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We welcomed almost 1,000 new Australians at our Citizenship Ceremonies at Fairfield Showground in June and July.



Council hosted pop-up stalls for Local Government Week in August.



We installed a new 400-metre circuit walking track at Lansvale Park.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Frank Carbone

The past 12 months have been some of the busiest and most productive in our City's history with the delivery of high quality infrastructure and services for the community.

Two signature events – Culinary Carnival in May and the upcoming Cabramatta Moon Festival attract thousands of visitors to our city centres year after year. As well as showcasing our vibrant cultures and thriving food scene, our major events contribute to the liveability of our City, adding to our sense of community and belonging. Stay tuned as details of our premier New Year's Eve event Illuminate are released next month.

Later this month, we will reopen Aquatopia for the 2023-2024 season. Last year we welcomed a record 100,469 visitors through the gates. Aquatopia is the region's best place for summer fun. It will be great to see so many families enjoying this fantastic facility again when it reopens in the upcoming school holidays on Saturday 23 September. You can book online now at www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Aquatopia.

Last month we opened the Bareena Park and Fairfield Heights Park playgrounds, and planning is underway for more exciting projects happening around the City. A unique fitness park is being planned for Avenel Park, Canley Vale, as well as upgrades to Endeavour Sports Park in Fairfield West and Brenan Park, Smithfield. We want each of these spaces to offer innovative and accessible features for families to enjoy that are within walking distance or a short drive. These improvements underline how important open spaces are to our community and that's why we are investing more than \$5 million on improvements to our open spaces over the next year.

Nominations are now open for Council's 2024 Australia Day Community Awards. If you know someone who dedicates their time and effort into making Fairfield City a better place, visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards to nominate them now.

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Capture Fairfield

VISUAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered the 2023 Capture Fairfield Visual Arts & Photography Competition. The winners were announced by Mayor Frank Carbone during a special presentation at the July Council Meeting.

This year's competition received 389 submissions across the visual art, photography, and Waste to Art categories.

Judges made their selection based on the skill, strong visual appeal and response to this year's 'Love Where You Live' theme.

The winning and highly commended art submissions are on display at Council's Administration Centre in Wakeley, and a selection of photographs are on display at the Whitlam Library Cabramatta until 29 September 2023.

A selection of entries are also available to view online at www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/capturefairfield.

If you missed out this year, the 2024 competition opens in April next year.



FIRST PLACE WINNER
VISUAL ARTS – ADULT
Louise de Marco Jelavic,
A Park of Adventure



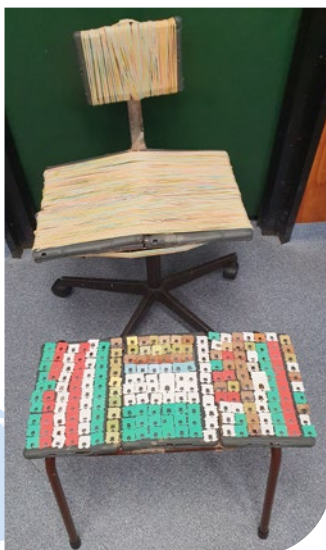
FIRST PLACE WINNER
PHOTOGRAPHY – ADULT
Nataliya Vovenko,
Lovely afternoon in our park



FIRST PLACE WINNER
PHOTOGRAPHY – SECONDARY
Jayden Ngo, *Sunset Symphony*
Tyres and Tranquillity



FIRST PLACE WINNER
PHOTOGRAPHY – PRIMARY
Mya Tran,
A walk in the park



WINNER
WASTE TO ART – PRIMARY
Bossley Park Public School – Class 3N, *Colourful Companions Farm*



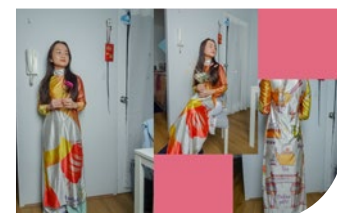
FIRST PLACE WINNER
VISUAL ARTS – SECONDARY
Merna Dawood,
Boundless Joy



FIRST PLACE WINNER
VISUAL ARTS – PRIMARY
Angelina Huynh,
The Beauty of Fairfield City



WINNER (MOST CREATIVE)
WASTE TO ART – ADULT
Cathareen Ganesaratnam,
My Fair Lady








WINNER (MOST PRACTICAL)
WASTE TO ART – ADULT
Thao Le, *The beauty in tradition... and the love for food*

FAIRFIELD CITY LOST AND FOUND PETS

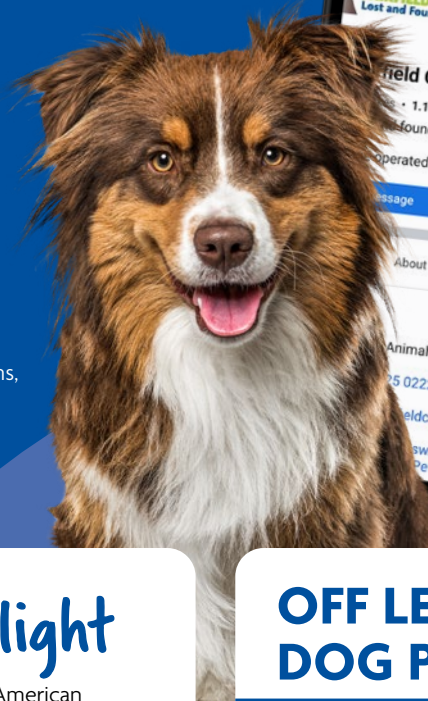
Lost pets are now one step closer to being reunited with their owners with the help of the 'Fairfield City Lost and Found Pets' Facebook page. Make sure you like and follow the page on Facebook to stay up-to date with lost and found animals in the area and important announcements about responsible pet ownership.

All dog and cat owners have a responsibility to their animal, their community, and their environment. Being a responsible pet owner means:

-  Registering your pet and keeping your records up to date
-  Desexing your dog or cat to avoid unwanted litters
-  Ensuring your dog is on a controlled lead whenever in public
-  Cleaning up after your dog when out and about
-  Ensuring your pet remains fit and healthy with regular exercise.

To find out more about how to register your pet, Council-run pet programs, and responsible pet ownership, or if you're looking to adopt a four-legged family member, visit fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Services-Animals-And-Pets.

Like and follow us
on Facebook!



Pet profile spotlight

Oscar is a one year old, tan and white, American Staffordshire Terrier. He is the king of sweetness and affection. This lovable boy is a social butterfly who can get along well with most other dogs. One of Oscar's favourite pastimes is playing fetch by bunny hopping after the ball. He is microchipped, desexed and up to date with his vaccinations.

If you are interested in adopting a dog like Oscar or any other pets from Fairfield City, visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals-and-Pets/Adopt-an-animal.

OFF LEASH DOG PARKS

Keeping dogs exercised and socialised is important for their health and happiness.

Council makes it easy for you to let your pet roam freely off-leash at one of our five dog parks around the City.

To find one near you visit
www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/dogparks

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FAIRFIELD CITY *Women's* DAY AWARD



There are many exceptional women in Fairfield City that deserve to be recognised for their professional achievements.

**NOMINATIONS OPEN
30 OCTOBER 2023**

www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/womensdayaward



MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



Bareena Park, Canley Vale

NEW PARKS TAKING PLAY TIME TO NEW HEIGHTS

Fairfield City is fast becoming known in the region for its 'super parks' with unique and varied play and fitness equipment catering to people of all ages, interests and abilities.

Last month we opened the much anticipated Bareena Park and Fairfield Heights Park playgrounds.

Located in Canley Vale, Bareena Park playground has an iconic eight-metre-tall koi fish centrepiece with a slide and climbing rope. Other equipment includes swings, carousels, spinners, rockers, seesaws, outdoor gym, learn-to-ride circuit track and sheltered picnic areas.

Fairfield Heights Park's playground includes 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.



Fairfield Heights Park



More detention basin upgrades

Council has started work on a \$3.7 million upgrade to Powhatan Park Detention Basin on Mimosa Road in Greenfield Park to reduce the risk of flooding to properties downstream.

The works, jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government, will see the modification and strengthening of the existing embankment and increased outlet capacity, bringing it in line with contemporary State Government requirements.

Fairfield City has a long history of flooding. Due to the large number of creeks and low-lying lands, more than a quarter of our City can be impacted by flooding during significant rainfall.

Since the major floods of the 1980s, particularly in 1986 and 1988, Council has worked hard and spent millions of dollars on flood mitigation measures - including the construction or improvement of 19 flood detention basins in flood prone areas across the City.

Works at Powhatan Park Detention Basin are scheduled for completion in 2025.

Funding boost for parks & playgrounds

Planning is currently underway to transform Brenan Park in Smithfield and Avenel Park in Canley Vale thanks to a \$10 million investment made possible by the NSW Government's WestInvest program. These two projects will see residents benefit from new recreation and fitness facilities for all ages, building a healthier and more engaged local community.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the community consultation survey in June. Your feedback will inform our plans as we move into the detailed design phase, with construction anticipated to commence in 2024.

The Endeavour Sports Park netball courts in Fairfield West will also be transformed into a multi-purpose ball-sports court. Scheduled works for the \$1.5 million project will include a complete court reconfiguration to accommodate netball, basketball, volleyball, futsal and pickleball, plus new lighting.

Follow us on social media or sign up to our fortnightly City Connect newsletter for regular updates.

Upgraded leisure centres

We have been busy upgrading our leisure centres during the past few months to ensure the best aquatic and fitness facilities for families in time for summer.

- Works are progressing on the 50-metre outdoor pool at Fairfield Leisure Centre. The walls of the pool have been cut and will be replaced with new walls in preparation for a 'wet-deck' pool edge.
- The Cabravale Leisure Centre gym received new rubber flooring and has extended its operating hours to 24/7.



LIBRARIES OPEN LATE FOR HSC STUDENTS

Fairfield City Open Libraries have extended their opening hours at Fairfield Library and Whitlam Library Cabramatta until Thursday 2 November 2023 to support HSC students.

Whitlam Library: closes at 10pm, Tuesday to Thursday.

Fairfield Library: closes at 8pm, Monday and Wednesday

For more information visit: www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Services/Fairfield-City-Open-Libraries/HSC-Support



BECOME A FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATOR

If you like the idea of working from home and making a difference in children's lives by providing quality care and learning experiences, then becoming a Family Day Educator might be the right fit for you!

Family Day Care can offer you the opportunity to start a rewarding career as an Educator with the flexibility to adapt to the changing needs of your own family, and have a work-life balance.



Scan here for more information
or speak to the Family Day Care
team on 9725 0393 or email them at
cfsadmin@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au



LOOKING TO ENROL YOUR CHILD IN OUR SERVICES NEXT YEAR?
Join the 2024 waitlist for Fairfield City Best Start Education & Care now.
Visit www.beststart.nsw.gov.au

Fairfield City Council's
CABRAMATTA

MOON FESTIVAL

SUNDAY
17.09.23

11AM-8PM

**CABRAMATTA
TOWN CENTRE**

QUEEN FOREVER ROCKS YOU



LION DANCING



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AROUND OUR CITY

NEWS AND EVENTS



The NAIDOC Family Fun Day at Fairfield Showground in July was a hit with hundreds turning out despite the rain to enjoy activities, performances and stalls.



Children enjoyed meeting native fauna at our FREE Habitat workshop. For upcoming workshops visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/events.



Our Capture Fairfield winners were presented with their awards by Mayor Frank Carbone and Councillors in July.



Last financial year we donated \$25,500 to 44 different not-for-profit organisations, schools and individuals to support their events and projects.



Council recognised the City's young people achieving great things at the Mayor's Youth Achievement Awards in June.



Council celebrated Local Government Week last month with stalls at shopping centres and Fairfield Showground promoting Council services.



Mayor Frank Carbone joined not-for-profit Hands of Hope to deliver toys and gifts to children currently admitted at Fairfield Hospital.



In July, we welcomed the Year 6 students from Mount Pritchard Public School to Fairfield City Council as part of our Civic Education Program.



A big thank you to the 117 people who turned up to help us plant 7,000 plants on National Tree Day in July.



We continue to keep our playgrounds in good shape with recent softfall upgrades to Horsley Park, Brenan, Hawthorne and Emerson parks.

FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY



Mehwish Iqbal, *Infiltration of a Foreign Entity*, 2019. Image courtesy the artist and Yavuz Gallery, Sydney.

A WHISPER ECHOES LOUDEST Until 10 February 2024

ARTISTS

Rosell Flatley / Carmen Glynn-Braun / Dennis Golding /
Mehwish Iqbal / Shivanjani Lal / Nadia Refaei / Roberta Joy Rich
/ Sha Sarwari

Curated by Nikita Holcombe, *A Whisper Echoes Loudest* reflects on individual and collective experiences of colonialism by those who have always, and those that now call Australia home. Through gentle and resilient artistic practices, the exhibiting artists explore narratives that are otherwise concealed from public view and concern. In sharing them, the exhibition seeks to foster a sense of empathy, understanding and community.

Visit fcmg.nsw.gov.au for more information about what's on at Fairfield City Museum & Gallery.

WHAT'S ON @ FCMG

SEP 2023 – DEC 2023

MÌNH

Through the work of artists and writers, MÌNH explores Vietnamese and Chinese diasporic life in Australia today
Until 14 October 2023

MÌNH COMMUNITY DAY

Join us for a celebration of Vietnamese culture, art and cuisine while also learning about one of the largest Asian diasporic communities in Fairfield City.

23 September 2023, 3pm-6pm

Latin Festival

Experience Latin culture through the lens of Sydney's emerging Latin musicians working in genres from Latin pop to Reggaeton.

25 November 2023, 5pm-9pm

FCMG will be closed temporarily in the coming months for refurbishment. Follow us on social media for updates.

SPRING CLEAN DROP OFF DAY



FREE  Spring **CLEAN**
drop-off event

24 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 7AM-3PM

Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Road, Prairiewood

It's on again! Dispose of your unwanted household goods and bulky items easily and for FREE at Council's annual Spring Clean Drop Off Event.

Each year almost 150 tonnes of bulky waste is dropped off at Fairfield Showground on the Spring Clean Drop Off Event, all of which is disposed of responsibly or recycled by Council. This event is in addition to the two free kerbside pick-ups that residents have each year.

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

Please be patient in traffic and follow directions from traffic controllers. No trucks will be admitted. A limit of one trailer load will apply to all residents.



KEEP THESE DANGER ITEMS OUT OF YOUR BIN!

Residents are reminded not to put their batteries, aerosol cans, empty gas bottles and cylinders in the garbage bin, recycling bin, or at kerbside for Council collection. When compacted, there is a risk they may explode and cause fires.

These should be returned to the supplier for refill or disposal, or dropped off at Council's Recycling Drop Off Centre or the Household Chemical CleanOut Event.



No
batteries



No
aerosols



No gas
bottles

Scan the QR code for more information on drop off points or visit www.bcycle.com.au.

KERBSIDE CLEAN-UP

BOOK ONLINE NOW 

You can now book in your two 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



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

The Community Development Grants program provides funding to not-for-profit community organisations that are based and/or operate within the Fairfield local government area and/or principally serve Fairfield residents.

There are two rounds (March and September) each year with funding of up to \$3,000 each.

Applications for the September round are now open and include Community Capacity Building, Disability, Arts & Culture, Harmony Day, and Youth Week. For more information and to see what your organisation can apply for visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/grants before Saturday 30 September 2023.

For more information email grants@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

Council and other external bodies provide a variety of grant and funding opportunities throughout the year to support community achievement in a number of social, sporting, cultural and environmental initiatives.

The diversity in grant and funding opportunities ensures there is something for everyone who has an idea or program that strengthens our community or our environment.

COUNCIL DONATIONS AND FUNDS

Council donations of between \$500 and \$2,500 are available for eligible individuals and community groups. Successful applicants are chosen at the discretion of Council.

CLUBGRANTS

ClubGRANTS is an annual community grant program funded by local clubs, such as RSLs, that receive gaming machine revenue. The grants, next available in early 2024, support community organisations and groups to carry out projects that provide support to people in the Fairfield local government area.

HERITAGE GRANTS

Heritage Grants provide funding of up to \$5,000 for owners of heritage items for minor building improvements. Applications open each year in June.

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES GRANT

One-off grants of up to \$5,000 are available to not-for-profit groups and organisations to support creative projects that empower communities to voice important issues, while further developing cultural knowledge and artistic skills. Applications open in March 2024.



Scan here
for Grants
information



WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER

Sunday 1 October

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

Saturday 28 October

Grandparents Day
Enquiries 9725 0222
scd@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

Saturday 28 October

Halloween in Canley Heights
Canley Heights Town Square
Canley Vale Road, Canley Heights
4pm-8pm

Monday 30 October

Fairfield City Women's Day Award
Nominations open
fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/womensdayaward
Enquiries 9725 0166

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 November

So Tell Me About Your Work?
Think+DO Tank Community House
40 Harris Street, Fairfield
6pm-8pm
Enquiries: scd@fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au

Wednesday 1 November

Halloween Preschool Storytime
Bonnyrigg and Whitlam libraries
10.30am-11.30am
www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/events

Sunday 5 November

WSCN Community Bike Rides
Fairfield Showground
9am-12pm
www.westernsydneycyclingnetwork.com.au

Monday 13 November

Light Up Christmas Competition
Entries open
www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/
LightUpChristmas
Enquiries 9725 0166



Grandparents Day

Halloween in
Canley Heights



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SEASON BEGINS!
THE HOTTEST ATTRACTION IN
FAIRFIELD CITY – AQUATOPIA –
REOPENS 23 SEPTEMBER

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YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES



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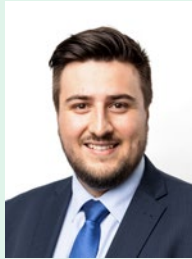
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