

December to February

At Parramatta

What happens in your city



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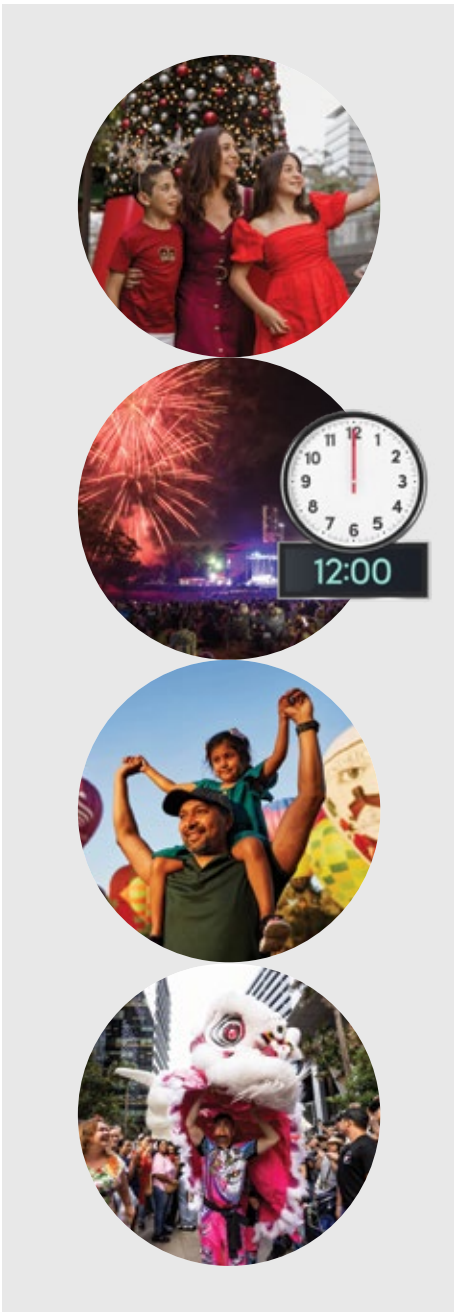


Message from the mayor



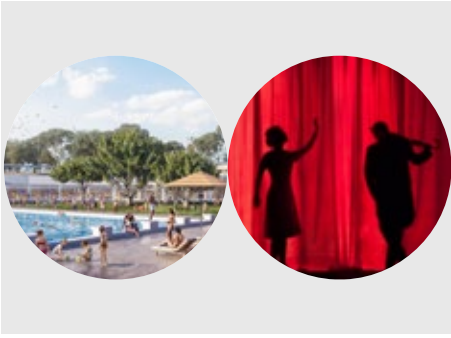
My name is Pierre Esber.

I am Lord Mayor for Parramatta.



We want to tell you about all the things we have planned for

- Christmas
- New Year
- Australia Day
- Lunar New Year.



We will have great programs at the Parramatta Aquatic Centre and Riverside Theatre.



There will be lots happening at **PHIVE** and other libraries.



PHIVE is a big place where you can do lots of different things.

What happens this Summer

Christmas in Parramatta



We will have lots of live music and other events.



We will have our biggest Christmas tree ever at Parramatta Square.



Our **good gift market** will be on 7 December in Centenary Square.



You can give a gift to people who need it.



You can put a gift at our Christmas giving tree at PHIVE or at our other libraries.

New year

31 December



We will have a big party at Parramatta Park to end the year.



It starts at 5 pm with lots of fun things for families.



We will have a concert with the band **Sneaky Sound System**.



There will be fireworks at the end of the night.



This event is free.

Sydney Festival

From 5 to 28 January



There will be 3 weeks of fun things for Sydney Festival.



There will be shows at Riverside Theatres.



We will have some summer concerts.

Australia Day

25 and 26 January



We will have many things on in Parramatta Park for Australia Day.



We will have lots of hot air balloons that will light up in the evening on 25 January.



The next morning on 26 January there will be a **citizenship ceremony**.



A **citizenship ceremony** is when a person from another country becomes an Australian.



We will also give out the **citizen of the year** award.



Citizen of the year is an award for someone who did very good things for the community.

Year of the dragon

10 February



We will have an event for the **Lunar New Year**.



Lunar New Year is the time the Asian community celebrate the new year.



It is the year of the dragon.

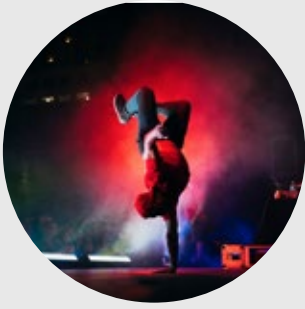


It will be at Parramatta Square.

We will have things like



- A noodle market



- Live shows and dancers



- Workshops.

School holidays

Holiday fun at your library



There will be lots of fun things to do at the libraries in the school holidays like

- Christmas arts and crafts
- Workshops for skin care.



We also have our summer reading program that you can do with your family.



You can find new books and win prizes.

PHIVE



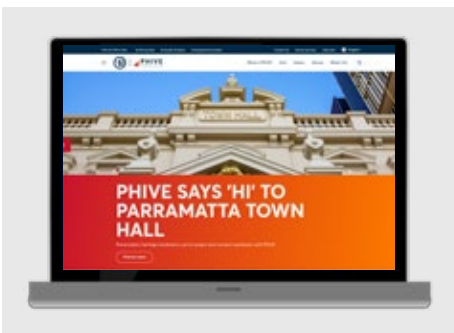
We will have lots of school holiday events at PHIVE.



Lots of the events are free.



You can also take a tour and learn more about PHIVE.



To find out more you can go to

www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/PHIVE

Active Parramatta school holiday program



Our Active Parramatta school holiday program is back.



We will have lots of old and new fun things to do.



You can sign up from 3 January 2024.



To sign up you can go to

**[www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/
recreation-school-holidays](http://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation-school-holidays)**

Active Parramatta fitness program



You can start the new year with fun things like yoga or boxing.



You can sign up from 8 January 2024.



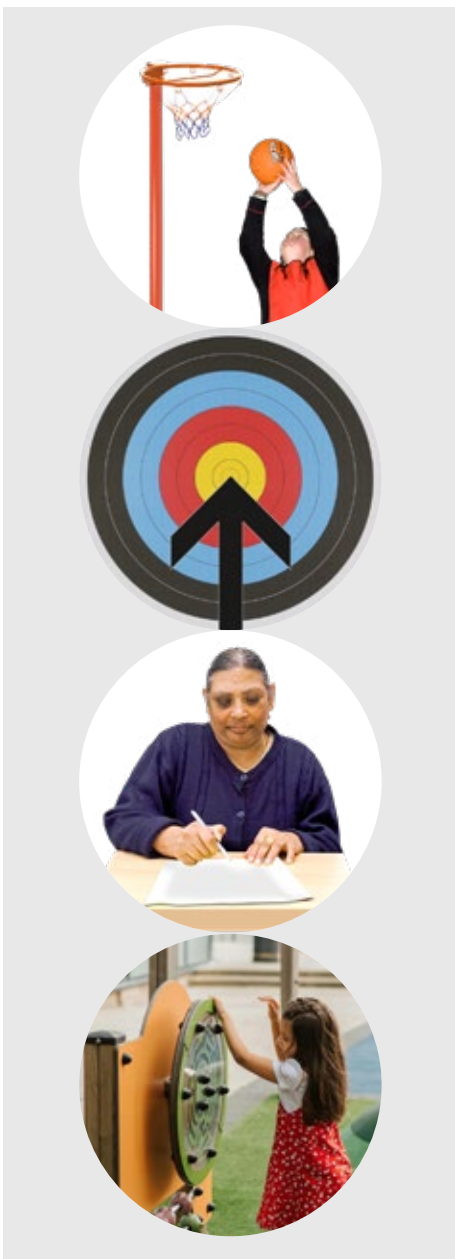
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Sydney Olympic Park



There will be lots of fun things to do at Sydney Olympic Park.



You can do things like

- Netball
- Archery
- Writing classes
- Play in the park.

Go to the Parramatta Aquatic Centre



The new Parramatta Aquatic Centre is now open.



You can go there to stay cool on a hot day.



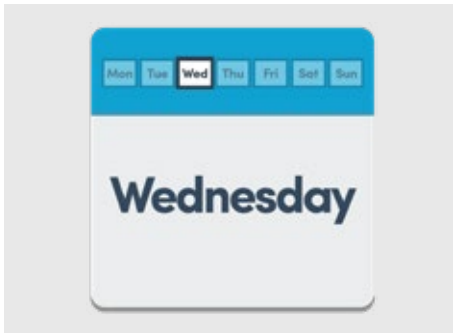
The Parramatta Aquatic Centre has

- Outdoor and indoor pools
- A kids area with a slide.

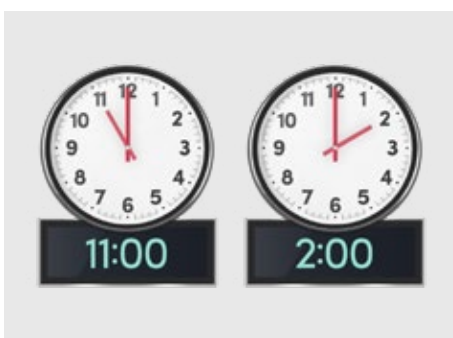
Parramatta Farmers Markets



You can get fresh fruits and other things at the Parramatta Farmers markets.



The markets are every Wednesday in Centenary Square.



They go from 11 am to 2 pm.

Eat Parramatta



You can go out and try the many places to eat and drink around Parramatta.



There is something for everyone.

Things on at Riverside Theatre

Music



Gospel Music Hymn Sing

13 December



A Cracker Kransky Christmas

16 December



Viva Korea

21 January



Bananaland

From 3 to 14 January

Theatre



A'amar

From 22 to 28 January



Queerstories

23 February

Dance



Yuldea

From 23 to 24 February

Comedy



Multicultural Comedy Gala

26 January



The Wharf Revue: Pride in Prejudice

From 29 February to 2 March

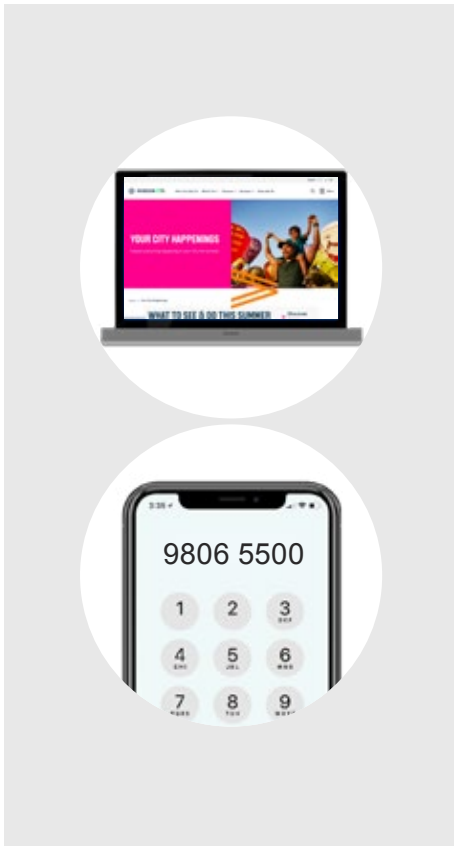
For children and families



Dinosaur World Live

From 18 to 20 January

More information



For more information about other things on in Parramatta you can

- Go to www.atparramatta.com/city-happenings
- Call **9806 5500**.

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