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Our \$13m road renewal and upgrades program will start in July



A new seniors' health and wellbeing hub for Cabravale Leisure Centre



Work continues on the Fairfield Showground Pavilion



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Frank Carbone

The last 12 months have been some of the busiest and most productive in our City's history as Council continued to invest in high quality facilities and services for the community.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 over the past 18 months, Council remains in a strong financial position moving into the new financial year. This allows us to continue to deliver important services and exciting new projects to strengthen our City as a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

Prudent financial management in previous years ensures money is available for future investment in our City while keeping our rates and borrowings among the lowest in Sydney. The 2021/22 Operational Plan lists all of Council's projects and expenditure planned for the coming financial year. We are investing \$60m in infrastructure this year, some of the projects include an indoor multicultural and sporting centre at Fairfield Showground; an upgrade to Cabravale Leisure Centre to provide services to people with disabilities, the elderly and those recovering from illness; significant upgrades to Endeavour Park, Bareena Park and Fairfield Heights Park, and finalising construction of the wave pool at Aquatopia.

Council will also continue its program of improvements to sporting facilities, footpaths, roads and play equipment throughout our City. These projects are important to support the health and wellbeing of all residents, and enable them to safely travel around our City.

This is just a snapshot of the exciting things we are delivering for our City. We are doing all this and a lot more while keeping our rates among the lowest in Sydney and maintaining our strong financial position. It continues the strong program of works and services we have delivered to transform this City over the past five years.

We are also strongly advocating on your behalf to the state and federal governments, including asking residents to sign a petition to upgrade Fairfield Hospital, and on matters such as the safety of The Horsley Drive, and the State Government's re-zoning of Horsley Park. You can join the fight for a better Fairfield Hospital by signing the petition at www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/FairfieldHospitalPetition.

As your Mayor, I am proud of the work we have done so far. There is still much to do and I am committed to getting on with the job of delivering the best services and facilities for the families and businesses of our City.

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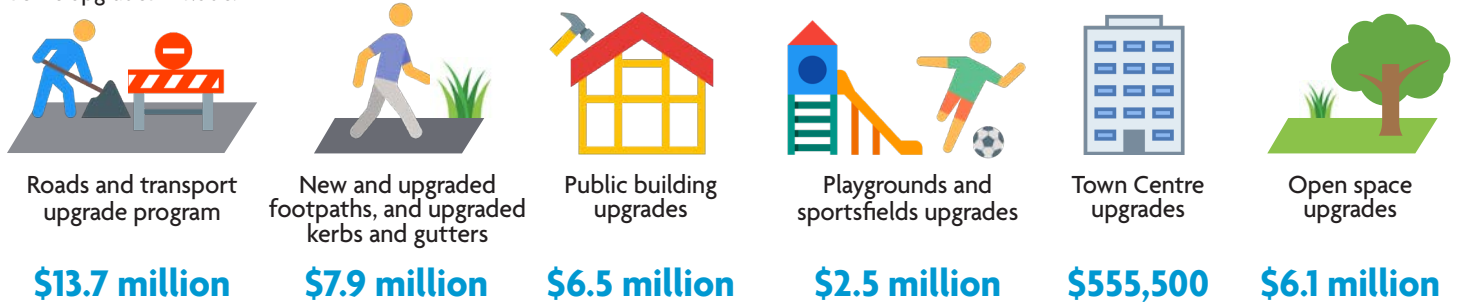
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Information and events in this publication are current at the time of printing.

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Some upgrades include:



COMPARE YOUR RATES – Visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/comparerates

Financial health check

Fairfield City Council is in a strong position in comparison to other councils while maintaining one of the lowest residential rates in Sydney. We also pride ourselves on our robust program of investing in infrastructure and services in our City while maintaining a very low borrowing compared to other councils.

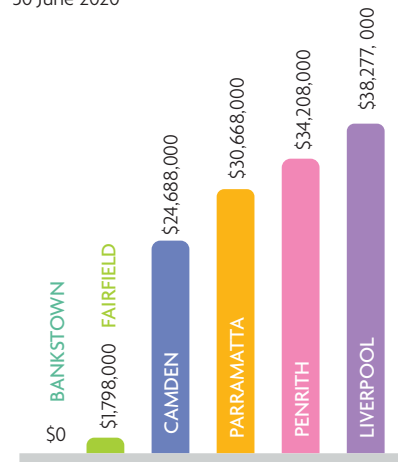
Comparable residential rates 2021/2022



Comparable rates and charges based on land value of \$600,000 and a standard 240 litre bin for domestic waste.

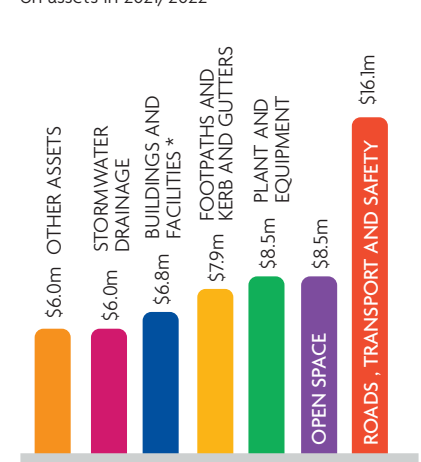
* Reflects pre-merger rate structure as the merged councils are operating separate rate structures as they gradually harmonise ordinary rates.

Financial borrowings as at 30 June 2020



Fairfield City Council has one of the lowest borrowings in comparison to other councils while providing a high level of service to the community.

Fairfield City Council budgeted expenditure on assets in 2021/2022



Council's budgeted infrastructure expenditure for 2021/2022 totals \$60 million.

* This includes new and upgrades to buildings and facilities, such as major projects.

SERVICES AND PROJECTS UPDATE

Highlights of the
services and projects
Council delivered in the
2017/18 – 2020/21 period

Town Centre upgrades

Fairfield City Centre's \$1.8m Crescent Plaza project provides a hub for residents, shoppers and commuters to come together in a modern space to interact, watch the screen or have lunch in a new, shaded setting.



Aquatopia Water Park

Approximately 350,000 people from across Sydney have visited Aquatopia Water Park since it opened. The attractions have steadily grown to include thrill slides, a water tower and toddler pool, the Wave Rider and Fish Pipe. Work is underway to open a wave pool in time for spring 2021.



Koonoona Park

The 3,200 sqm park opened in 2020 and features a ground level ropes swing set with a boat seat, flying fox, toddler play items, permanent outdoor table tennis table, half basketball court, outdoor exercise equipment, bathroom, shelters with picnic seating and a circuit path.



Fairfield Park Obstacle Course

The Fairfield Park Obstacle Course adds to the variety of active spaces in our City. The 7,500 sqm boot-camp style course has more than a dozen elements designed to challenge fitness, strength, balance and concentration.



2018

Studio 2166, Workary, lab.LX

The City's community and business creativity has an outlet with the Workary's meeting and work spaces, the high quality Studio 2166 audio and visual editing studio and cutting edge tech gadget room lab.LX - all to use for FREE at Whitlam Library in the heart of Cabramatta.



Smithfield Road

Smithfield Road was widened from Elizabeth Drive to Polding Street to improve traffic flow and safety along one of our City's busiest roads.

Works included road realignment, new traffic signals and an additional turning lane at Elizabeth Drive.

Winner AR Bluett Memorial Award 2018
Most progressive Council in NSW



Fairfield Showground

The transformation of Fairfield Showground involved turning an underused trotting track into the cultural and sporting hub of our City.

The complete redevelopment includes a festival/cricket/AFL arena, synthetic and turf football pitches, amenities building, all-abilities playground, dog park, a 1000-seat pavilion and walking/cycling tracks.



2021

Fairfield Library and Business Hub

The \$6m state of the art Fairfield Library at 1-3 Hamilton Road opened to the public in 2021, almost double the size of the previous library. Meanwhile the old site was redeveloped into the Fairfield City HQ, a business hub for the community.



Dutton Plaza Car Park

The new 219-space car park at the corner of Hughes Street and Dutton Lane brings the total number of much needed parking spaces in the Dutton Plaza precinct to 991. The car park also features rainwater harvesting, solar energy collection and electric car charging bays.

People's Globe



Bird Nest Swing at Deerbush Park



DEARBUSH PARK, PEOPLE'S GLOBE AND DOG PARK OPENING

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Three key attractions of the Fairfield Showground redevelopment masterplan were unveiled to the public last month. The much-anticipated Deerbush Park, People's Globe, and off-leash dog park are the latest in an exciting line up of projects as part of the continuing improvements to Fairfield Showground. Deerbush Park has something for everyone to enjoy, no matter their ability. The park is a first of its kind for Fairfield City, and includes accessible play equipment and facilities for wheelchair users and their carers; a water play space operating in warmer months; walking, rolling and cycling tracks; and picnic areas.

The People's Globe is a new landmark at the Showground's Smithfield Road entrance paying tribute to our City's rich cultural diversity and heritage. The 1.6m diameter granite sphere is engraved with the world map and levitates above a fountain of flowing water, able to be rotated by visitors. A wall of ceramic tiles and bronze plaques close-by represent where people have come from to make Fairfield City their home.

The Showground's off-leash dog park is the biggest in our City catering for dogs of all sizes to exercise safely with their owners or clubs. Double-gated entries will ensure dogs are secure while others enter and exit the park; while seating, shelters and drinking stations have been included for the comfort of dogs and their owners.

Liberty Swing at Deerbush Park



Celebrating
our Diversity



Off-leash dog park



Fairfield Memory Walk pavers



Fairfield City is a unique place of cultural diversity and indigenous heritage. It is the embodiment of a united community where people from many nations come to work, appreciate and make the City their home.

Located in the geographical centre of the City, the open landscape for people of Fairfield and their rich cultural heritage.

The emblem will recognise the many countries and ancestry of our people and the diverse ground they acknowledge the difference our residents have made to our life here - and are now proud to call Australia.

The People's Globe represents the world as one place and it is a reminder to residents past, present and future who are united in a common purpose to continue to make the City great.

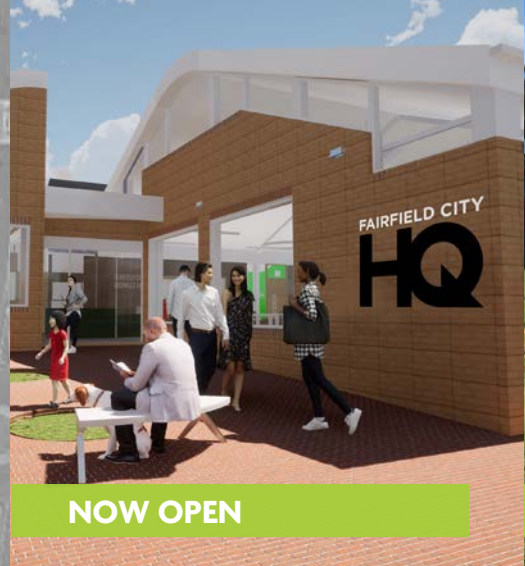


Deerbush Park

THE PEOPLE'S GLOBE OPENING



MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



NOW OPEN

Wave pool, Aquatopia

Our City's 55 metre wave pool is on track to open in time for Aquatopia's season opening in September, bringing an exciting taste of the beach to Fairfield City.

The wave machine has been installed and the pool will be filled this month for testing in August. Work has also begun on installing more cabanas, palm trees and umbrellas – recreating the beach environment. There will also be a covered stage area for outdoor events – including moonlight cinemas, as well as more bathrooms.

When completed, the \$12 million wave pool will feature surfable breaking waves, allowing locals to learn to surf as well as providing a fun and safe beach experience for families, without the need to travel long distances.

The wavepool is funded by Fairfield City Council and the Federal and State governments through the Western Sydney City Deal Liveability Fund.



Park upgrades in planning

Council has begun planning to invest \$4.75 million to construct additional play embellishments and fitness equipment in **Bareena Park**, Canley Vale and **Fairfield Heights Park**, Fairfield Heights.

Council was successful in receiving the funding from the NSW Government's Public Spaces Legacy Program for the parks. The new parks will add to Council's recent investments in super parks such as Deerbush Park, Koonoona Park and Fairfield Adventure Park, so that families have the opportunity to get out and about and be healthy.

The playgrounds and fitness equipment at each park would include something for everyone with features such as toddler play equipment, custom picnic shelters, cycle paths, climbing frames, all abilities play equipment, scooter tracks, natural play areas and park green spaces

The works are expected to be completed in 2022.

Fairfield City HQ

Business start-ups, entrepreneurs, small business enterprises and remote workers can book affordable office space at times that suit them with Council opening Fairfield City HQ, a \$2.8 million community and business hub, in the heart of the Fairfield central business district in July 2021.

The hub demonstrates Council's commitment in supporting local businesses by providing modern high speed internet connection, hot desks, meeting rooms, audio and video recording suites, and kitchen facilities at an affordable price. This especially helps those starting or near the start of their business journey, which can be a difficult time.

Fairfield City HQ will also support businesses through providing training, programs, workshops and facilitating partnerships to promote economic growth and employment opportunities for residents.

There is also a separate meeting room available for community groups to use.



COMING SOON



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Click & Collect

Endeavour Sports Park

Council has begun planning on upgrading the popular and well used Endeavour Sports Park in Fairfield West to make it a high level grass roots sports precinct.

In addition to upgrading the grassed playing areas and netball courts, Council is considering investment in features such as a synthetic football pitch, multi-purpose sport courts, upgrade of the amenities building and clubhouse and improved lighting. The improvements could also include upgrades to the car park, outdoor gym equipment and bicycle and walking paths.



Fairfield Showground Pavilion

Work is well underway on the new \$10 million pavilion at Council's redeveloped Fairfield Showground.

The 1,000 seat pavilion is being built next to the Parklands grandstand and will overlook the newly created elite turf playing field. It will include tiered seating, athlete change rooms and amenities, kitchen and canteen facilities, ticket booth and community spaces.

The shell of the new pavilion has now been completed, and work on the roof and internal fit-out has begun.

The pavilion is being built thanks to a \$7 million grant from the NSW Government and a \$3 million investment from Fairfield City Council.

Work is due for completion by the end of 2021.



FAIRFIELD LIBRARY NOW OPEN

(Subject to COVID-19 restrictions)

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🌐 fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/library

 **FAIRFIELD CITY**
OPEN LIBRARIES

OPERATIONAL PLAN

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ROAD UPGRADES - \$13.7 million

ROADS PROGRAM 20km

This includes repairs to roads and resurfacing. Some areas to benefit this year include Bossley Park, Cabramatta, Edensor Park, Fairfield, Fairfield Heights, Fairfield West, Mt Pritchard, Smithfield and Wetherill Park.

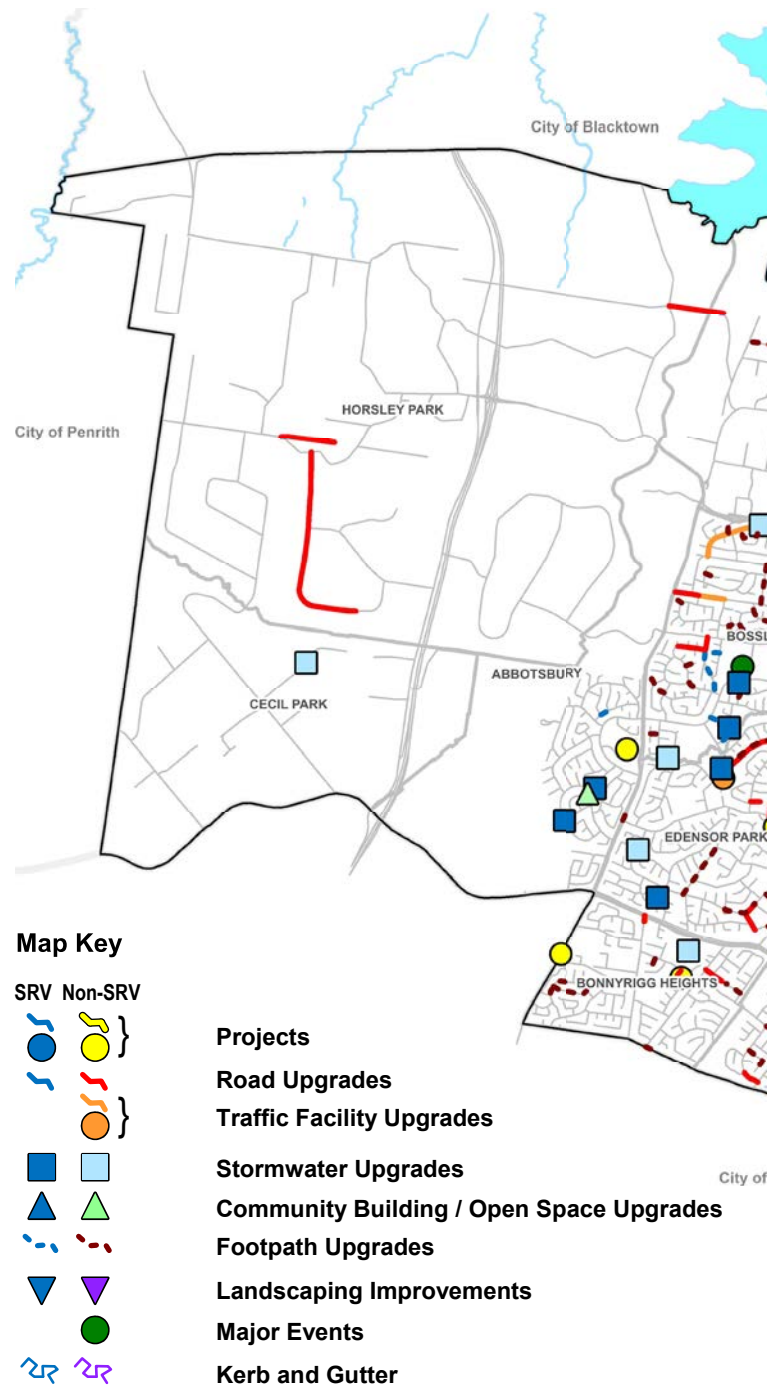
NEW AND UPGRADED FOOTPATHS, UPGRADED KERBS AND GUTTERS - \$7.9 million

FOOTPATH PROGRAM 16.2km

KERB AND GUTTER PROGRAM 11km

This includes new footpath links and upgrades to existing cycleways, walkways, pathways, kerbs and gutters.

Some of the areas to benefit this year include Bonnyrigg, Bossley Park, Cabramatta, Fairfield, St Johns Park and Wetherill Park.



Map Key

SRV Non-SRV

- Blue circle (SRV) / Yellow circle (Non-SRV)
- Blue line (SRV) / Yellow line (Non-SRV)
- Blue square (SRV) / Light blue square (Non-SRV)
- Blue triangle (SRV) / Green triangle (Non-SRV)
- Blue inverted triangle (SRV) / Purple inverted triangle (Non-SRV)
- Blue double arrow (SRV) / Purple double arrow (Non-SRV)

Projects

Road Upgrades

Traffic Facility Upgrades

Stormwater Upgrades

Community Building / Open Space Upgrades

Footpath Upgrades

Landscaping Improvements

Major Events

Kerb and Gutter

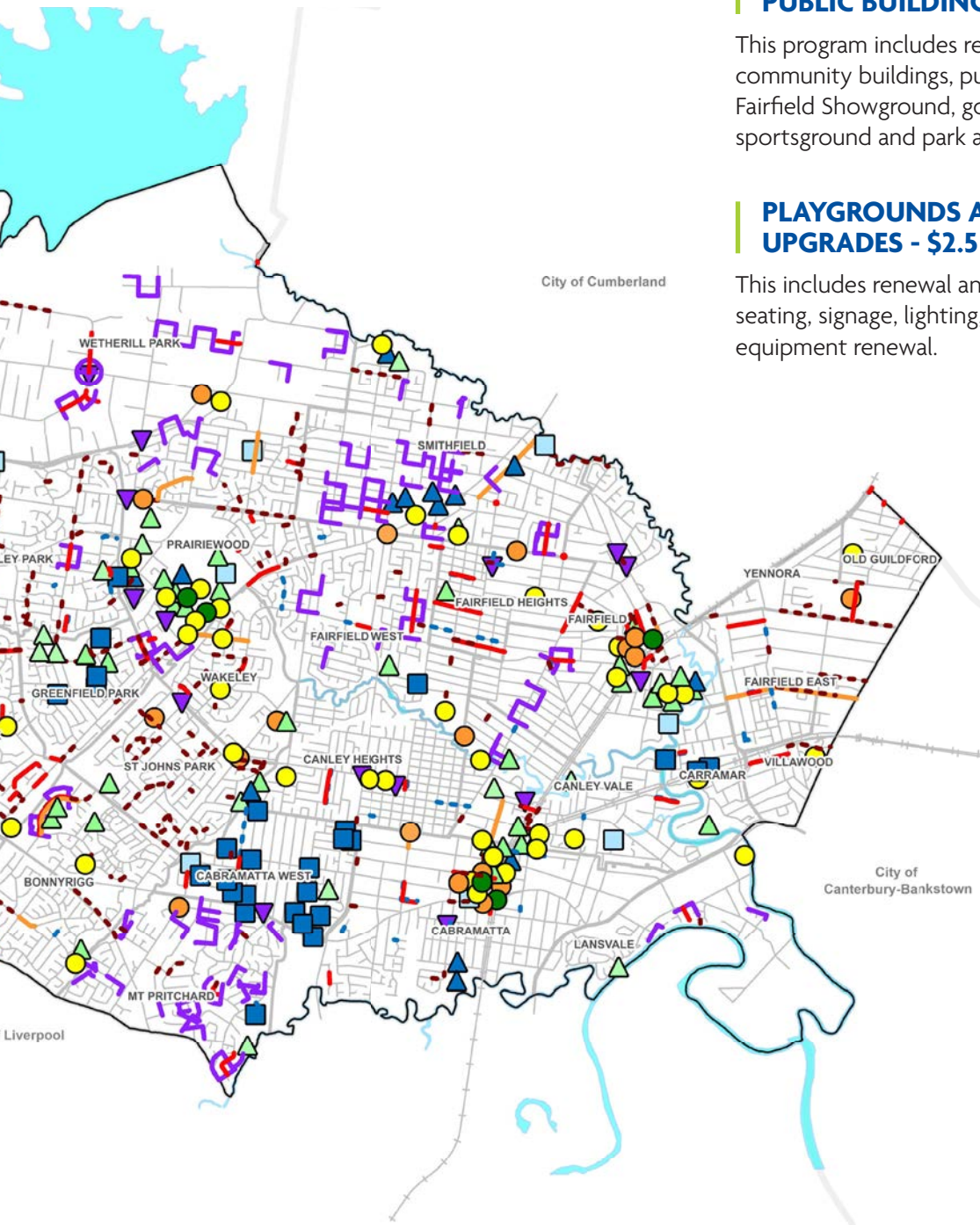
*SRV - Special Rate Variation

PUBLIC BUILDING UPGRADES - \$6.5 million

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

PLAYGROUNDS AND SPORTSFIELDS UPGRADES - \$2.5 million

This includes renewal and upgrades of play equipment, seating, signage, lighting, irrigation, sport court and equipment renewal.



AROUND OUR CITY

NEWS AND EVENTS



Council plans to hold the postponed Re-illuminate as soon as it is safe to do so under COVID-19 restrictions.



The Fairfield Easter Fair returned in April with an epic line-up of family-friendly entertainment and the Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza.



Six year old Mary Immaculate Primary School pupil Joseph Hedo published his first book BlaBla about a superhero alien in March.



Bring It On! went on tour during 2021 Youth Week and was livestreamed via the Fairfield City Youth Facebook page.



The Seniors Week Expo was a hit in April, featuring entertainment, health and lifestyle exhibitors, giveaways and more.



Giotto Gelato in Smithfield received a Mayor's Congratulatory Certificate for achieving 25 years in business.



Fairfield's biggest street feast Culinary Carnival saw Fairfield City Centre come alive showcasing the community's love and passion for food.



Iconic burger chain Carl's Jr opened their first Sydney metro store at Greenway Plaza, Wetherill Park in March.



The new Fairfield Library hosted a Biggest Morning Tea event to raise money in the fight against cancer.



Seniors were educated about our City's services and facilities during the Seniors' Bus Tours in June.

FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY



Atong Atem, *Adut*, 2015, ilford smooth pearl print, 59.4 x 84.1cm. Courtesy of the artist and MARS Gallery



IN THE FIBRE OF HER BEING

Until 10 November 2021

In the fibre of her being contemplates the role of women as anonymous carriers and preservers of heritage. With fibre as their dialect, these artists speak to their personal and collective histories, exploring legacies of womanhood, female subjectivity, diaspora, resilience and community.

Artists: Atong Atem / Crossing Threads / Monika Cvitanovic Zaper / Julia Gutman / Nadia Hernández / Kate Just / Paula do Prado / Linda Sok / Tjanpi Desert Weavers

Visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/FCMG for more information about What's On at the Fairfield City Museum & Gallery.

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Scan here to sign the petition



Join us in the fight to upgrade our hospital
or visit [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/
FairfieldHospitalPetition](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/FairfieldHospitalPetition).

DO YOU WANT A BIN FOR YOUR GREEN WASTE?

Council's current waste contract finishes in 2025. We are exploring introducing an additional green-lidded bin for green waste.

Do you want a 240L green waste bin in addition to the current 240L waste bin (red lid) and 240L recycling bin (yellow lid)?



HAVE YOUR SAY NOW BY SCANNING THE QR CODE. >>>



ENVIRONMENT

Visit Council's website for types of waste accepted at these events
www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/waste



FREE Winter Waste Drop Off event

Sunday 25 July, 7am-3.30pm
Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Road, Prairiewood



FREE Chemical CleanOut and E-waste Drop Off

Sunday 22 August, 9am-3.30pm
Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Road, Prairiewood

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City Celebrating
diversity

Fairfield City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land in which the Fairfield Local Government Area is situated - the Cabrogal of the Darug Nation.