



## Message from the Mayor

Councillor Ola Hamed

It is an honour to be elected and serve our community as the new Mayor of Cumberland City Council. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the community and Councillors for placing their trust in me. It is a responsibility that I will not treat lightly and my immediate priority will be to unify our chamber and our community, to focus on solutions, not division, for the greater good of the Cumberland community.

It is my commitment to ensure Cumberland is a place that exerts a sense of belonging for all, where everyone feels welcomed, heard, and represented, and somewhere proud to call home.

This community has the second-highest percentage of residents speaking a language other than English in Australia,

with approximately 150 different languages spoken. To say that our diversity is our greatest asset is truly an understatement. I will work to ensure that Cumberland is not only a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families, but also a thriving and vibrant community that is acknowledged and celebrated.

As a long-term Cumberland resident raising two children with my husband in Merrylands, I deeply value family and community. I understand the daily challenges faced by families in our area because I, too, balance work and the responsibilities of raising children.

Working alongside the Councillors and the community, I will prioritise investment in infrastructure, open spaces, services, and town centres in Cumberland that our growing population needs and deserves.

Continuing to address the state's housing crisis, and supporting local economic growth by creating new opportunities for investment in industry and culture, will be key to the measures I will promote in advancing the interests of our community.

I look forward to a brighter future for Cumberland, one where we focus on solutions that lead to positive and meaningful change for the greater good of the Cumberland community.

On behalf of Cumberland City Council, I would like to wish you a joyous and festive Christmas. Stay safe over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

See you around Cumberland.

Mayor Ola



Christmas in Cumberland



Moon Festival 2024



With the Federal Minister for Education, the Hon. Jason Clare MP at Auburn Long Day Care Centre



Guildford Swim Centre Modernisation Project



## Christmas in Cumberland

It's that time of year again where we light up Cumberland to celebrate Christmas, and we have lots planned so you and your family can celebrate the festive season.

Council will be lighting up Cumberland City with Christmas Trees and Street Flag Banners throughout December. Find your local outdoor Christmas Tree below, snap a selfie and tag us: #CumberlandCityChristmas

- Toongabbie Community Centre
- Friend Park in Wentworthville
- Portico Park in Toongabbie
- The Oaks Shopping area in Westmead
- Pemulwuy Lake Butu Wargun Drive, Pemulwuy
- Greystanes Library
- Woodpark Reserve
- Guildford West Town Centre
- Merrylands Civic Square
- Merrylands Train Station
- Granville Town Centre
- The Granville Centre
- Guildford Library
- Auburn Central Forecourt
- Dellwood Street Shopping area in South Granville
- Guildford Town Centre
- Lidcombe Remembrance Park
- Lidcombe Town Centre
- Regents Park Library
- Berala Town Centre



For more information, or to explore all Christmas activities, scan the QR Code, or visit: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/christmas](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/christmas)

## Operating Hours

Council's Customer Service Centres, Swim Centres, Libraries and other venues will have updated operating hours over the festive season.

Visit our website for all operating hours: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/hours](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/hours)



## Christmas in the Gardens

Stroll through the Auburn Botanic Gardens this December to enjoy a range of festive activities such as crafts, entertainment, a letter to Santa writing workshop, youth markets, a visit from Santa and much more.

**Saturday 7 December, 5pm – 9pm**

Auburn Botanic Gardens, Corner of Chisholm Road and Chiswick Road, Auburn



For more information, visit: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/christmas-gardens](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/christmas-gardens)

## Family Christmas Fair

Join us this December for a magical afternoon at Central Gardens Nature Reserve filled with festive fun, including food trucks and a Christmas concert for families of all ages!

**Friday 6 December, 4pm – 6:30pm**

Central Gardens Nature Reserve  
Corner of Cumberland Highway and Merrylands Road,  
Merrylands West (entry via Paton Street)



For more information, visit: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/family-christmas-fair](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/family-christmas-fair)

## Santa Storytime

Join Santa for a special Christmas Storytime and classic Christmas carols.

**Granville Library**

**Thursday 5 December, 11am – 12noon**

**Merrylands Library**

**Friday 6 December, 11am – 12noon**

**Auburn Library**

**Thursday 12 December, 11am – 12noon**

**Wentworthville Library**

**Tuesday 17 December, 11am – 12noon**



For more information, visit: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/santa-storytime](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/santa-storytime)

## Bin Collection

There will be no changes to the Cumberland City waste and recycling collection dates over the festive season. All red, yellow and green bin collection dates will remain the same.

For more information about your bin collection days, visit: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/bins-waste-and-recycling](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/bins-waste-and-recycling)





## Street Safety Campaign

'Don't Be a Clown, Just Slow Down'. Council continues to urge motorists to think smart, stay safe and slow down while driving in and around Cumberland. We all need to do our part to keep motorists and pedestrians safe.

**DON'T BE A CLOWN  
JUST SLOW DOWN**



For more information, visit:  
[www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/road-safety](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/road-safety)

## Moon Festival

Lidcombe Town Centre was lit up with lanterns and lights for the annual Moon Festival held in September. Attendees enjoyed a lively vibrant night filled with local food, music, dance, markets and an outdoor cinema. The Qing Fong Lion Dancers closed out the evening with a lion dance through Joseph Street to celebrate the festival of new beginnings.



For more information, visit:  
[www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

## PetFest

PetFest returned in October to Holroyd Gardens and celebrated the joy our little furry friends bring into our lives, while highlighting responsible pet ownership. Beloved pets and their owners were treated to a day full of pet-friendly stalls, food, shows and free microchipping. The event was a great reminder to encourage greater care of our special family members!



For more information, visit:  
[www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

## National Child Protection Week

Council hosted Cumberland's Safe Kids Day in September, where many young families came along with their preschool aged children, enjoying a free fun day and meeting with local services to learn about the importance of body safety and emotional literacy at Auburn Centre for Community.



For more information on child protection, visit:  
[www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/child-protection](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/child-protection)

## Guildford Swim Centre Modernisation Project

Council is currently working on a full transformation of Guildford Swim Centre to deliver a new state-of-the-art Aquatic Centre. Demolition works of the old site are now complete and the Development Application is currently awaiting determination. The project concept design is almost complete with the tender going to market soon, and construction of the new facility expected to begin in 2025.



Artist Impression – Program Pool



Artist Impression – Outdoor Pool

To stay up to date with the latest news, visit:  
[www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/guildford-swim-centre-modernisation-project](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/guildford-swim-centre-modernisation-project)

This project is jointly funded by Cumberland City Council and the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program.

## Auburn Park

Auburn Park is undergoing works to enlarge the park towards Karrabah Road to create an enhanced space that will meet the needs of a growing community. The upgrades include a new basketball court located within Auburn Park, solar light poles, suspended decking, new concrete paths and retaining walls. There will also be shade structures, seating areas, picnic facilities, a drinking fountain and the planting of new trees, shrubs, groundcovers and turf. The upgrades are expected to be completed by April 2025.



Auburn Park, Auburn

## Bathurst Street Park

The Bathurst Street Park Amenity Building in Greystanes is undergoing a major transformation. The existing building, which is well over 40 years old, is being redeveloped to include two larger storage rooms for sporting groups, an accessible toilet including a baby change table, plus male and female ambulant toilets. There will also be a covered seating area, bubblers and a drink bottle refill station. The works are expected to be completed in May 2025 providing a fresh, new and clean amenities block that is fit for purpose for the growing community.



Bathurst Street Park, Greystanes

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Learn to Swim with Active Kids Vouchers

At any age, being able to swim and understand how to be safe in and around water is a necessary life skill.

Did you know that parents, guardians and carers receiving the Family Tax Benefit can apply for an Active Kids voucher for each eligible child. Valued at \$50, the vouchers are available twice a year to use for sport activities, including swimming lessons!



For more information on learn to swim, visit: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/learn-swim-school](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/learn-swim-school)

Publicly Accessible Defibrillators

Residents may have noticed new installations of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) across Cumberland over the past few months that are essential for treating sudden cardiac arrest. These portable devices deliver a life-saving shock to restore a normal heart rhythm. Using an AED within the first three minutes of a cardiac arrest can boost survival chances from 5% to 70%.




The locations within Cumberland are:

- Alpha Road Park, Greystanes
- Auburn Botanic Gardens
- Auburn (Rosnay) Golf Course
- Auburn Park
- Auburn Town Hall
- Bathurst Street Park, Greystanes
- Friend Park, Wentworthville
- Girraween Park, Toongabbie
- Granville Park, Merrylands
- Guildford Laneway
- Merrylands Community Centre
- Wentworthville Community Centre
- Wentworthville Redgum Function Centre
- Woodville Golf Course
- Wyatt Park, Lidcombe
- Two Community Seniors and Disability buses



For more information or to view a full list of locations, visit: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/aed](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/aed)




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Upcoming 2025 Events

Find more events on our website: [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

Australia Day

Fireworks, food, entertainment and live music at Holroyd Gardens in Merrylands.



Sunday 26 January 2025, from 5pm – 9pm

Lunar New Year

Council will be hosting a special event in 2025 to celebrate Lunar New Year.



Saturday 8 February 2025, from 5pm – 9pm



في هذا الإصدار من الرسالة الإخبارية، يمكنك الاطلاع على جميع البرامج وورش العمل والأنشطة الرائعة المعروضة في موسم العطلات هذا العام، حيث المرح والإثارة من خلال الفعاليات الكبرى لهذا العام بما في ذلك مهرجان القمر ومهرجان الحيوانات الأليفة ومهرجان سيدني لأزهار الكرز. ألق نظرة على مواقع أجهزة إزالة الرجفان الخارجية/أجهزة تنظيم ضربات القلب (AED/Defib) المتاحة للعامة في منطقة كمبرلاند، بالإضافة إلى تحسينات قادمة على الحدائق المحلية. كما قمنا بتوفير آلة بيع الكتب في مركز بيرلا المجتمعي لأعضاء المكتبة. ويمكنك الاطلاع على معلومات حول كيفية استخدام قسائم Active Kids في دروس السباحة التي يقدمها المجلس. بالإضافة إلى التحديثات الخاصة بساعات العمل في عيد الميلاد وجدول جمع القمامة والمزيد.

在本期新闻通讯中，了解这个假日季节即将举办的所有精彩节目、讲习班和活动。回顾今年各项重大活动妙趣横生的精彩瞬间，包括中秋节、宠物嘉年华 (PetFest) 和悉尼樱花节。查看Cumberland地区方便公众取用的自动体外除颤器 (AED/Defib) 的地点和近期的当地公园翻新改造工程。我们还在Berala社区中心为图书馆会员设立了图书馆自动借书机。此外，您还可以了解有关如何使用“活跃儿童”代金券 (Active Kids Vouchers) 购买市议会游泳课的信息，以及圣诞运营时间、垃圾收集安排等最新信息。

यस समाचारपत्रको संस्करणमा, यो छुट्टीको मौसममा उपलब्ध सबै अद्भुत कार्यक्रमहरू, कार्यशालाहरू र गतिविधिहरू हेर्नुहोस्। Moon Festival, PetFest र Sydney Cherry Blossom Festival लगायत यस वर्षका प्रमुख कार्यक्रमहरूबाट रमाइलो लिनुहोस्। Cumberland क्षेत्रमा सार्वजनिक रूपमा पहुँचयोग्य स्वचालित बाह्य डिफिब्रिलेटर (AED/Defib) भएका स्थानहरूका साथै आगामी स्थानीय पार्क स्तरोन्तरी बारे हेर्नुहोस्। हामीले पुस्तकालय सदस्यता भएकाहरूका लागि Berala सामुदायिक केन्द्रमा पुस्तकालयमा पुस्तक भेन्डिङ मेसिन पनि उपलब्ध गराएका छौं। काउन्सिलको पौडी कक्षाहरूमा Active Kids भाउचरहरू कसरी प्रयोग गर्ने भन्ने बारे जानकारी हेर्नुहोस्। साथै, क्रिसमसमा सञ्चालन समय, बिन सङ्कलन तालिका र थपमा अद्यावधिकहरू हेर्नुहोस्।

செய்திமடலின் இந்தப் பதிப்பில், இந்த விடுமுறைக் காலத்தில் வழங்கப்படும் அனைத்து அற்புதமான நிகழ்ச்சிகள், பட்டறைகள் மற்றும் செயல்பாடுகளைக் கண்டறியுங்கள். மூன் :பெஸ்டிவல், பெட்:பெஸ்ட் மற்றும் சிட்னி செர்ரி ப்ளாசம் :பெஸ்டிவல் உள்ளிட்ட இந்த ஆண்டின் முக்கிய நிகழ்வுகளில் இருந்து அனைத்து வேடிக்கை மற்றும் செயல்களையும் தெரிந்துகொள்ளுங்கள். கம்பலாந்துப் பகுதியில் பொதுவில் அணுகக்கூடிய தானியங்கி வெளிப்புற உதறல் நீக்கி (AED/Defib) இடங்கள் மற்றும் வரவிருக்கும் உள்ளூர் பூங்கா மேம்படுத்தல்களைப் பாருங்கள். பெராலா சமூக நிலையத்தில் நூலக உறுப்பினர்களாக உள்ளவர்களுக்காக நூலக புத்தகங்களை வழங்கும் இயந்திரத்தையும் அறிமுகப்படுத்தியுள்ளோம். சபையின் நீச்சல் பாடங்களுக்கு ஆக்டிவ் கிட்ஸ் வவுச்சர்களை எவ்வாறு பயன்படுத்துவது என்பது பற்றிய தகவலைப் பார்க்கவும். கூடுதலாக, கிறிஸ்துமஸ் பணி நேரம், தொட்டி சேகரிப்பு அட்டவணைகள் மற்றும் பலவற்றிற்கான இற்றைப்படுத்தல்கள்.

Bültenin bu sayısında, bu tatil sezonunda sunulan tüm harika programlara, atölye çalışmalarına ve etkinliklere göz atın. Ay Festivali, PetFest ve Sydney Kiraz Çiçeği Festivali gibi bu yılki önemli etkinliklerin tüm eğlencesini ve eylemlerini kaçırmayın. Cumberland bölgesindeki halka açık Otomatik Harici Defibrilatör (AED/Defib) konumlarına ve yaklaşan yerel park iyileştirmelerine bir göz atın. Kütüphane üyeliği olanlar için Berala Toplum Merkezi'nde kütüphane kitap otomatını da başlattık. Belediye yüzme derslerinde Active Kids Kuponlarının nasıl kullanılacağına ilişkin bilgilere göz atın. Ayrıca, Christmas çalışma saatleri, çöp kutusu toplama programları ve daha fazlası için güncellemeler var.

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