

# CITY LIFE

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We welcomed 500 new Australians at our Citizenship Ceremony at Fairfield Showground in April.



Former 'Yellow Wiggle' Greg Page visited Council to discuss the importance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).



We installed new outdoor exercise equipment in Tasman Park, Fairfield West.



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Frank Carbone

**It's been a productive year for Council as we continue to plan carefully and spend wisely to deliver the best facilities, services and events for our City.**

Council has budgeted more than \$78 million worth of capital works programs for the coming financial year, while ensuring we remain financially sustainable and in a strong financial position.

We already have many city-shaping projects underway to improve our liveability and local economy including an indoor Multicultural and Sporting Centre at Fairfield Showground, as well as extensive upgrades to Endeavour Sports Park in Fairfield West; Avenel Park in Canley Vale and Brenan Park in Smithfield.

These projects will be delivered in line with a number of other revitalisation projects which will see millions of dollars on upgrades to local roads and transport (\$22.5 million), new and upgraded footpaths (\$4.2 million), renewal to public buildings (\$8.7 million) and upgrades to playgrounds and sportsfields (\$5.1 million).

We also received just over \$26.5 million funding through the NSW Government's WestInvest program. This will go towards the construction of a new district park at Brenan Park Smithfield, community park in Canley Vale and synthetic field upgrade at Endeavour Sports Park, Fairfield West. There is more information on these and other projects on pages 6-7 of this issue of *City Life*.

This is just a snapshot of the exciting things we are delivering for our City in the year ahead. It continues the strong program of works and services we have delivered to transform this City so far. There is more information about our Operational Plan and how your rates are spent in this issue of *City Life*.

This Council has a track record of delivery, and I'm committed to getting on with the job of providing the best services and facilities for the families and businesses of our thriving City.

*Frank Carbone*

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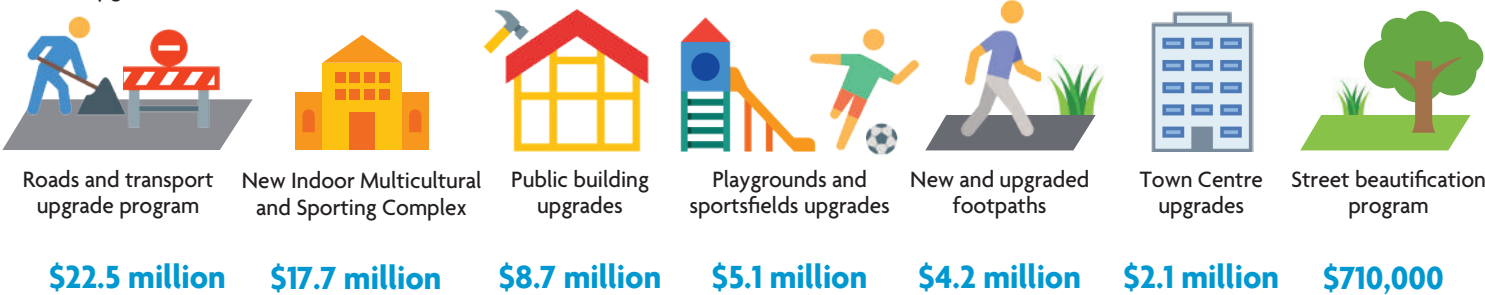
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# Investing in our community 2023/2024

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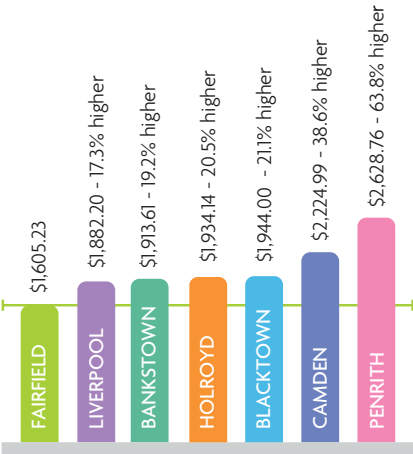


**COMPARE YOUR RATES** – Visit [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/comparerates](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/comparerates)

## Financial health check

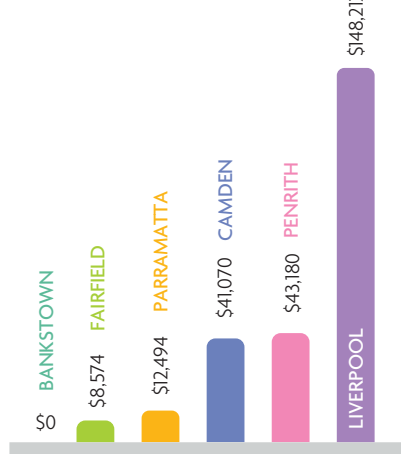
Fairfield City Council is in a strong position in comparison to other councils while maintaining one of the lowest residential rates in Sydney. We also pride ourselves on our robust program of investing in infrastructure and services in our City while maintaining a very low borrowing compared to other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

Comparable residential rates 2022/2023



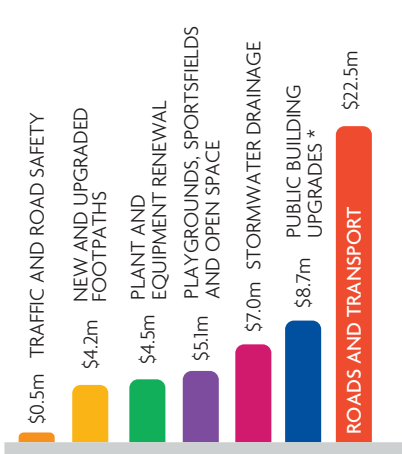
Comparable rates and charges based on land value of \$600,000 and a standard 240 litre bin for domestic waste.

Financial borrowings as at 30 June 2022 in \$'000



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 2023/2024



Council's budgeted infrastructure expenditure for 2022/2023 totals \$61.4 million.

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

FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL'S  
*Culinary*  
CARNIVAL

## FAIRFIELD SERVED UP ON A PLATE

Council's biggest foodie festival Culinary Carnival returned to Fairfield City Centre in May. Revellers delighted in Council's popular street party celebrating all things culture and food. This year's headliner was celebrated TV chef, restaurateur, author and television presenter Miguel Maestre, who brought back the same energy and passion for food as when he headlined the event some 10 years ago, this time serving up the biggest paella in Australia in his paellatron!

THANK YOU TO OUR FESTIVAL SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS AND EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED, WE CAN'T WAIT TO DO IT ALL AGAIN!

#FairfieldCityCentre #CulinaryCarnival

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COMING  
SOON!

Fairfield City Council's  
**CABRAMATTA**

**MOON**  
**FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY**

**17.09.23**

**9AM-8PM**

**CABRAMATTA  
TOWN CENTRE**





## NUTRITIOUS RECIPES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE TO TRY AT HOME



Families can now make their own delicious and healthy meals thanks to a tailor-made cookbook developed by Fairfield City Best Start Education & Care. To view the free cookbook online, scan the QR code or you can borrow a copy at one of our five library branches.

**Looking to enrol your child in our services next year?  
Join the 2024 waitlist for Fairfield City Best Start  
Education & Care now!**

Contact [cfsadmin@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cfsadmin@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au)  
or call 9725 0393 for enquiries.

# Australia Day Community Awards 2024

Nominations open  
14 August 2023

Citizen of the Year  
Young Citizen of the Year  
Volunteer of the Year  
Sports Achiever of the Year

For more information call 9725 0222 or visit  
[fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/australiaday](http://fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/australiaday)



**Australia Day**

# MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



## CARRAWOOD PARK NOW OPEN

The community came together in May to celebrate the opening of the new play space at the much-loved Carrawood Park in Carramar. Families enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and entertainment and of course the new play space which includes the iconic centrepiece, the big bass.

Together with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Council improved the park with designs inspired by its Prospect Creek location.

The upgrades included the preservation of Cumberland Plain Woodland and the new inclusive 'Big Bass' play space.

The play space has something for all ages including:

- shaded seating,
- voice tubes, gong drums and sound cubes,
- a water play area,
- 2-seat swing set, spinning bowl,
- junior bouldering set,
- wobble bridge,
- balance beams and
- picnic area.



## FAIRFIELD INTERNATIONAL MONUMENT RESTORED

Fairfield City Mayor Frank Carbone and Councillors unveiled Council's \$859,000 upgrade of the iconic International Monument at The Crescent at Fairfield rail and bus interchange in May.

The monument recognises our cultural heritage. Our heritage is important because it has made us who we are today. Our parents, grandparents and those before them worked hard for a better future for their families and our City.

The space was set aside many years ago to recognise the many immigrant groups and people who had contributed to our community.

We planted more trees, seating, wider paths, lighting and new paving for commuters and shoppers to enjoy but also restored the significant cultural monuments that were built here – the Stimson Memorial drinking fountain put there in 1935 and the Fairfield International Monument.

At a later date the PJ Friend clock erected in 1958 will be reinstalled after undergoing significant restoration.

The International Monument came to fruition through a design competition run by Council in 1968. It was paid for by the Fairfield Multicultural Society, who raised \$20,000 to build it. It recognises all the immigrants at that time, mostly from Europe, who had come to our City to live and work.





## Bareena and Fairfield Heights parks

Fairfield City is fast becoming known within the City and region for its 'super playground parks' with unique and varied playgrounds and equipment - with something for everyone.

We are building two more 'super parks' that will be completed in the coming month – Bareena Park, Canley Vale and Fairfield Heights Park.

You may have already seen the iconic eight-metre-tall koi fish slide and climbing rope feature at Bareena Park. Other equipment includes swings, carousels, spinners, rockers, seesaws, musical equipment, shade, outdoor gym, learn-to-ride circuit track and sheltered picnic areas.

Fairfield Heights Park's playground will include a large treehouse with slide, accessible play equipment, toddler and kids swings and play zone, flying fox, water play area, learn-to-ride track, outdoor gym and picnic areas.

Parks are important. They give families an affordable opportunity to get out and about, get some fresh air and be active.

## More significant park upgrades coming

In recent years, residents have received a bonanza of significant sporting and playground upgrades, so they can get out and get active - no matter where they live across our City.

Thanks to NSW State Government funding through the WestInvest program, we have more coming in the next few years including:

- Brenan Park, Smithfield - Council will deliver a new \$6 million inclusive district playground including outdoor fitness station, basketball half-court, flying fox, water play, climbing structures and new car parking. Construction and completion is scheduled for 2024.
- Avenel Park, Canley Vale – Council will deliver a \$4 million fitness park including exercise equipment, an undulating bike and scooter track, Ninja obstacle course and sprint track.
- Endeavour Sports Park, Fairfield West - Council will deliver a \$1.5 million upgraded park to a high-level sports precinct for grass roots sport.

## Fairfield Golf Course Detention Basin

Upgrade works to the Fairfield Golf Course Detention Basin at Prairiewood are scheduled for completion in September.

Due to the basin's age and design, the upgrade works were essential to ensure community safety, and to protect properties in the area from future flooding. The scope of works included:

- increasing the spill crest of the embankment along its 940m length
- reconstruction of existing access roads and cycleways across the embankment
- replacement of existing fencing along the embankment perimeter, and
- landscaping.

Watch our explainer video on the importance of detention basins by scanning the QR code:



# DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

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### Some upgrades include:

#### ROAD UPGRADES - \$22.5 million

##### ROADS AND TRANSPORT PROGRAM 26.6km

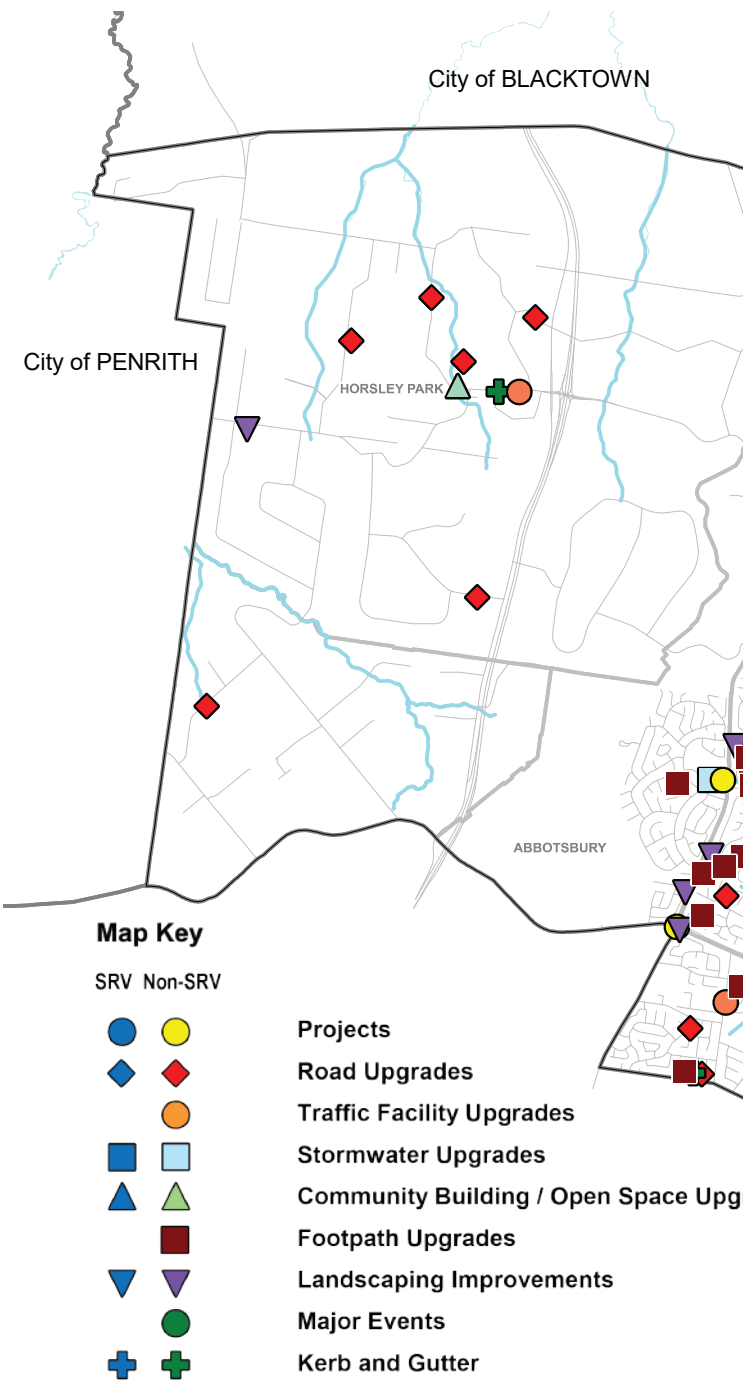
This includes repairs to roads, kerb and gutters, and resurfacing. Some areas to benefit this year include Bonnyrigg, Bonnyrigg Heights, Bossley Park, Cabramatta, Cabramatta West, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Edensor Park, Fairfield, Fairfield East, Fairfield Heights, Fairfield West, Greenfield Park, Horsley Park, Lansvale, Mt Pritchard, Prairiewood, Smithfield, St Johns Park, Villawood, Wakeley and Wetherill Park.

#### NEW AND UPGRADED FOOTPATHS - \$4.2 million

##### FOOTPATH PROGRAM 14.7km

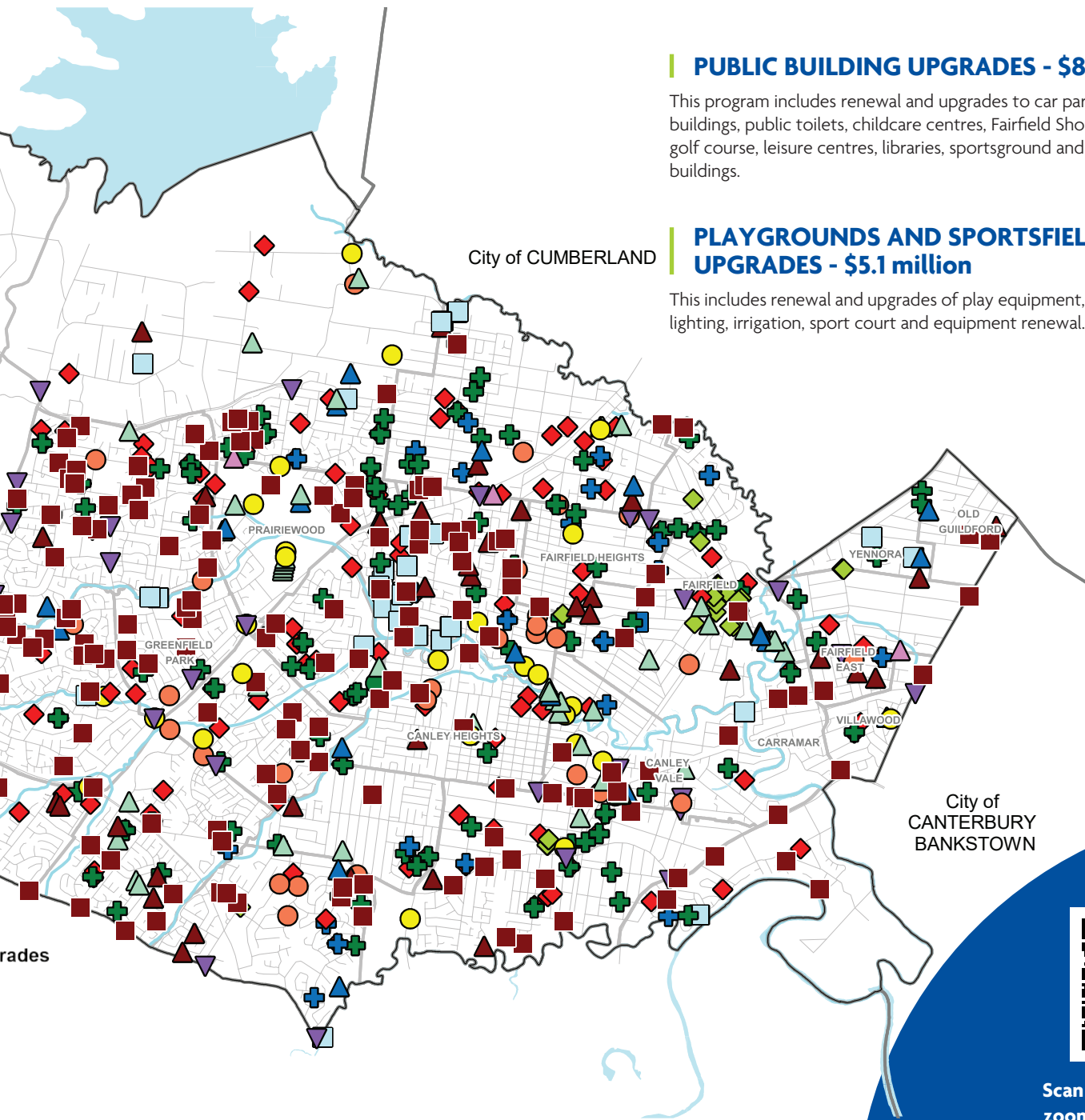
This includes new footpath links and upgrades to existing cycle ways, walkways and pathways.

Some of the areas to benefit this year include Abbotsbury, Bonnyrigg, Bonnyrigg Heights, Bossley Park, Cabramatta, Cabramatta West, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Carramar, Edensor Park, Fairfield, Fairfield East, Fairfield West, Greenfield Park, Lansvale, Mt Pritchard, Old Guildford, Prairiewood, Smithfield, St Johns Park, Villawood, Wakeley and Wetherill Park.



\*SRV - Special Rate Variation





## PUBLIC BUILDING UPGRADES - \$8.7 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 - \$5.1 million

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



Scan the QR code to zoom in and see this map in more detail.

# AROUND OUR CITY

## NEWS AND EVENTS



**M**ayor Frank Carbone and Fairfield City Councillors attended several ANZAC Day services held across the City in April.



Prizes were handed out to the winners and participants of the 2022/23 Mayor's Summer Holiday Program.



Active Fest returned to Fairfield Youth and Community Centre offering healthy food talks and the chance for kids to try a sport.



Mayor Frank Carbone attended a community Biggest Morning Tea event to help raise funds for the Cancer Council.





Council recognised National Reconciliation Week with a Flag-Raising Ceremony and Indigenous welcome dance for the community.



Representatives of Best Start Education & Care launched their cookbook at the 2023 Inspire Conference in Sydney in March.



Mayor Frank Carbone joined the local Buddhist community to observe Vesak Day celebrations across the City.



Council contributed \$17,875 to the Western Sydney Academy of Sport to support the development of young athletes from Fairfield City.



Council's beautification program continues across the City with landscape upgrades coming to 22 key intersections and roundabouts.



The popular Seniors' Bus Tour program returned in May; this time announcing a third date due to popular demand.



# FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY



Image: Matt Huynh, *Cabramatta* (2019), interactive comic still.



## MÌNH Until 14 October 2023

Through the work of artists and writers, MÌNH explores Vietnamese and Chinese diasporic life in Australia today, and questions what it means to be who we are now. MÌNH is an everyday word which refers to our bodies and selves, but it also means us; about who we are as individuals as well as how we exist together.

### COLLABORATING ARTISTS

Dacchi Dang / Christina Huynh / Matt Huynh / Phương Ngô / Đinh Huy Nguyễn / James Nguyen / Lucia Tường Vy Nguyễn / Lynn Nguyễn / Kim Phạm / Victoria Pham / Vivian Pham / Hoài Mạnh Tất / My Lê Thi / Bic Tieu / Huyen Hac Helen Tran / Maria Trần / Garry Trinh

Visit [fcmg.nsw.gov.au](https://fcmg.nsw.gov.au) for more information about what's on at Fairfield City Museum & Gallery.

 [fairfieldcitymuseumgallery](https://www.facebook.com/fairfieldcitymuseumgallery)  
 [@fairfieldcitymuseumgallery](https://www.instagram.com/fairfieldcitymuseumgallery)

The MÌNH exhibition is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.

634 The Horsley Drive, Smithfield NSW (Entry via Oxford Street)

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MGNWS IMAGiNE Awards



## WHAT'S ON @ FCMG

**JUN 2023 – AUG 2023**

### AFTERTASTE

The food-related artworks in Aftertaste speak about culture, identity and representation by way of tastes on the tongue.

**Until 12 August**

### A WHISPER OF ECHOES LOUDEST

Through gentle and resilient practice this group exhibition looks at difficult and often violent narratives that are otherwise concealed from public view and concern.

**Opening 26 August**

### LIVING THE PAST VOLUNTEER CALL-OUT

Interested in becoming a volunteer at FCMG? Find out about our current opportunities at [FCMG.nsw.gov.au](https://fcmg.nsw.gov.au).



# WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY



Fairfield City Open Libraries offers a wide range of free programs and exciting events for all audiences. They also deliver programs in the creative spaces – lab.LX, lab.LX STEAM and Studio 2166. Find workshops about professional and career development in the Workary.



**Scan the QR code to see what's coming up at Fairfield City Open Libraries.**

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All you need is your Fairfield City Open Libraries library card and it's all free for you to enjoy.

Explore Hoopla and visit

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## HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

We believe everyone in our community should be able to enjoy the wonderful resources available at our libraries. Over the last 60 years, The Home Library Service has been an integral service providing library materials to hundreds of housebound residents in Fairfield City who have been unable to physically visit the libraries.

Books, audiobooks, and other library resources are selected for you and delivered to and collected from your home or your retirement village monthly.

To enquire about our Home Library Service or to apply for registration, please contact 9725 0333.





*Love  
where you  
Live*

## DO THE RIGHT THING PUT RUBBISH IN THE BIN

Did you know that 95% of the pollution in our waterways is a result of stormwater runoff? That is the rubbish that finds its way on to the ground and ends up washing into our waterways, polluting our creeks and devastating our wildlife.

You can do your bit to help our environment by making sure you always put your rubbish in a bin. Let's love where we live and work together to keep our City clean

For the rubbish that does end up in our waterways, Council's Creek Care Program cleans, re-vegetates and de-weeds more than 60 different sites across the City and removes, or stops from entering, more than 100 tonnes of litter every year.

## KERBSIDE CLEAN-UP

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FREE bulky waste kerbside  
collections online. Get  
your bulky household  
waste picked up at a time  
more convenient to you.**

[www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/kerbsidecleanup](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/kerbsidecleanup)



## UPCOMING FREE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS

We hold a wide range of FREE workshops and tours for the community.

**To see all upcoming events and to register,  
visit [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/events).**

## FLYING FOX PLANTING



Thank you to our community for turning up to volunteer to plant trees and help restore the canopy at a threatened ecological area in Cabramatta in April.

Despite the rain, 40 volunteers helped us plant more than 2000 plants. Awesome effort!

The restored canopy will help our flying fox friends have a welcoming home.

We will have more days coming up and hope you can join us. Picture courtesy of Martin Ratcliff.



# WHAT'S ON

## AUGUST

### Sunday 7 August

Free Open Day

Fairfield Youth and Community Centre  
Vine Street, Fairfield  
11am-4pm

### Every Saturday

Fairfield City Markets

Up to 600 undercover stalls  
Fairfield Showground  
Smithfield Road, Prairiewood  
9am-4pm

### Monday 14 August

Australia Day Community Awards  
Nominations open  
[fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au](http://fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au)  
Enquiries 9725 0166

### Sunday 20 August

Chemical CleanOut & E-Waste Collection  
Fairfield Showground  
Smithfield Road Prairiewood  
9am-3.30pm



## SEPTEMBER

### Friday 1 September

Community Development Grants open  
(Arts & Culture, Community Capacity  
Building, Harmony Week, Youth Week)  
[www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/grants)

### Saturday 9 September

Impact, Advocacy and You  
Creatives in the Neighbourhood  
Fairfield School of Arts  
2pm-4pm

### Sunday 17 September

Cabramatta Moon Festival  
Cabramatta Town Centre  
11am-8pm

### Saturday 23 September

Aquatopia Water Park reopens  
Prairiewood Leisure Centre  
Prairie Vale Road, Prairiewood  
[fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Aquatopia](http://fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Aquatopia)

### Tuesday 26 September

Spring School Holiday Program begins  
Fairfield City Museum & Gallery  
634 The Horsley Drive, Smithfield  
[www.fcmg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fcmg.nsw.gov.au)

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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.