VOLUNTEERS, making our city greener
Mayor’s Message

It has been a wonderfully productive year with Council delivering many projects for the community and beginning work on many more.

Aquatopia opened to great success with more than 40,000 people visiting in its first season. We will expand Aquatopia further this year with the Stingray Surf Ride. We also opened the Obstacle Course for a fun way to get fit and Dutton Lane Plaza to expand on Cabramatta’s fantastic shopping experience.

Many parks received facelifts. There are new walking tracks, outdoor gyms, extra parking across the City and upgraded town centres - a small fraction of the many projects completed.

For the year ahead, Council will ensure more facilities for the community are built, renewed and upgraded, so Fairfield City continues to be a great place to live.

We will significantly increase street cleaning and put $1 million toward the first stage of the Fairfield Showground redevelopment, which will become a major attraction for elite sports and community events. Work on the major upgrade of Smithfield Road will start, easing congestion and saving residents travel time.

Other upcoming highlights include a $60 million investment in roads, footpaths and drainage, safer streets with more lighting, and upgrades to Horsley Park Town Centre and Fairfield City Centre. These are only some of the projects Council will undertake this year.

Council moves into the new financial year in a strong position. We have an expected budgeted surplus of $9.6 million in 2016-17 and a $2.2 million surplus is expected in 2017-18. We will continue to be financially responsible while delivering new facilities and keeping our rates low.

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**NEW PARKING**

**Council continues to deliver more parking.**

There are now more than 1000 extra car parking spaces across the City than there were four years ago thanks to Council’s ongoing focus on meeting the community’s priorities.

The extra car parking spaces are at Bonnyrigg Heights, Canley Vale, Canley Heights, Cabramatta Town Centre, Prairiewood and Fairfield City Centre.

Shoppers, visitors and local businesses will also now benefit from additional car parking spaces along The Crescent between Fairfield Train Station and Hamilton Road roundabout. This more than doubles the number of parking spots to 39.

At Christie Street in Prairiewood, Council opened 65 new car parking spaces to take the pressure off parking along Prairie Vale Road. These extra spaces will help residents visiting Braeside and Fairfield Hospitals as well as those visiting Aquatopia water park in summer peak times.

Parking in and around our major city centres is important to help boost the local economy, making it easier for shoppers and visitors to access the city centre and services.

**SMITHFIELD ROAD**

**Work set to begin on Smithfield Road**

Council’s work on Smithfield Road will be a win for thousands of drivers and commuters in Fairfield City, meaning less time stuck in traffic and more time with families.

The upgrade will double the amount of lanes along Smithfield Road between Polding Street and Elizabeth Drive to provide two traffic lanes in both directions. This will make for more efficient and safer travel.

Work is due to begin in September with initial work to update signage and line markings. The upgrading of major intersections along Smithfield Road and provision of the extra lanes begins in February 2018.

Projects like this help create jobs and enhance the safety, efficiency and connectivity of the local road network in our City.

The $14.5 million works are funded under the Local Roads Package, which is part of the joint State and Federal Governments’ Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan.

More information on the Fairfield City Local Roads Package program can be found at www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/major_projects.
Get involved in Local Government Week

Fairfield City Council is inviting residents to learn more about the great services we provide as part of the celebrations for NSW Local Government Week 2017 from 31 July – 6 August.

We will “hit the road” to bring Council to residents at mobile offices across the City where we will be on hand to answer your questions about all our services. This is an opportunity to learn about what we do, and to ask questions about the services we provide.

You can find us at the mobile offices at:

- Dutton Plaza, Cabramatta - Monday 31 July, 10am-1pm
- Bonnyrigg Plaza, Bonnyrigg - Wednesday 2 August, 10am-1pm
- Neeta City, Fairfield - Thursday 3 August, 10am-1pm
- And Stockland, Wetherill Park - Friday 4 August, 10am-1pm (to be confirmed)

During the week Council will also exhibit the winners of the inaugural #CaptureFairfield photography competition.

Winners will be announced at the Fairfield City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 25 July 2017 and have their photographs exhibited at Council’s main Administration Centre, the mobile offices, libraries and leisure centres.

For more information about Local Government Week events in the Fairfield local government area go to Council’s website www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au.

Did you know

- Council manages many local facilities, including sportsgrounds, skate parks, libraries, childcare centres, playgrounds, parks, an art gallery and museum, tennis courts and leisure centres.
- Services include waste management, youth and aged, planning, environmental management, cultural development, public health and safety, and more.
- Council is responsible for 1,214km of kerb and gutter and 943km of footpaths (the same distance from here to Brisbane!).
- Council maintains 680km of roads across our City.
The volunteers’ tremendous planting efforts along Orphan School Creek (pictured on our cover) will provide ideal habitat for native wildlife, including frogs, water dragons and a variety of birds.

The native plants also protect the banks from erosion and improve water quality.

Fairfield City Council has planted more than 50,000 seedlings across the City in the past year.

If you are interested in volunteering at future planting days, contact Council’s Natural Resources team on 9725 0222.

Volunteers from the Shah Satnam Ji Green ‘S’ Welfare Force Wing joined with Council during May to plant more than 20,000 native plants along Orphan School Creek in Canley Heights and along the Georges River.

The team focuses on pruning trees, tidying up our roundabouts, weeding, cleaning up rubbish and street-sweeping on major thoroughfares.

The team started in 2016 to meet one of the community’s Top 10 Priorities in the Fairfield City Plan for a desire for “A Clean and Attractive Place”. This service is in addition to current street sweeping and cleaning services provided throughout the City.

Keeping our City looking great is everyone’s responsibility and we can all do our bit by putting rubbish in bins and reporting dumped rubbish on 9725 0222.
Some of our achievements over the past 12 months

**Aquatopia water park at Prairiewood opened in December 2016**

**Council created an additional 295 car parking spaces in 2016-17 at Bonnyrigg Heights, Cabramatta, Fairfield and Prairiewood**

**The Crescent Plaza, opened in December 2016, is a modern, contemporary design and is a great venue for future activities**

**Dutton Plaza retail complex officially opened in February 2017 with 31 specialty shops and offices and an extra 275 car parking spaces**

**Council installed outdoor fitness equipment in a number of parks**

**In December 2016, Council opened the Obstacle Course and Tree Top Walk at Fairfield**
Some of our projects for the next 12 months:

- Council has earmarked $5 million for building projects and programs including upgrading sportsground amenity blocks and community buildings.
- Council will spend almost $3 million on installing and maintaining footpaths.
- $1.2 million will be invested in park and open space upgrades.
- Council will invest $13 million to renew and upgrade roads.
Council has recently adopted its 2017-18 Operational Plan. This map shows details of all the projects, programs and services planned for the 2017-2018 financial year.

**ROADS PROGRAM (RENEWAL AND UPGRADES) - $13.36 million**

**ROADS PROGRAM 20km**
These include repairs to roads, pavements and resurfacing. Some areas to benefit this year include Abbotsbury, Bonnyrigg, Cabramatta, Fairfield, Mount Pritchard and Wetherill Park.

**FOOTPATH PROGRAM (NEW, RENEWAL AND UPGRADES) - $2.89 million**

**FOOTPATH PROGRAM 13km**
These include new footpath links and upgrades to existing cycleways, walkways and pathways.
Some of the areas to benefit this year include Abbotsbury, Bonnyrigg, Cabramatta, Canley Heights, Carramar, Edensor Park, Fairfield, St Johns Park, Wakeley and Yennora.
BUILDINGS PROGRAM (NEW, RENEWAL AND UPGRADES) - $5.03 million

This program includes renewal and upgrades to multi-deck car parks, community buildings, public toilets, childcare centres, Fairfield Showground, leisure centres, libraries, sportsground and park amenity buildings.

OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (NEW, RENEWAL AND UPGRADES) - $1.23 million

This includes renewal and upgrades of play equipment, seating, landscaping and sport court renewal.
Council runs a number of early learning centres across the City. Thirteen of our centres have now been independently rated as ‘exceeding the National Quality Standard’.

This is an excellent outcome and a great testament to the quality service provided at Council centres.

With 90% of a child’s brain developing before they turn five, investing in a quality childcare centre will help children receive the best start in life.

Council provides flexible, accessible and affordable education and care options for all families. For more information email childrenandfamilieservices@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au or telephone 9725 0393.
Fairfield City Council is committed to ensuring the City is inclusive for people of all abilities.

Council has already made significant improvements to community facilities including installing accessible toilets and kitchens at centres and halls, upgrading pedestrian crossings, installing special adaptive equipment in childcare centres and improving access into our pools with hoists and walkways.

The libraries have also expanded their audio book collection and provide a home library service. Our leisure centres offer free entry for people with a disability.

Council’s previous Disability Access Plans have guided this work. But there is more to be done.

Council’s new Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) looks comprehensively at a number of areas including:

- Developing and encouraging positive attitudes and behaviours toward people with a disability.
- Creating liveable communities by enhancing mobility and pedestrian accessibility.
- Supporting access to meaningful employment.
- Making Council’s information and services easier to use.

Council thanks the many community members who shared their ideas for the action plan with the goal of making our City an even greater place for all.

Good Governance and Leadership

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY DEFERRED

The State Government has deferred its plans for Local Government to collect the Fire and Emergency Services Levy on its behalf.

Council welcomes this move as it does not believe it is fair to put the levy on Council rates notices.

The levy, which is about $160 a year, is currently collected by insurance companies through insurance premiums.

Council will continue to advocate against the new levy as it should not take the role of collecting State Government fees.
Residents can do their part in disposing of waste correctly and keeping our City clean by using this free service. This is your opportunity to search around the home for old and unwanted chemicals and E-waste items.

What you can dispose of safely:

- E-waste items such as computers, televisions, gaming consoles, tablets, stereos, DVD players, small kitchen and household appliances and garage power tools.
- Chemicals such as solvents, household cleaners, floor care products, ammonia-based cleaners, fluorescent globes and tubes, paints and paint-related products, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, pool chemicals, acids and alkalis, car batteries, motor fluids and oils.

**NOTE:**
- Only household quantities, up to 20 litres or 20kg of a single item will be accepted.
- No business or commercial related quantities are accepted.
- Please transport your waste carefully and remain in your vehicle at the collection site.

For more information call Council’s Waste and Sustainability team on 9725 0222 or visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

This event is supported by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.
MUSEUM AND GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Two new exhibitions are running at Fairfield City Museum and Gallery.

Cabbracadabra until 2 September 2017

This exhibition features the still-life works of local artist Anney Bounpraseuth. The colourful artworks feature a number of knick-knacks commonly found at discount variety stores and which adorned Bounpraseuth’s childhood home. These knick-knacks are symbols of her parents’ hard work and success as refugee migrants.

Shanasheel until 9 September 2017

This is an immersive exhibition and program of events that feature works from Iraqi-Australian Western Sydney artists that are tied to memories of their Iraqi homeland, culture and identity.

A number of exciting workshops are being run at Fairfield City Museum and Gallery in conjunction with both exhibitions.

For more information visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/fcmg

THE NBN ARE UNDERTAKING WORKS ACROSS FAIRFIELD CITY

Residents may experience disruptions during the NBN rollout period. For any issues please contact NBN directly on 1800 687 626 or email complaints@nbnco.com.au

To explore the full NBN rollout map, visit www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/rollout-map.html

COUNCILLOR PROFILE


DEL BENNETT
FAIRFIELD WARD

First job? My first job was a Pay Mistress. The title is as old as the role, which was issuing staff pay by cash in little yellow envelopes.

Favourite colour? Blue
Favourite food? Seafood
Favourite movie? Gone with the Wind
Favourite TV show? MasteChef
Favourite sport? Rugby league
Favourite sports team? St George Illawarra Dragons
Favourite pastime? Rock ‘n’ Roll dancing
Favourite place in Fairfield City? Fairfield Museum because of the diversity in its exhibitions and it puts on great events.
What’s On

Upcoming Council Events

**JULY**

**Saturday 24 June to 2 September**
Ngarunga Gurubadu: Stories of Rivers & Water
Fairfield City Museum & Gallery
9609 3993.

**Friday 21 July**
Tea Time: Peppa Playdate under 5s
10.30am-noon
Fairfield City Museum and Gallery.

**Saturday 22 July**
Free microchipping for cats
(first 100 to book).
Bonnyrigg Community Centre
9725 0222.

**Saturday 29 July to 2 September**
Every Saturday 1pm-3pm
Spin a Yarn: Weekly Drop-In Social Knitting Group.
Fairfield City Museum and Gallery
9609 3993.

**Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August**
Local Government Week
Mobile offices around town centres
with service information.
Various days and times.
Check Council’s website or phone
9725 0222.

**AUGUST**

**Saturday 5 August**
Free natural cleaning workshop.
Learn how to clean in an environmentally friendly way.
9am-noon.
Nalawala Community Hall 9725 0222.

**Saturday 12 August**
Discover how the native nursery propagates plants for residents and council projects.
Nalawala Community Hall 9725 0222.

**Monday 21 August**
Book Week Storytime starts.
For days and times phone libraries
9725 0333.

**Saturday 12 August**
Free Natural Garden Pest Workshop.
Explore natural ways of managing pests around your garden.
9am-noon.
Nalawala Community Hall 9725 0222.

**Monday 28 August**
Father’s Day Storytime.
For days and times phone libraries
9725 0333.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 8 September**
One Night at the Museum: POP!
Annual contemporary art by twilight.
5.30-8pm
Fairfield City Museum & Gallery
9609 3993.

**Saturday 23 September to 8 Sunday October**
School holiday activities.
Fairfield City Museum and Gallery
9609 3993.

**Sunday 24 September**
Cabramatta Moon Festival
9am-8pm.

**Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October**
Enviro Boot Camp various workshops for children during the school holidays 9725 0222.

**Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October**
School holiday activities.
Libraries 9725 0333.
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لغة عربية

كان عاماً مليئاً للغاية في أيام المصمّم提炼许多新的想法 وبدأت العمل على المشروع.

اللغة الأرمنية

إفتتح أكواطونيا (Aquatopia) في مارس الأمر، وزودت المكانيات بفيلة جيدة، وبدأت العمل على مزرعة سوينجيرا (Swingy Surf Rider) وافتتح أيضاً دورة المرافق (Dutton Lane Course).

اللغة الفارسية

دورة المرافق (Dutton Lane Course) كما كانت تفعل في فكتورة مشهورة (Dutton Lane Park) بشكل عام.

اللغة الإسبانية

Aquatopia se inauguró con un gran éxito y más de 40.000 personas visitaron sus instalaciones en su primera temporada. Este año ampliamos Aquatopia con el Swingy Surf Rider. También inauguramos la Obstacle Course (Pista de obstáculos) para ponearse en forma de una manera divertida y el Dutton Lane Plaza para aumentar la fantástica variedad de tiendas en Cabramatta.

اللغة الفيتنامية

Dây là một năm thành công tuyệt vời vớiiphers Thành phố dựa ra nhiều dự án cho cộng đồng và không thiếu những dự án nữa.

Aquatopia đã khởi đầu và thành công một cách mạnh mẽ với hơn 40,000 người tham gia trong một mùa đầu tiên. Trong năm này chúng tôi sẽ mở rộng Aquatopia thêm nhiều hơn trong chương trình mới nhất của它们 với cái nhìn mới và toàn Thượng (Obstacle Course) để rồi tận hưởng một cách hoàn toàn mới trong Dutton Lane Plaza để mở rộng hơn nữa một số dự án khác nhau.

اللغة الكهميرية

Aquatopia របស់ក្រុងតូចីចចបានបន្ថែមជាង 40,000 អត្ថបទប្រឈមប្រៃជាង Aquatopia នៅក្នុងទីក្រូសម្រាប់ Stingray Surf Rider. ក្របខ្មែរជាង Obstacle Course សាលាប័រ៍។

اللغة السندية

Aquatopia أفتتحت بالنجاح الكبير، حيث زار 40,000 شخص من خلال بطولة أولى. في العام التالي، تم إضافة Swingy Surf Rider. كما تم إفتتاح دورة المرافق في Dutton Lane Plaza.

اللغة الأذرية

Aquatopia یک سال از سال خود با موفقیت افتتاح شد و 40,000 نفر از سایر نقاط ساکن شهر حاضر شدند. سال گذشته، این پروژه با ساختن دیگر سایر پروژه‌ها و بهبود مکان‌های موجود در کری دان آماده شد.

اللغة الإنجليزية

Aquatopia was opened with a great success and more than 40,000 people visited its installations in its first season. This year we have expanded Aquatopia with the Swingy Surf Rider. We also inaugurated the Obstacle Course (Pista de obstáculos) for a fun and entertaining experience at the Dutton Lane Plaza.

اللغة الكورية

Aquatopia는 큰 성공을 거두었고, 40,000多人 들이 첫 번째 시즌에 설치물을 방문하였다. 이 해에 우리는 Aquatopia에 Swingy Surf Rider를 추가했고, Dutton Lane Plaza에 설치물을 더구경한 인도식 대회를 개최하였다.