

# CITY CONNECT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK SPECIAL EDITION



Your Council working for **Fairfield City** | **AUGUST 2020**



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



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Local Government Week is a great opportunity to recognise the hard work of councils in providing the infrastructure and services you rely on.

This financial year, Council will spend \$175.7 million delivering critical services and new infrastructure. These services include ongoing works that our community relies on every day, such as repairs and upgrades to local roads and paths, waste collection, and maintenance of community facilities.

Council is also committed to delivering the city-building projects that make Fairfield City a great place to live, work and raise a family, as well as exciting cultural and family events.

This year Council will spend \$10.4 million on our local roads program; \$4 million on renewing buildings and facilities, including leisure centres, libraries and car parks; \$2.9 million on new and upgraded footpaths, and \$1.2 million on upgrades to parks, sporting fields and play equipment.

We will also deliver exciting new infrastructure projects, such as a new library for Fairfield, a wave pool and new amenities at Aquatopia Water Park, a new multi-storey car park at Cabramatta, an all-abilities playground at Deerbush Park, a health and wellbeing precinct at Cabravale Leisure Centre, and much more.

We will achieve all of this against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, while keeping our rates among the lowest in Sydney and delivering rates relief for ratepayers. This financial year we have reduced our domestic waste charge and suspended the stormwater levy, which will mean the majority of residents won't see an increase in their overall rates bill for 2020/21.

I am proud to be Mayor of such a strong and innovative Council. I look forward to sharing more of our plans with you over the coming weeks and months.



**> 1 million**  
visits to our leisure centres every year



**> 50,000**  
plants planted including 10,000 trees every year



**> \$27.6 million**  
Council invested on improvements to open space



**250 tonnes**  
of rubbish collected at Council's Spring Clean event over 2 years



**> 5 million**  
residential waste bins emptied each year

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Listen online at [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/listentomeeting](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/listentomeeting)

**AUG 11**  
**Outcomes**  
7pm | Room 5

**AUG 11**  
**Services**  
7pm | Rooms 1 & 2

**AUG 19**  
**Local Planning Panel**  
6pm | Room 5

**AUG 25**  
**Council Meeting**  
7pm | Council Chambers



## LEARNING FUN AT WHITLAM LIBRARY

A visit to Whitlam Library at Cabramatta is now even more fun and educational thanks to exciting improvements to the children's library space.

These improvements give children aged 0-12 a space that better stimulates and enhances their natural desire to explore, discover, learn and interact.

The area now includes an interactive projection floor, tactile and magnetic walls, a Lego wall, a giant

## HIGH TECH LAB AT BONNYRIGG

lab.LX STEAM, a new free creative space at Bonnyrigg Library, will support the advanced skills needed by our workforce, especially local young people, to succeed in the jobs of today and the future.

STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics – the highly sought after skills in today's economy.

Featured throughout the space will be a range of state-of-the-art technologies, not easily or cheaply accessed by students.



These include:

- 3D printing and modelling software
- Robotics
- Data visualisation
- Simulation technology
- Augmented reality
- 3D animation
- Computers and tablets

Programs, workshops and events will be developed to train participants in the use of the cutting edge technology hardware and software.

## CAPTURE FAIRFIELD WINNERS

Our City's talented photographers and artists were awarded for their skill and dedication at the July Council Meeting with the announcement of the 2020 Fairfield City Council Capture Fairfield Visual Arts & Photography Competition winners.

This year's competition received 473 entries across the visual arts and photography categories – the most ever submitted for the competition. Judges made their selection based on the skill, strong visual appeal, and response to the theme 'Discover Fairfield'.

For more information and to view the photo book visit [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/capturefairfield](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/capturefairfield)



chess board, computers, and electronic tablets.

The project was funded by the NSW Government's Metropolitan Public Library Grants program through the Library Council of New South Wales with Council taking the opportunity during COVID-19 restrictions to upgrade its libraries.

Council is also building a new library for Fairfield this year.

Learn more about our libraries and explore our online catalogue at [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Services/Open-Libraries](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/Services/Open-Libraries).



## NOMINATE FOR 2021 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Applications for the 2021 Australia Day Community Award nominations will open on Monday 17 August 2020.

The awards recognise outstanding achievements or contribution to the local community.

It's a great way to acknowledge the often unsung heroes in our community for the wonderful work they do.

### Categories

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

For more information visit [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards)

## Visual Arts



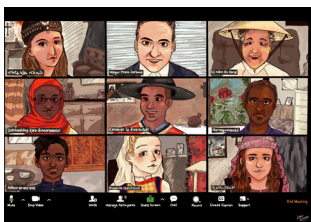
**First Prize - Adult**  
Diane Yousof "Autumn Gold"



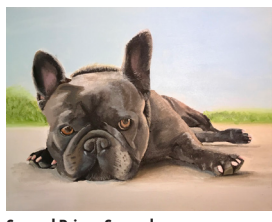
**Second Prize - Adult**  
Dalin Shamonka "Fairfield Altarpiece"



**Third Prize - Adult**  
Svetlana Panov "The Clusters of Beauty"



**First Prize - Secondary**  
Lauren Alzamora, Mary McKillop Catholic College "Zoom across Fairfield"



**Second Prize - Secondary**  
Silaar Gorbthum, Freeman Catholic College "Alone"



**Third Prize - Secondary, George Alkhoury**  
Bossley Park High School, "Welcome"



**First Prize - Primary**  
Olivia Grinage-Casasola Harrington Street Public School "The Love of Aquatopia"



**Second Prize - Primary**  
Kirah Liashenko Lansvale Public School "Solitary Confinement"



**Third Prize - Primary**  
Lilah Radisic, Edensor Park Public School "When the farm meets the city"

## Photography



**First Prize - Adult**  
Jason Ghaby "Serenity is just around the corner"



**Second Prize - Adult**  
Viraphong Phomphitak "Sunset in Dutton Lane"



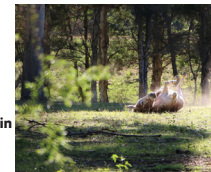
**Third Prize - Adult**  
Dean Pipatvong "Peeping Tom"



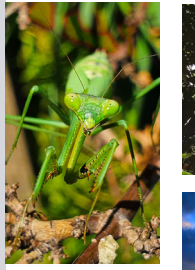
**First Prize - Secondary, Robert Lin**  
Prairiewood High School "To Rest in Highest Excellence"



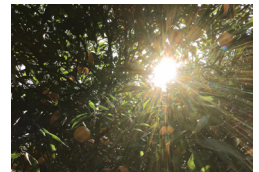
**Second Prize - Secondary**  
Em Tai Le Tran Cabramatta High School "The Vuong"



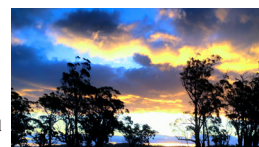
**Third Prize - Secondary**  
Natasha Wood Bossley Park High School "Donkey at Play"



**First Prize - Primary**  
Charlotte Lee Bossley Park Public School "Mysterious Mantis"



**Second Prize - Primary**  
Kim Truong Bossley Park Primary School "Sunburst"



**Third Prize - Primary**  
Ayla Kapic Bossley Park Primary School "The Mysterious Sunset"





## FAIRSTART WINS MAJOR STATE AWARD

Fairfield City Council's Fairstart Early Intervention program has been recognised with a prestigious 2020 NSW Local Government Award.

Fairstart won in the Community Development and Services – population over 100,000 category.

The award recognises leadership in community services, focusing on innovation in management and leadership, improvements to processes and demonstrated practicality and resourcefulness.

Fairstart Early Intervention is a leading not-for-profit provider of therapeutic support services for children with diagnosed disabilities and developmental delay. In 2016, Fairfield City Council identified a shortfall in these services locally due to such services being generally unaffordable to many families. Council addressed this shortfall by becoming an NDIS-registered provider, enabling Council to provide high quality, culturally responsive and affordable early childhood intervention and therapy services.

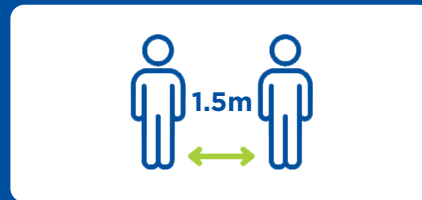
As winner, Fairstart Early Intervention is now also a finalist in the national awards.

## IMPORTANT ADVICE FROM NSW HEALTH FOR COVID-19

### Got symptoms? Get tested



### Keep a safe distance




### Maintain good hygiene



### Wearing a mask is strongly recommended on public transport and in crowded spaces



 Follow us on Facebook for updates on testing sites

## FOLLOW US AND WIN!

Celebrate Local Government Week with us and you could win! More than \$1000 in prizes to be won! Join Facebook and follow our page @fairfieldcity to enter.

For more information visit [www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/lgweek](http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/lgweek)

Only open to Fairfield City residents only. T&Cs apply.

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