

# Community News

Autumn 2024 Edition



# Message from the Mayor Councillor Lisa Lake

Welcome to the Autumn Quarterly Newsletter! It's been a busy start to the year with Council making great progress with our capital works programs, marking significant cultural events and planning for a variety of community focused programs for the year ahead.

An exciting project, the Pippita Rail Trail Masterplan, which is funded by Transport for NSW's Get NSW Active program, was revealed to the community in February, showcasing the proposed plan and concept designs for an improved and accessible walking and cycling link between Lidcombe Train Station and Sydney Olympic Park. I would like to thank those who provided feedback and participated in Council's community consultation sessions, which is really important in helping shape the future of this project. To stay up to date, visit: https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/pippita-rail-trail-masterplan

Council's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants are being put to good use with the Civic Park and Pendle Hill Wetland Improvement Project in its final stages of completion. Children, families and locals are going to really enjoy spending quality time at this new park with its improved amenities, play equipment and safety features. Council is planning an official opening in the coming months, so stay tuned for this information as it becomes available. For more information on the Civic Park and Pendle Hill Wetland Improvement Project, visit:

#### www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/civic-park

Council is continuing its advocacy for Youth Mental Health and recently held a community consultation session with young people to gain their insights and input on key themes that were identified at the 2023 Youth Mental Health Summit. Council is prioritising access to youth mental health support services and programs and will continue to work alongside young people, service providers and government bodies in this space. For more information or for resources on youth mental health, visit www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/mental-health-youth

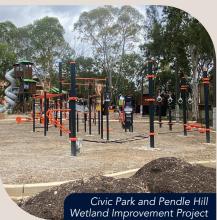
Last month, Council celebrated major cultural events including Easter, Ramadan and Nowruz. These events are really important to our community and to Council. It's always lovely to see the community come together in celebration and unity. Cumberland certainly stands out as a diverse, inclusive and vibrant place.

As always, if you have any concerns or enquiries please reach out, Cumberland Councillors and I are here to assist.

See you around, Lisa











# **Community News**

# Community heroes honoured at an Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

Award winners for 5 categories were recognised for their dedication to the Cumberland community at Council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

The ceremony also welcomed nearly sixty new residents into the community as Australian citizens.

To find out more information, or if you know someone who should be nominated for an award, visit:

www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/local-citizen-year-awards

Congratulations to Cumberland Council's Local Citizen of the Year Award Recipients:

- Environmental Person of the Year -Auburn Hospital Recyclers
- Sportsperson of the Year Renee Alame
- Local Young Citizen of the Year Zainab Jalloh
- Local Senior Citizen of the Year Alan Patterson
- Local Citizen of the Year Bulent Ada











# Easter **Celebrations**

The Easter Bunny hopped into Central Gardens in Merrylands last month at our Easter Celebrations. Eventgoers experienced a fun day with a range of stage performances, activities, games, food and a selfie with the Easter Bunny himself.



### Lunar New Year

In February, Council celebrated the Year of the Dragon as part of its Lunar New Year festivities. Held over three days in Lidcombe, Auburn and Berala, the community was treated to a bustling program complete with comedy shows, K-pop, food, arts, dancing, community workshops and karaoke.



### Seniors Festival

Cumberland's senior residents enjoyed 12 days of free activities, bus trips, excursions, health seminars and art workshops as part of the annual Seniors Festival which took place from 11 to 24 March, after receiving grant funding from the Department of Communities and Justice. This year's theme was "Reach Beyond."



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### What's On

# Mural Artwork Makeover Project

Council has plans for Merrylands and Guildford train station pedestrian tunnels to undergo makeovers with the installation of new mural artworks.

Council is on the lookout for artists to submit their expressions of interest to create these new works.

Submission close: Thursday 9 May

This project has been funded by the NSW Government through Transport for NSW – Sydney Trains.



To submit an application form, or for more information, visit: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/mural-artwork-makeover

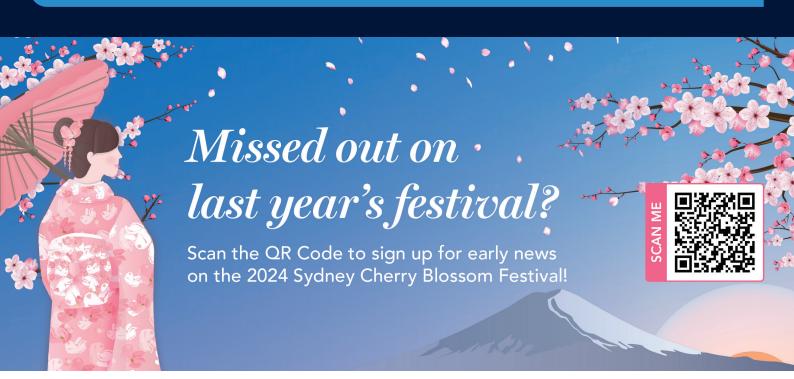
# Active Inclusion Sports Day

People with disability and their carers living in Cumberland are invited to join our FREE Abilities Unleashed event on Friday 19 April at Billbergia Sports Centre!

Participants will have the opportunity to experience a variety of sport and active recreation activities on the day.



Register now at: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/event/active-inclusion-sport-day



#### Careers at Council

Are you focused on driving community outcomes, programs and services to innovate, inspire and deliver change for the community? Then consider a career at Council!

To see all positions vacant, scan the QR code or visit our website: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/positions-vacant



# New Gym at Granville Swim Centre

Discover the ultimate fitness experience at the newly opened Granville Swim Centre Gym.

Offering top-notch health and leisure services to both the local community and beyond, our newest fitness facility caters to all your wellness needs.

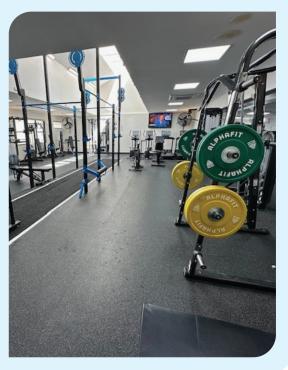
#### **OFFER**

Join now to be one of the first 50 members to grab our exclusive Foundation Membership promotion, which is running from now until April 30, 2024.

Enjoy one month free on a 12-month contract for any membership category, including Full Access, Gym Only or Wellness Only, with prices starting as low as \$9 per week. Plus, receive complimentary fitness assessments and gym programs, valued at \$99 and \$49 respectively. Elevate your fitness journey today!

For more information, visit:

www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/granville-swim-centre-gym



# Community Centre Programs

Discover the diverse range of programs and services available at Council's Community Centres located in Auburn, Berala, Greystanes, Guildford, Pemulwuy, Toongabbie, Wentworthville and Westmead.

From energising exercise classes to educational courses, Council's Community Centres offer something for everyone, including upskilling activities, green-thumbed gatherings at the Garden Club, table tennis matches, soul-nourishing yoga sessions, engaging creative workshops and much more!

For more information, visit:

www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/community-centre-programs



# Book a Mobile Recycling Collection Service

Do you have paint, chemicals, BBQ gas bottles, e-waste, mobile phones or car batteries lying around? Book a pick-up to have hazardous and problem waste collected from your home.

The Mobile Community Recycling Service is run by Cumberland City Council in collaboration with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Book now or find out more:

www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/recycling-service

### Volunteer

Cumberland City Council's Volunteer Program provides residents with diverse opportunities to contribute to the community.

From English and computer classes to JP services, Reading Buddies Program, Community Centre programs, childcare assistance, youth support, community events, Bush Care program, meal delivery, home visits, shopping help, and aiding individuals with disabilities – there's something for everyone to get involved in and make a difference.

For more information or to apply, visit www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/volunteering

### In the Works

### Your Rates at Work

#### Merrylands CBD Drainage Project

Council is continuing with its upgrades and improvements in the Merrylands CBD, with the drainage infrastructure upgrade continuing on the corner of Merrylands Road and Addlestone Road. Council has installed sections of precast concrete stormwater culvert, moved and rebuilt water and sewer mains and worked with gas, electricity and telecommunication providers to reposition and support their infrastructure accessibility and safety as well as delivering an aesthetically pleasing streetscape for the community.

This is the last stage of works to improve the drainage in the Merrylands CBD and reduce the impacts of stormwater flooding. Council anticipates works will continue until the end of May.

For more information visit:

https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/merrylands-cbd-upgrades



#### Wentworthville Memorial Swim Centre

Council has completed the installation of new shade sails and outdoor umbrellas at Wentworthville Memorial Swim Centre. The sails will provide sun protection for children and families and will help create a more enjoyable environment for residents, families and visitors to the pool.





# Creating a Safer Cumberland

Guildford Laneway is undergoing a transformation as part of the Safer Cities: Her Way Program, which aims to improve the perception of safety for young girls and women in public spaces. Construction is currently underway following community feedback from a series of consultations held last year. The upgrades will include new furniture with tables and benches, installation of smart technology, lighting, CCTV cameras, mobile phone charging stations and public art. This project is due to be completed in May 2024.

For more information, visit:

https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/her-way-guildford

Safer Cities: Her Way is part of the wider Safer Cities program led by Transport for NSW.

# Back to Guildford Festival

Be one of the first to see the upgrades to Guildford Laneway at the Back to Guildford Festival. This FREE family friendly event encourages residents to explore the new laneway and showcase the recent upgrades. The event will include live entertainment, roving performers, children's rides, arts and crafts activities, food and market stalls and community groups.

#### Saturday 25 May from 3pm to 9pm

Guildford Road, between Railway Terrace and Bolton Street.

To find out more information, visit: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/back-quildford-festival



## Have Your Say

Listen to Cumberland Conversations, where you are invited to have your say on a range of Council projects, plans and policies that are currently on exhibition. Your feedback will help shape Council's delivery of services, facilities and programs. For more information scan the QR Code.



# **Campaigns & Projects**

# The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Early Literacy Program

Children in Cumberland are being encouraged to read 1000 books before starting Kindergarten as part of a new early literacy reading initiative. The free program aims to foster a love for reading and help improve early literacy skills in infants and children aged up to five years.

To participate, parents can easily register online or visit any library in the Cumberland Local Government Area. Once registered, participants can pick up a FREE starter pack, which includes a reading log to track their progress. As part of the program, children will receive small gifts to celebrate their milestones.



To register online or to find out more, visit: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/1000-books-kindergarten

# Pippita Rail Trail Chugs Along

Council is in the process of reviewing submissions to finalise the planning and design phase of the Pippita Rail Trail following community consultations.

The project, funded by Transport for NSW's Get NSW Active program, proposes an improved and accessible walking and cycling link between Lidcombe Train Station and 430 hectares of recreational facilities at Sydney Olympic Park.

The proposed design for the walking and riding trail will transform what was the former Abattoir Branch railway line.

It once serviced the State Abattoirs, State Brick Works and Homebush Saleyards with stations including Pippita, Metropolitan Meat Platforms, Abattoirs and Brickworks.





To stay up to date with this project, visit: https://haveyoursay.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/pippita-rail-trail-masterplan



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# Upcoming 2024 Events

Find more events on our website: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/whats-on

### ANZAC Day

Visit our website to check when and where your closest ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held.



#### Volunteer Week

Celebrate Volunteer Week with us as we show appreciation for our wonderful volunteers.



#### $School\ Holiday\ Activities$

Visit our website to check out our school holiday activities from ages 2 to 25 years.



في هذه الإصدارة من الرسالة الإخبارية، يمكنك التعرف على الفعاليات الكبرى المليئة بالمرح والإثارة لهذا العام، بما في ذلك عيد الفصح واليوم الوطني لأستراليا والسنة القمرية الجديدة ومهرجان كبار السن، وتتعرف كذلك على جميع برامجنا قيد الإعداد. اطلع على معلومات عن برنامج أعمالنا الكبيرة واحصل على تحديثات حول ترقية Guildford Laneway الجديدة ومسار Pippita Rail Trail والمزيد. لقد قمنا بتنفيذ برنامج مكتبة جديد يشجع الأطفال في كمبر لاند على قراءة 1000 كتاب قبل أن يبدأوا المدرسة. ويمكنك أيضاً التعرف على المزيد حول الخدمات المجتمعية التي نقدمها ومعرفة كيف يمكنك الاشتراك للحصول على الأخبار المبكرة حول مهرجان Sydney Cherry Blossom لعام 2024

在本期新闻通讯中,回顾今年举办的各项妙趣横生的大型活动,包括复活节、澳大利亚国庆节、农历新年庆典和长者节等。亦可查看我们即将推出的所有计划,了解我们的基建工程项目,包括新近推出的Guildford 巷道改造及Pippita铁路小径等项目的快讯。我们实施了一项全新的图书馆计划,鼓励Cumberland的儿童在入学前阅读1000本图书。此外,您还可以了解我们现有社区服务的更多信息,以及提早订阅2024悉尼樱花节的有关资讯!

यो समाचारपत्रको संस्करणमा, ईष्टर, अष्ट्रेलिया दिवस, लुनार नयाँ वर्ष र सिनियर्स फेस्टिभल लगायत यस वर्षका प्रमुख कार्यक्रमहरूका सबै रमाइला गतिविधिहरुबारे जानकारी पाउनुहोस्। हाम्रा आगामी सबै कार्यक्रमहरू थाहा पाउनुहोस्। हाम्रो पुँजीगत कार्य कार्यक्रमबारे जान्नुहोस् र नयाँ गिल्डफोर्ड लेनवे (Guildford Laneway) सुधार, पिपिटा रेल ट्रेल (Pippita Rail Trail) र अन्य गतिविधिहरुबारे अद्याविधक जानकारी प्राप्त गर्नुहोस्। हामीले एउटा नयाँ पुस्तकालय कार्यक्रम शुरू गरेका छौं जसले Cumberland का बालबालिकाहरूलाई विद्यालय शुरू गर्नु अघि 1000 पुस्तकहरू पढ्न प्रोत्साहित गर्दछ। साथै हामीले उपलब्ध गरेका सामुदायिक सेवाहरूको बारेमा थप जान्नुहोस् र 2024 Sydney Cherry Blossom महोत्सवका प्रारम्भिक समाचारहरू पाउनको लागि कसरी आफ्नो नाम दर्ता गर्ने भन्ने बारे पत्ता लगाउनुहोस्।

ஈஸ்டர் திருநாள், ஆஸ்திரேலியா நாள், லூனார் புத்தாண்டு மற்றும் மூத்த குடிமக்களுக்கான விழா உட்பட இந்த ஆண்டின் முக்கிய நிகழ்வுகளில் இருந்து அனைத்து வேடிக்கை மற்றும் செயல்திட்டங்களையும் தெரிந்துகொள்ளுங்கள். அடுத்தடுத்து நாங்கள் கொண்டு வரும் அனைத்து திட்டங்களையும் பாருங்கள். எங்கள் மூலதனப் பணித் திட்டத்தைப் பற்றிய நுண்ணறிவைப் பெற்று, புதிய கில்ட் போர்ட் லேன்வே மேம்படுத்தல், பிப்பிடா ரயில் ட்ரெய்ல் மற்றும் பலதிட்டங்கள் பற்றிய அண்மைத் தகவல்களைப் பெறுங்கள். கம்பர்லேண்டில் உள்ள குழந்தைகள், பள்ளியைத் தொடங்குவதற்கு முன் 1000 புத்தகங்களைப் படிக்க ஊக்குவிக்கும் புதிய நூலகத் திட்டத்தை நாங்கள் செயல்படுத்தியுள்ளோம். மேலும், நாங்கள் வழங்கும் சமூகச் சேவைகளைப் பற்றி கூடுதலாக அறிந்துகொள்வதுடன், 2024 சிட்னி செர்ரி ப்ளாசம் திருவிழாவின் ஆரம்பச் செய்திகளுக்கு நீங்கள் எப்படிப் பதிவு செய்யலாம் என்பதைக் கண்டறியவும்!

**FURKISH** 

Bültenin bu sayısında, Paskalya, Avustralya Günü, Yeni Ay Yılı ve Yaşlılar Festivali dahil olmak üzere bu yılki önemli etkinliklerin tüm eğlencesini ve eylemini yakalayın. Yapım aşamasında bulunan tüm yapısal çalışma programlarına göz atın. Yapısal çalışma programımız hakkında bir fikir edinin ve yeni Guildford Laneway'in iyileştirilmesi, Pippita Demiryolu Hattı ve daha fazlası hakkında bir güncelleme alın. Cumberland'daki Çocukları okula başlamadan önce 1000 kitap okumaya teşvik eden yeni bir kütüphane programı uyguladık. Ayrıca sunduğumuz toplum hizmetleri hakkında daha fazla bilgi edinin ve 2024 Sydney Kiraz Çiçeği Festivali ile ilgili ön haberlere nasıl kaydolabileceğinizi öğrenin!

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