.





MORE HOLIDAY FUN



MAKE A SPLASH AT THE PAC

Looking for a way to stay cool and keep the kids active these holidays? The Parramatta Aquatic Centre (PAC) is now open. With outdoor and indoor pools, plus a splash zone with a slide, it's sure to be a hit with the whole family.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR ANY INTEREST IMAGINABLE

Jump, aim or run into these school holidays at Sydney Olympic Park. There are more than 20 activities to keep the kids entertained. Choose between aquatic clinics, field sports and archery, or try them all with full day recreational programs. Bookings are open now.



RIVERSIDE THEATRES



BANANALAND 3-14 JANUARY (SYDNEY FESTIVAL)

In this romping musical comedy by Kate Miller-Heidke and Keir Nuttall (*Muriel's Wedding The Musical*), Australia's least-loved punk rock protest band Kitty Litter has hit a wall. After four years they've accumulated one fan. But that changes when their avant-garde anthem becomes an accidental hit on the kids' music charts.

A CRACKER KRANSKY CHRISTMAS 16 DECEMBER

Time to pack your mince pies and Christmas spirits—the Kransky Sisters are bringing the party to town. From Britney Spears to the Spice Girls, M to AC/DC, and carols like you've never heard them before, a night with this delightfully twisted trio will more than fill your Christmas stockings.

YULDEA 23-24 FEBRUARY

In 1917, the two halves of the Transcontinental Railway met at the precious water soak on the edge of the Nullarbor, Yuldi Kapi. From the storytellers of Bangarra Dance Theatre comes *Yuldea*, a new work exploring the moment traditional life collided with the industrial ambition of a growing nation.

RIVERSIDE GARDENS LIVE DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

Throughout summer, Riverside's courtyard will be transformed into a free live music and performance hub, with a pop-up bar! Head along to check out a vibrant and intricate program of curated live performances, which is a true celebration of Western Sydney. See the full program online.



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to find out more about what's on at Riverside Theatres.

COMING UP AT RIVERSIDE THEATRES

Head to the website for the full program and tickets:

GOSPEL MUSIC HYMN SING (MUSIC)	13 DECEMBER	MULTICULTURAL COMEDY GALA (COMEDY)	26 JANUARY
A CRACKER KRANSKY CHRISTMAS (COMEDY, MUSIC)	16 DECEMBER	QUEERSTORIES (THEATRE)	23 FEBRUARY
BANANALAND (MUSICAL)	3-14 JANUARY	YULDEA (DANCE)	23-24 FEBRUARY
DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE (KIDS & FAMILY)	18-20 JANUARY	AGAPI & OTHER KINDS OF LOVE (THEATRE)	29 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH
VIVA KOREA (MUSIC)	21 JANUARY	THE WHARF REVUE: PRIDE IN PREJUDICE (COMEDY, THEATRE)	29 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH
A'AMAR (THEATRE)	22-28 JANUARY		

DELICIOUS EATS



TO THE MARKETS WE GO

Cherry season is here! And you can get them fresh at the Parramatta Farmers Markets in Centenary Square. Swing by to stock up on fresh local produce, grab a coffee and a bite to eat, and enjoy live entertainment from 11am-2pm. Held every Wednesday from 7.30am-2.30pm.

EAT PARRAMATTA

Want to explore a world of flavour? You can do it right across the City of Parramatta, where every bite tells a different story. From fragrant Little India and Filipino BBQ, to sleek hatted restaurants, a booming specialty coffee scene, and an endlessly buzzing nightlife, there's always something delicious to discover.



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