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Welcome to City Life. Council has had a busy and productive 2014. We have finalised or started a host of projects in the past two years, such as the roll-out of CCTV, the new Adventure Park and a number of new car parks.

In the next two years there will be more initiatives that will come off the drawing board and into production. This will include the first roll out of the suburb banners across the City and the brand new ‘Stingray surfing / skim-boarding half pipe’ at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. This will give children the opportunity to learn to surf without having to travel to the coast.

Upgrades to our parks will include installation of play/exercise equipment, landscaping and a sports court at Wilson Road Reserve, Bonnyrigg Heights.

All of these projects are part of my commitment to making Fairfield City a better place for families and residents.

Christmas

The festive/holiday season is almost upon us and Council invites you to join festivities we have planned throughout the City, including carols at Fairfield, Horsley Park and Cabramatta, and visits by Santa at Canley Heights, Canley Vale and Fairfield.

I wish you and your family a safe and joyful Christmas and an enjoyable holiday break.

Frank Carbone
Mayor of Fairfield City
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Australia Day is a day of harmony, acceptance, celebration and pride. It is a day we can all unite as Australians to celebrate this land we call home and the amazing contributions made by all.

Come along to one of the many events hosted by Fairfield City Council over the Australia Day weekend. Celebrations start on Sunday 25 January, at Canley Heights Town Centre, with family friendly entertainment from 4pm to 9pm. The evening will come to a close with a spectacular fireworks display.

On Monday 26 January, at Fairfield Leisure Centre, patrons will be able to take advantage of free pool entry from 10am to 3.30pm. Get drenched by the tipping bucket, play in the playground waterslides or groove along to the DJ. There is something for everyone with a 50m, 25m and babies’ pool open for use.

Prairiewood Leisure Centre will also host an Australia Day celebration on Monday, 26 January with free pool entry, a DJ and other activities and entertainment.

Children under the age of 16 years require supervision.

Cabravale Leisure Centre will be closed.

Australia Day is also a time to recognise outstanding Fairfield City citizens. Council holds the annual Australia Day Community Awards to acknowledge the achievements of a number of candidates and their commitment to serve our City. Recipients of the four major awards - Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sports Achiever of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year - will be chosen from community nominations and will be presented with their awards on Thursday, 22 January.

Whether you choose to join organised events, have a picnic at Western Sydney Parklands or share a meal with family and friends at one of our City’s great eateries, Council hopes you have a great Australia Day in our diverse and vibrant City.

For more information visit Council’s website.
A new car park is being built in Salisbury Street, Canley Heights, between Kiora Street and Arbutus Street.

Other car parks will be built in Derby Street laneway, Peel Street and Ascot Street laneway.

Council has started work, on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services, to address the crash history and improve traffic flow at the intersection of Smithfield Road and Polding Street, Smithfield.

A Road Safety Audit found that traffic lights were not viable due to road safety hazards and the roundabout would have to remain.

Work has started on adding a slip lane from Polding Street, eastbound to the Cumberland Highway northbound on-ramp.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
Fairfield City’s new Adventure Park will have play equipment that will provide a different and challenging range of experiences.

Work on the park, which will be installed in Fairfield Park adjacent to the existing playground, is progressing well.

The Adventure Park will include a large climbing frame, flying fox and a host of other fun and challenging play items.

With the bulk earthworks complete, 80 percent of concrete works, paths, seats and mounds are complete, the preliminary works are well in hand.

Footings for the major centrepiece are under construction and the major equipment for the park is on site.

The Adventure Park is expected to be completed in February.
Council has been successful in obtaining $11.5 million in funds from the Australian Government, which will provide funding to the NSW Government for upgrades to the Cumberland Highway at the intersections of Hamilton Road, St Johns Road and John Street, and for the extension of Wetherill Street to four lanes from Polding Street to Victoria Street.

The community will be updated as works progress.
Did you know that entry to the Fairfield City museum & Gallery is FREE? Bring your family and friends to spend the day immersing yourself in local history with exhibitions, programs and events. This multi-venue site consists of a gallery, local history museum and an early 1900's replica Village complete with blacksmith and general store. Fairfield City museum & Gallery is known for its strong history of community involvement and is the largest exhibition space in Fairfield City.

Current exhibitions include "Giuseppe Bianchi: A man and his museum". This exhibition tells the story of the late Bianchi's journey to Australia and his deep longing for his beloved Italy, brought to life through models of famous Italian icons and personal memories.

If you are looking for some fun for the kids, get crafty this summer at the Fairfield City museum & Gallery's School Holiday workshops. With sessions on sketching, painting, and craft activities there is something for everyone! The staff at Fairfield City museum & Gallery offer professional expertise in the field of history, visual arts and education. Check out the School Holiday programs on offer, or read more about the upcoming exhibitions at www.livingmuseum.com.au.

Construction of the Dutton Lane redevelopment will soon be under way. In coming months residents will see changes made to Hughes Street to create new loading zones and improve the exit out of Dutton Lane. Any businesses directly affected by this work will be contacted by Council and suitable measures will be implemented to reduce the impact of the works on their operations. Council will install message boards which will keep residents informed on the site developments.

Major construction works are set to start in March 2015 with completion expected in August 2016. The new, three-story building will provide retail and office space, community facilities and 275 car spaces, delivering new and improved facilities in Dutton Lane and for Cabramatta Town Centre.

The site also features a new public open space element on the eastern end, which can be used for cultural, retail, business, tourism or entertainment activities.

Council has resolved to name the open space ‘Gough Whitlam Place’ in recognition of the late Gough Whitlam’s contribution to the Cabramatta community. Gough Whitlam lived on Albert Street, Cabramatta, from 1957 and represented Cabramatta in the electorate of Werriwa for more than 25 years. His work included drawing up the legal paperwork to establish Cabra-Vale Diggers Club, starting the planning process for the existing Cumberland Highway and delivering a sewerage system to Western Sydney.

Dutton Lane will be developed, funded and owned by Fairfield City Council on behalf of all of the community. Visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au or contact 9725 0222 for more information.
LUNAR NEW YEAR

Celebrate the Lunar New Year in Fairfield City.

See in the Year of the Goat and Ram at week long celebrations across Cabramatta, Canley Vale and Canley Heights. Lunar New Year has a history dating back thousands of years and is one of the oldest and most important traditions in Asian culture.

**Cabramatta Lunar New Year Festival**
21 – 22 February 2015, 9am – 4pm
Freedom Plaza, Cabramatta

Lunar New Year celebrations will transform Freedom Plaza into a hive of activity over two days, featuring fun for the whole family. At this event there will be lion dancing, martial arts demonstrations, food eating competitions, a magician, traditional cultural entertainment and, especially for the kids a performance by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

**Vietnamese Tet Festival**
27 February – 1 March, 2015
Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Road, Prairiewood

This annual cultural festival runs across three days and attracts tens of thousands of people. There is no shortage of fun with traditional and contemporary cultural performances, martial arts demonstrations, traditional foods, market stalls as well as carnival rides.

**Blessing of Cabramatta, Community and Country**
1 March 2015, 10am – 2pm
Freedom Plaza, Cabramatta

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual blessing, organised by the Western Sydney Chinese Community combined Buddhist societies.

For more information visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear or contact Fairfield City Council on 9724 7811.
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ENROL NOW FOR 2015

Council’s Children and Family Services is taking enrolments and waitlist applications for 2015.

Research has shown that the first five years of life is a critical period for brain development and that participation in high quality early childhood education and care programs leads to positive brain development.

Council offers the following programs:

- High quality, long day care and preschool programs which have experienced and qualified staff that ensures programs are tailored to the individual needs and interests of each child.

- Support services to ensure children with additional needs, and their families, are included to participate in the program.

- Family day care service provides quality care for children from birth to twelve (12) years of age in the homes of registered educators. Family day care provides parents with a choice of educators who will best meet the particular needs of the children and family.

For more information about Council’s programs, please contact our Placement Officers on 9823 0199 or visit Council’s website www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au and go to the ‘Live > Services – Children and Family Services’ section. Please note that enrolment is subject to available places.
COMMUNITY WELLBEING

FRIENDLY, FAMILY, FUN!

Fairfield Showground is renowned as the venue for Fairfield Markets, which are held every Saturday from 9am to 4pm in the covered area behind the grandstands.

The Markets started in 1978 and are now recognised as one of the largest markets in the South West area of Sydney. Family, Friendly, Fun is the motto of these markets and the fun is guaranteed.

About 5,000 to 7,000 shoppers attend Fairfield Markets each Saturday. Undercover stalls are filled with a wide variety of clothes, toys, food, sporting gear, groceries, pets, plants, household items, jewellery and more. The markets sell only new products and there are more than 600 stalls.

There are plenty of places to pick up mouth-watering kebabs, burgers, Asian delicacies, ice creams, donuts, cold drinks or coffee.

The markets are not only a great place to find a bargain, but also provide weekly entertainment for children including steam train rides, pony rides, jumping castle, carnival rides and merry go round.

Santa will be walking around the markets each Saturday from 6 December to 20 December from 11am to 2pm, handing out lollies and entertaining the children.

For a fun day out that caters to the whole family, shop at Fairfield Markets on Smithfield Road Prairiewood.

If you would like to join the Fairfield Markets please visit the Showground website www.fairfieldshowground.com.au or call 9725 2333.

FABULOUS FAIRFIELD

Fairfield’s garden enthusiasts are being encouraged to get their gardens into shape for the Fabulous Fairfield garden competition.

Council established the Fabulous Fairfield program as a way of thanking residents who take the time and effort to help make our City beautiful. Residents are chosen for their diligence and hard work that make their gardens attractive.

The program also considers gardening practices such as water and energy conservation that makes gardens sustainable.

Six outstanding gardens are selected each month and the successful residents are presented with a certificate, a prize, a native plant grown by the Fairfield Community Native Plant Nursery and have a photo taken with the Mayor.

Schools are also recognised for their gardens and vegetable plots that benefit students, teachers, parents and visitors.

Selected gardens recognised in the Fabulous Fairfield program throughout the year go into the running to win the annual Garden of the Year Award, announced at Council’s December meeting.

If you are aware of a school, business or home in Fairfield City that deserves recognition, please call 9725 0184 for more details or to nominate for an award.
CCTV IN FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS

As part of Fairfield City Council’s ongoing commitment to supporting the community with an improved sense of safety and wellbeing, solar powered CCTV cameras have been installed at Fairfield Heights Town Centre.

CCTV cameras have been installed at locations along The Boulevarde, including at the intersection of Stanbrook Street and Polding Street. Cameras operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Work has also commenced on the installation of CCTV cameras at Horsley Park Village.

CCTV cameras will continue to be installed at other locations throughout the City over the coming months, including at the new Adventure Park and Fairfield Youth and Community Centre.

NALAWALA SUSTAINABILITY HUB

Council has its own community nursery in the Nalawala Sustainability Hub at Fairfield Showground.

This site was first established as a council nursery in 1967. It has gone through several transformations to arrive at the point where the opportunity exists to align the community nursery site’s operations and Council’s planting needs.

The nursery team and volunteers are now busy improving the facilities, safety and processes with the aim of creating a community nursery and garden project that is the benchmark for all councils.

The overhaul is mid-way through, but when finished it will deliver a project that is efficient, safe, aesthetic and productive.

A water sensitive urban design is a keystone feature. There will be bench storage space for more native plants, a potting shed and hot house. The community nursery features landscaped gardens and water features.

The nursery’s dedicated volunteers, who in the past 12 months have produced more than 50,000 plants, participated in the planting of 5,000 seed orchard tubestock, as well as setting up the layout required to grow plants suitable for planting in our creeks and bushland. About 99 percent of what the nursery produces goes to council projects.

The community nursery offers plant giveaways to Fairfield residents and is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am until noon. Gates open at 8.30am. And YES, we are looking for new volunteers who, when they are not achieving amazing goals for Fairfield, also participate in excursions and several lunches and barbecues a year.

Call 9725 0222 for more details.
BIBBYS PLACE

Fairfield City Council’s work to improve stormwater management at Bibbys Place, Bonnyrigg, has received a highly commended award at the 2014 Stormwater National Awards for Excellence.

The award recognises Council’s work in adopting a multi-disciplinary approach to design and construction, engaging with the community and improving sustainability and liveability within the City.

Bibbys Place is a unique street known for its cultural activity. It has a church, temple, mosque and community centre all side by-side, which makes it one-of-a-kind in our City.

The community is now enjoying the benefits of this project. The rain garden, native plants, solar lighting, seating, coloured paving and pathways all make the street a much more attractive place to congregate or walk along.

This project came to life because of the collaboration and hard work of dedicated Council staff, consultants, Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils, the Environmental Trust, the Bonnyrigg Town Centre Committee and the community members involved throughout the project.

FINES INCREASED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING

The NSW Government has announced significant increases to penalty notice amounts for some offences under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (the POEO Act 1997) and its subordinate regulations.

These increased penalty notice amounts started on 29 August 2014.

They are intended to:

- Be proportionate to the seriousness, harm and nature of an offence;
- Provide an effective deterrent to committing environmental offences and re-offending, and
- Reflect community expectations regarding the financial penalties that apply to environmental offences.

Fines for the 10 most serious environmental offences, including illegal dumping, under the POEO Act 1997 range from $2,000 to $7,500 for individuals and $4,000 to $15,000 for corporations.

Visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au for more details of the offences and new penalty amounts.
2015 CALENDAR

Adorn your walls and stay informed with Council’s activities, by using the Fairfield City Council 2015 calendar.

Important dates are listed for your convenience throughout the calendar. This includes all major events, Council’s services and activities, school terms and other days of interest.

We have provided enough space for residents to write in their own events. The calendar is filled with beautiful visual images to brighten up your home throughout the year.

The 2015 calendar will be available at Council’s Customer Service Centre, libraries, leisure centres and Fairfield City Museum and Gallery in December 2014.

Only a limited number of calendars are available.

For more information call our Customer Service Team on 9725 0222.

To download a digital version of the 2015 Calendar visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au.

VENDOR PANEL

Does your business have the potential to supply goods and services to Fairfield City Council? The Council encourages local businesses to get involved and win our business.

VendorPanel is an easy to use, secure web-based supplier management system. It allows businesses to register their products and services relevant to Council purchases. It provides automatic email notifications of new quotes and tenders as well as online submission.

Last year Council spent about $66 million buying goods and services. Of this, about $7.2 million was spent with businesses in the Fairfield City.

Please email our Procurement team on procurement@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au if you are interested in joining Vendorpanel to become a potential supplier to Council.
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### Leisure Centres

**Swim Programs**

- **Cabravale Leisure Centre**: 9723 4412
- **Fairfield Leisure Centre**: 9754 2078
- **Prairiewood Leisure Centre**: 9757 2433

**Learn to Swim Program 2015**

Cabravale, Fairfield and Prairiewood leisure centres:
- **Term 1**: 30 January - 2 April
- **Term 2**: 20 April - 28 June
- **Term 3**: 13 July - 20 September
- **Term 4**: 6 October - 21 December

Private lessons available throughout the year.

**Learn to Swim Holiday Program**

Cabravale, Fairfield and Prairiewood leisure centres:
- 5, 10 or 15 day intensive programs
- $60 per five day program
- 5 January to Friday 9 January and/or 12 January to Friday 16 January and/or 19 January to Friday 23 January.

Enrolments commence November 2014.

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For more information, contact Fairfield City Council 9725 0222.
AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS

Canley Heights entertainment and fireworks
4pm - 9pm,
Sunday, 25 January

Fairfield and Prairiewood leisure centres - party with DJ and free pool entry 10am - 3.30pm.
Monday, 26 January