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Welcome to the 2016 Summer edition of City Life. I, and new and returning Councillors am pleased to bring you this quarterly magazine.

We are honoured to be able to represent the community and to continue to make Fairfield City a great place to live.

This year has been a busy and productive one for Council as we delivered a number of key projects for the community.

We are proud to soon have open Aquatopia, Fairfield City’s new water park. Aquatopia will be a family favourite this Summer and expands on the leisure facilities that Council provides to residents.

The Fairfield Park precinct now has a new additional feature, the Obstacle Course boot camp facility, which recently opened for family fitness and enjoyment.

Council continues to host a huge amount of family friendly, world class events including the Cabramatta Moon Festival, Culinary Carnivale, Grandparents Day, Children’s Week and more. Following the success of last year’s New Year’s Eve event, Council will again bring Illuminate to Fairfield families. At 9pm, Fairfield City will be bathed in vivid colours as fireworks displays are launched simultaneously from nine sites, including Council’s family event at Calmsley Hill City Farm.

Christmas is also fast approaching and we invite you to join our annual celebrations held throughout the City.

I encourage you to get out and enjoy the warmer weather at one of the many great parks and facilities Fairfield has to offer. I wish you all a happy and safe festive season these holidays.

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Aquatopia, Fairfield City’s new water park will open its doors on 10 December for the families of Fairfield and beyond.

Aquatopia, at Prairiewood Leisure Centre, has a huge range of attractions and facilities that will thrill people of all ages. These include giant slides, the adventure aqua tower, toddlers’ play area, and the Stingray Surf Rider, which will open in 2017.

Aquatopia is owned and operated by Council and continues Council’s commitment to making Fairfield City a great place for families and young people. Aquatopia is an affordable day out for families. Why not plan a trip to Aquatopia with the family this summer?

Aquatopia will be open every day of the NSW school holidays and on weekends during summer between 10.30am and 5pm.

Prices
$14 Fairfield City resident - individual
$17 non-resident - individual
$45 family pass - Fairfield City residents
$55 family pass - non-residents
Family pass is 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children. A child is 15 years and under. Height restrictions apply to some rides.

Look out for information on discount tickets for family evenings during January 2017. Family passes for unlimited children are $30.00 (selected evenings).

More than 12 metres high, features six water slides of varying designs, a giant tipping bucket, smaller tipping buckets and water cannons. This amazing adventure land has 79 fun-filled features with a zero depth splash pad.

There are three giant slides at 10 metres high, with the longest running for 83 metres. They include a tunnel freefall slide for thrill seekers, a twisting tunnel slide and an open air slide.

This area is well shaded, allowing parents to interact with their children with fun, interactive elements in a shallow water environment.

Cabanas are available for party hire for groups of 10-20. Each comes with a standard picnic table, access to barbecue, plus entry and rides band. Packages will range from $200-$450.
The biggest fireworks event is South West Sydney is coming back to Fairfield this New Year’s Eve, as nine sites across the local government area simultaneously launch fireworks at 9pm.

Council will again hold celebrations at the family event site at Calmsley Hill City Farm, Abbotsbury, with doors open from 5pm-9.30pm on Saturday 31 December 2016.

Families can enjoy an evening packed with entertainment, rides, children’s craft activities, roaming performers and live music, before the fireworks extravaganza at 9pm.

In addition, families are able to enjoy all the activities the farm is famous for, including animal exhibits and stock whip demonstrations. Bring along a picnic blanket and settle in for an enjoyable family evening.

Tickets must be booked to attend the Calmsley Hill City Farm event. Families can visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/illuminate to secure their place, for a $2 booking fee per person.

For families that choose to celebrate the evening at home, you will be able to view spectacular fireworks from your backyard, as there are nine sites spread across the local government area.

For more information see page 16.
Farm activities

Amusement rides

Children’s shows

Family entertainment
Health and fitness lovers rejoice! Council’s new free obstacle course at the Fairfield Park recreational precinct is now open, the first of its kind available in a public space.

This boot camp-style course has elements for people of all abilities. The course can be used as a circuit course or individual elements used as stand alone fitness equipment. In addition, the course offers an adult and a junior circuit, which enables adults and juniors (15+ years old) to exercise alongside each other.

Council encourages residents to get active and healthy and continues to provide the community with first class facilities. The obstacle course is the newest addition to the Fairfield Park precinct, Vine Street, Fairfield.
Christmas is always a special time in Fairfield City and 2016 will be no exception as Council hosts a number of activities to get residents into the Christmas spirit.

Celebrate the holiday season with the community at any of the many Council Christmas events. This is the time for friends and family to get together and spread good cheer.

Council wishes all residents a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

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THE CRESCENT PLAZA

Fairfield City Centre now has a modern plaza opposite Fairfield Railway Station on The Crescent.

The Crescent Plaza focuses on celebrating the rich multicultural diversity of the Fairfield community by using heritage themes and images as well as cultural stories and memories from years of migration into Fairfield City.

The Crescent Plaza is for the use and enjoyment of the Fairfield community and, in particular, Fairfield City Centre residents, workers and visitors.

This exciting civic space features substantial tree planting and landscaped areas, safety and ambient lighting, sitting platforms, sculptured metal seating, a play facility, a heritage timeline artwork, CCTV surveillance and, as a first for the City, an LED visual media screen and public Wi-Fi.

Fairfield Council has invested $1.8 million for the development.

The Crescent Plaza will support large and small events and activities. Safe pedestrian access from The Crescent to Council Lane and on to Spencer and Ware streets has been a priority in the design concept.

CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL HISTORY

Cabramatta has a new piece of artwork at Gough Whitlam Place in Dutton Plaza celebrating the area’s rich history and dynamic multiculturalism.

UNFOLD – The Story of Cabramatta was designed by local artist Kevin Vo and was unveiled on 16 August as part of the Dutton Plaza redevelopment.

The Cabramatta history wall is an impressive six metres long and two metres tall. It consists of hundreds of fascinating tiles that chart the long history of the area; from the Cabrogal people over 30,000 years ago, to European settlement and the more recent waves of migration.

The artwork was developed in consultation with the community. It includes photos from local residents, the Local Studies Library and works by photo-media artist Joanne Saad and local Aboriginal artist Susan Grant.

UNFOLD notes key events in the growth of Cabramatta and includes quotes from residents about their thoughts and memories of Cabramatta.
LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM

Completion of Cumberland Highway and start of Smithfield Road.

Council’s hard work in securing $30 million for essential road upgrades is a win for thousands of drivers and commuters in Fairfield City, meaning more respite from time stuck in traffic and more time with families.

Smithfield Road will have $16.4 million invested to upgrade the stretch between Polding Street and Elizabeth Drive. The project gives upgrades to the major intersections along Smithfield Road and provides two traffic lanes in both directions to make for more efficient and safer travel.

The project also links into existing upgrades at Wetherill Street. This work was part of a $13.6 million project funded under Round 1 of the Local Roads Package to widen Wetherill Street to four lanes from Polding Street to Victoria Street. Upgrades were also completed on the Cumberland Highway at the John Street, St Johns and Hamilton roads intersections.

The Smithfield Road project starts with community consultation this month. Council will keep everyone informed throughout the project.

When completed, these projects will help create jobs and enhance the safety, efficiency and connectivity of the local roads network in Western Sydney, cutting travel times for thousands of commuters.

The works were funded under the Local Roads Package, which is part of the joint State and Federal governments’ $3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan.
Communal Wellbeing

Parks Upgrade

Council is committed to investing in and improving our open spaces to give more opportunities for outdoor recreational and leisure activities. Residents and families are encouraged to use these facilities for sport, fitness and general wellbeing.

Sportsfields
Sports clubs and thousands of sporting participants using Adams Park at Canley Vale can soon make use of upgraded buildings and facilities as part of Council’s investment of approximately $1 million a year to upgrading sportsgrounds across the City.

Facilities
Powhatan Street Reserve at Greenfield Park is having its canteen and amenity building upgraded. Residents can soon enjoy outdoor fitness equipment being installed at Brennan Park at Smithfield. Prout Park in Mount Pritchard now has a new playground and will have extra outdoor fitness equipment added in the next financial year.

Gyms in Parks
Residents of Edensor Park, Bonnyrigg Heights and surrounding suburbs will now find it easier to keep fit with the installation of a new walking path and outdoor gym equipment at Bosnjak Park and Wilson Road Reserve. There are now 14 outdoor gyms across the City and more are planned.
EVENTS RECAP

It has been an exciting few months in Fairfield City with great cultural events and activities for people of all ages showcasing the best of what our City has to offer.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AND CHILDREN’S WEEK

This year, Grandparents Day and Children’s Week were celebrated together at the Fairfield Park precinct on Sunday 6 November. Fairfield City honoured the incredible contribution of grandparents and treated them to hand massages, gentle exercise and entertainment. Children were also kept entertained with free face painting, science activities, soccer clinics, and arts and crafts activities. The highlight of the day were high energy performances by ‘Play Along With Sam’ and circus skills workshops by Circus Monoxide.

CULINARY CARNIVALE

Council’s annual Spanish and Latin American food festival, Culinary Carnivale, proved popular again as thousands of people came to celebrate la buena vida (the good life).

The crowds enjoyed a world-class entertainment line-up that included 2014 The Voice finalist C Major, Victor Valdes and his Real Mexico, Batucuda Brasil, Comparsa Yauguru (drumming in the streets), Dauntless Movement Crew and a Latin Dance Show by Drum Beats, to name a few.

Food highlights included Spanish cuisine such as meats barbecued in the asado style, empanadas, churros, and South American sweets.
GREEN GLOBE AWARDS

Council’s Sustainable Resource Centre was recently named as a finalist in the State Government’s Green Globe Awards.

The awards celebrate excellence, leadership and innovation of organisations and individuals who lead the way in sustainability in NSW.

The centre’s entry in the Resource Efficiency section of the awards outlined its work in recycling demolition and construction material from demolishers, builders, civil contractors, other local councils and private companies.

The centre is an environmentally sustainable local government business. It not only reduces greenhouse emissions of council operations, but also provides local employment and heavily invests in the community by subsidising the cost of many social and recreational services offered by Council.

SUMMER READING

Get involved in the Mayoral Summer Holiday Program, “Book a Trip!”, running across all Council libraries from 28 November.

The program invites children up to 12 years to embark on a reading adventure this summer. Read at least 12 books over the summer, collect special gift incentives along the way and be eligible to enter our individual prize draw, as well as a special school draw.

Join by registering with your library card at any Fairfield City Open Library. If you are not already a member, joining is easy and free. Upon registration you will receive a library bag, a special reading record to write down all the items borrowed to read during the holidays and a cool lanyard!

Regular reading during the summer helps children maintain and improve reading skills and voluntary reading is key to making reading a routine. Children choose what they read and can participate in fun library programs and activities as well as the chance to win prizes.

There is also a prize for the school that has the most students register and complete the program.
AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS

Australia Day is a day for everyone to unite, appreciate and celebrate the land we call home, as well as everyone’s contributions.

Australia Day is a time to recognise citizens who make us feel proud to be Australian. Council holds annual Australia Day Community Awards to acknowledge the achievements of a number of community members and their commitment to our City. Council has received a number of nominations for local people who have provided valuable contributions to our community. There are four major award categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sports Achiever of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 25 January 2017.

Council will also hold Australia Day celebrations at its leisure centres. More information on this event will be made in the new year. Whether you choose to join organised events, have a picnic at one of our local parks or share a meal with family and friends, Council hopes you have a great Australia Day in our diverse and vibrant City.


2017 CALENDAR

Bring the vibrant and diverse community of Fairfield City into your home with a free Fairfield City Council 2017 calendar.

Stay informed in 2017, with all the major events, Council services and activities, school terms and other days of interest being conveniently signposted for you.

Calendars will be distributed at Council events during December. Copies of the calendar will be available at Council’s Customer Service Centre, libraries, leisure centres and Fairfield City Museum and Gallery in December 2016.

### December-January

**Mayor’s Summer Holiday Program**
Fairfield Open Libraries throughout the school holidays
P 9725 0333

**Christmas Storytime**
Wednesday 7 December, Whitlam Library Cabramatta
Friday 9 December, Fairfield Library
Monday 12 December, Smithfield Library
Wednesday 14 December, Bonnyrigg Library
Friday 16 December, Wetherill Park Library
All sessions 10.30am
9725 0333

**Christmas Carols and Lighting of the Tree**
Fairfield City Centre
Epoch Plaza, corner Nelson & Station streets Fairfield
6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Christmas Carol Singalong**
Wednesday 7 December, Whitlam Library Cabramatta
Friday 9 December, Fairfield Library
Monday 12 December, Smithfield Library
Wednesday 14 December, Bonnyrigg Library
Friday 16 December, Wetherill Park Library
All sessions 10.30am
9725 0333

**Children’s Christmas Party**
Canley Heights Town Centre
3pm - 7pm

**Lunar New Year Welcome the Year of the Rooster**
Canley Heights Town Centre
2pm - 10pm

**Learn to Swim Term 1**
Commences at our leisure centres
9725 0333

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### January 2017

**Australia Day**
Celebrate what’s great!

**Australia Day Ceremony**
Winners of the Australia Day Awards are announced Fairfield City Council Chambers

**Australia Day Activities**
at our leisure centres and Fairfield Park

**Learn to Swim Holiday Program and Active Kids**
Commences at our leisure centres
9757 2433

**School Holiday Program**
Fairfield City Museum & Gallery
9609 3993

**Lunar New Year Welcome the Year of the Rooster**
Canley Heights Town Centre
2pm - 10pm

**Learn to Swim Term 1**
Commences at our leisure centres
9725 0333

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### February

**Lunar New Year Welcome the Year of the Rooster**
Cabramatta Town Centre, Freedom Plaza
9am - 4pm

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Council’s events and programs are correct at time of printing.
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In collaboration with eight local clubs, spectacular fireworks will be launched simultaneously from 9 sites across the City at 9pm.

1. **Calmsley Hill City Farm - Council’s family event site**  
   31 Darling St, Abbotsbury
2. **Club Marconi**  
   121 Prairie Vale Rd, Bossley Park
3. **St Johns Park Bowling Club**  
   93 Edensor Rd, St Johns Park
4. **Mounties**  
   101 Meadows Rd, Mt Pritchard
5. **Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club**  
   26 Humphries Rd, Wakeley
6. **Smithfield RSL**  
   Corner Cumberland Highway and Neville St, Smithfield
7. **Cabra-Vale Diggers Club**  
   1 Bartley St, Canley Vale
8. **Cabramatta Bowling Club**  
   Cabramatta Rd East, Cabramatta
9. **Fairfield RSL**  
   14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield