



PARRAMATTA

# YOUR CITY HAPPENINGS

DEC - FEB

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Lord Mayor **Cr Martin Zaiter**

## WELCOME TO YOUR CITY HAPPENINGS

It's that time of year when the weather warms up and the festive season starts! 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, Parramatta Park, 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 CHEER AT PARRAMATTA DEC

Christmas is coming! Enjoy live music, roaming entertainment, and take your own festive snapshot in front of our enormous 16 metre Christmas tree! Find the perfect stocking filler from a range of artisan small producers at the Christmas Markets, proudly supported by Walker Corporation, all conveniently located in Parramatta Square.

## GET UP & GLOW! 25 & 26 JAN

The Australia Day long weekend will be packed with family entertainment, workshops, live music and hot air balloons at Parramatta Park. Watch the stunning balloon glow display on Saturday night or get up early on Sunday for breakfast and a hot air balloon ride.

## CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR SUN 31 DEC

Grab your picnic blanket and head to Parramatta Park to celebrate the end of the year with an evening full of family activities and a concert headlined by Bag Raiders, Cut Copy and DJ Dorothy the Dinosaur. Plus an incredible fireworks display to light up the night! There's something for everyone, and best of all—it's completely free!

## LUNAR NEW YEAR: SPIRIT OF THE SNAKE SAT 1 FEB

Join us for an exciting and colourful evening honouring the Year of the Snake in Parramatta Square! The Lunar New Year celebrations include lion dancing, traditional entertainment, gorgeous decorations, cultural workshops and delicious food.

## SYDNEY FESTIVAL 3 - 26 JAN

Sydney Festival is back for 2024, bringing 3 weeks of electrifying culture, art, and unforgettable performances! From the wild world of Animal at Riverside Theatres to the high-energy All In at Parramatta Town Hall, there's something for everyone. And that's just the beginning—get ready for even more incredible shows and experiences.



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# SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



## SUMMER SKATING AT PHIVE 3 - 25 JAN

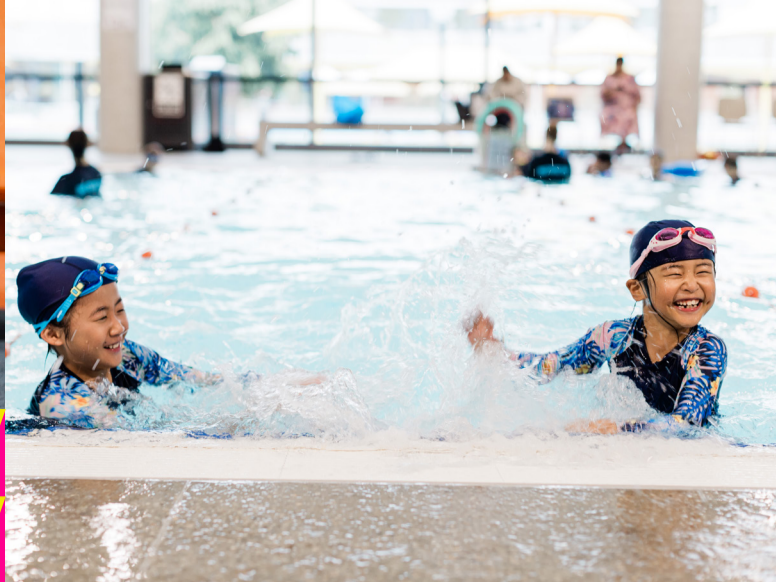
Get ready to roll into the New Year at PHIVE! Whether you're a tot taking your first glide, a teen mastering your moves, or a seasoned skater showing off your skills, we've got something for everyone. For three weeks this Summer, PHIVE transforms into your ultimate skating playground, with fun-packed sessions for every level. So grab your crew, lace up your skates, and let's make this summer unforgettable.

From just \$10, skate hire (roller and inline) is included. Check out the schedule and book your spot today.

## MORE SUMMER FUN AT PHIVE A JAM-PACKED HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE

There's so much happening at PHIVE this Summer as part of our school holiday program!

Unleash your creativity with Erth's three-day masterclass in puppeteering, concert the little ones dancing and hopping at The Beanies, or join our Youth Hip-Hop, Acrobatics, and Breakdancing workshops. There's fun for all ages throughout January, so don't miss out! Check out the full list of events and book your spots today!



## SEE & DO



### MAKE A SPLASH AT THE PAC

Beat the heat this summer and dive into a world of aquatic excitement at the Parramatta Aquatic Centre (PAC)! Whether you're a seasoned swimmer, a splash-loving kid, or just looking to unwind, the PAC has something for everyone. From the sparkling outdoor 50 metre pool to the fun-filled Indoor Splash Zone, there's endless fun to be had.

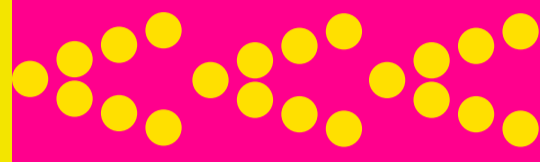
### ESCAPE INTO A WORLD OF IMAGINATION

The City of Parramatta Libraries' Summer Reading Holiday Program is back this year with the theme: Escape into a World of Imagination. Head along where the kids can explore storytelling and discover new adventures while enjoying the joy of reading. Register online from December 1 and pick up your logbook at your local Library.

### MUCH MORE THAN BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

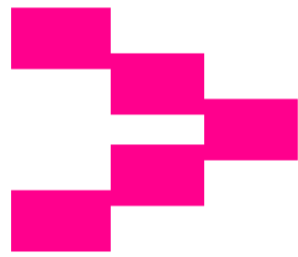
Looking for activities to keep the kids entertained these school holidays? Your local library has you covered. From ninja training to dinosaur digs, circus skills, or handling artefacts from the Chau Chak Wing Museum's collection, there's something for everyone. Check out the library's event calendar for more details.

## RIVERSIDE THEATRES



### MEL BUTTLE & NATH VALVO - LIVE 13 DEC

Get ready for a night of belly laughs as comedy powerhouses Mel Buttle and Nath Valvo take over Parramatta! These two mates are bringing their sharp wit, hilarious stories, and unmissable energy for a comedy show you'll be talking about for weeks. It's going to be a night of big laughs, silly moments, and pure fun!



### ANIMAL 3 - 12 JAN (SYDNEY FESTIVAL)

Step right up and get ready to have your mind blown at Animal, the wildest circus show of the year! Cirque Alfonse brings their jaw dropping acrobatics and antics to Parramatta for a one-of-a-kind spectacle. This isn't your average circus – Animal is a surreal experience with an unforgettable live soundtrack that blends funky agricultural beats with jaw dropping stunts. You'll flip for their unique spin on farm life, as they toss the barn (and reality) upside down! This high energy show is perfect for kids, adults, and anyone who's ready for a whole lot of fun.

### THE BOX SHOW 21 - 23 JAN

In the hands of Junkyard Beats, ordinary household items are transformed into extraordinary musical instruments and unwanted junk comes alive in exciting and surprising ways! Learn about sustainability with this high energy, imaginative music-in-education performance combining drumming, dance, theatre and comedy. With a language of gibberish and rhythm, this show is accessible to people of all ages!



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## COMING UP AT RIVERSIDE THEATRES



Head to the website for the full program and tickets:

<b>JIMEOIN</b> (COMEDY)	6 DEC	<b>THE BRIDAL LAMENT</b> (THEATRE)	23-26 JAN
<b>SYDNEY COMEDY CLUB'S HO-HO HO-LARIOUS CHRISTMAS</b> (COMEDY)	7 DEC	<b>NTOPP TRUE WEST – SNAKE SECRETS</b> (THEATRE)	5-6 FEB
<b>MEL BUTTLE &amp; NATH VALVO</b> (COMEDY)	13 DEC	<b>DARYL BRAITHWAITE</b> (MUSIC)	8 FEB
<b>PRADA CLUTCH'S: ALL-DRAG XMAS REVUE</b> (CABARET)	20 DEC	<b>RAW COMEDY</b> (COMEDY)	13 FEB
<b>ANIMAL</b> (CIRCUS)	3-12 JAN	<b>RICHARD CLAPTON</b> (MUSIC)	15 FEB
<b>BULLYBULLY</b> (KIDS & FAMILY)	7-12 JAN	<b>THE WHARF REVUE</b> (THEATRE)	20-23 FEB
<b>COWBOY</b> (DANCE)	8-11 JAN	<b>QUEERSTORIES 2025</b> (THEATRE)	22 FEB
<b>THE BOX SHOW</b> (KIDS & FAMILY)	21-23 JAN	<b>RBG: OF MANY, ONE</b> (THEATRE)	6-8 MAR

### ARTWORK AFTER DARK



Celebrate Parramatta's evolution into a global city with Ebb and Flow, a stunning 30 metre x 10 metre video projection by Australian artist Craig Walsh. Showcasing the city's dynamic transformation, this immersive artwork illuminates the escarpment at Charles Street Square every evening from 8-11pm in summer. Experience Parramatta's stories like never before.



### THE TASTE OF SUMMER



This summer, explore the vibrant flavours of Parramatta, where every bite tells a unique story. From family-run restaurants and innovative bakeries to sleek hatted eateries and a buzzing café scene, the city offers a dynamic mix of tastes that reflect our rich diversity. Whether you're enjoying a night out or sipping on expertly brewed coffee, Parramatta's culinary landscape is full of warmth, creativity, and passion.

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