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Celebrating diversity



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FANTASTIC FOODIE FUN



Culinary Carnival fun returned to Fairfield City Centre in May.



We commenced collection of green bins in June



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Frank Carbone

Last month saw the commencement of the fortnightly Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) residential waste service.

Council successfully rolled out the delivery of 52,000 green bins and kitchen caddies to all houses, duplexes and townhouses for the collection of garden waste and food scraps. In addition, we kept the red and yellow bins' size and collection schedule the same.

The new FOGO waste service is not only better for the environment but costs less to dispose of as all organic waste collected is processed into quality compost rather than going to a more costly landfill site.

It's important we all do our part by putting the right thing in the right bin so Council can keep domestic waste charges affordable for everyone. Visit the Waste Services page on Council's website for more information.

Council has budgeted \$84 million worth of capital works programs for the coming financial year while ensuring we remain financially sustainable.

We already have many city-shaping projects underway to improve our liveability and local economy including an Indoor Entertainment and Sporting Centre at Fairfield Showground, as well as extensive upgrades to Endeavour Sports Park in Fairfield West and a new fitness park at Avenel Park in Canley Vale.

These projects will be delivered in line with a number of other revitalisation projects which will see millions of dollars on upgrades to playgrounds, sportsfields and open space (\$22.4 million), roads and transport (\$12 million), public building upgrades (\$5.2 million) and new and upgraded footpaths (\$3.2 million).

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.

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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Investing in our community 2024/2025

Residents will benefit from proposed asset improvements as well as a strong and innovative program of Council works for the financial year ahead. Council will continue to deliver quality services and projects, creating jobs and valuable infrastructure able to be enjoyed by our community for years to come.

Key highlights include:



Upgrade of Endeavour Sports Park

\$11.1 million



Commencement of Indoor Entertainment and Sporting Centre

\$6.5 million



New playgrounds

\$3.6 million



Town centre upgrades

\$1.8 million



Street beautification program

\$950,000



New park amenities

\$736,000



Upgrade to Children and Family Services facilities

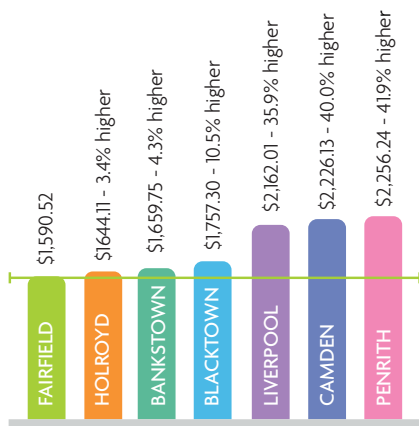
\$560,000

COMPARE YOUR RATES – Visit www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/comparerates

Financial health check

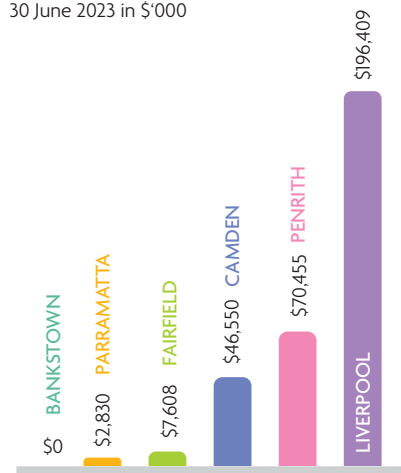
Fairfield City Council is in a strong position in comparison to other councils while maintaining one of the lowest residential rates in Sydney. We also pride ourselves on our robust program of investing in infrastructure and services in our City while maintaining a very low borrowing compared to other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

Comparable residential rates 2024/2025



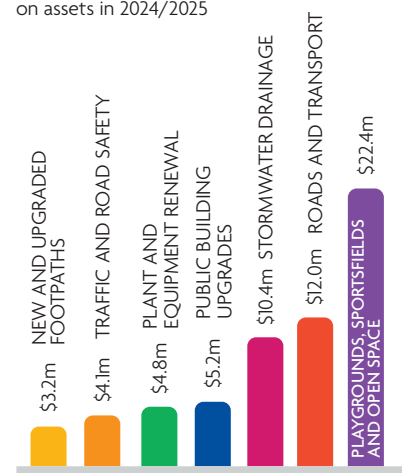
Comparable rates and charges based on land value of \$700,000 and a standard 240 litre bin for domestic waste.

Financial borrowings as at 30 June 2023 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 2024/2025



Council's budgeted infrastructure expenditure for 2024/2025 totals \$83.67 million.

WASTE SERVICES

COLLECTED WEEKLY

RED BIN

✓ ACCEPTED IN THE RED BIN



Plastic bags



Nappies and personal hygiene products



Food packaging or cling wrap



Pet poo and litter

✗ NOT ACCEPTED



No batteries



No electronics



No motor oil or paint



No gas bottles



COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY

FOGO GREEN BIN

✓ ACCEPTED IN THE GREEN BIN



Grass clippings



Branches and green waste



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Meat, fish and bones



Leftover food



Compostable liners

✗ NOT ACCEPTED



No food packaging or cling wrap



No plastic bags and cardboard



DO THE RIGHT THING
USE THE RIGHT BIN

Scan the QR code to find out more.



In the green bin goes grass, branches, food scraps. No paper, plastic or cardboard. Our efforts will see less waste going into landfill which is better for the environment.



COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY

YELLOW BIN

ACCEPTED IN THE YELLOW BIN



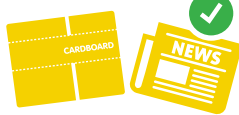
Glass bottles and jars



Plastic bottles and containers



Aluminium and steel cans



Paper and cardboard

NOT ACCEPTED



No plastic bags



No batteries



No grass clippings and branches



No food scraps



Sorting your waste correctly means that we all pay less to dispose of it, and that means you pay less in domestic waste charges.



MEET YOUR KITCHEN CADDY!

Keep your caddy in the kitchen so it's easy to collect food scraps when you're preparing or cleaning up after meals. Once your caddy liner is full, tie it up and drop it in the green bin. Put a new liner in your caddy and start collecting food waste again!

1

Line your caddy with a Council-supplied certified compostable liner



2

Place your food scraps in the caddy



3

Tie the liner when it's full and drop it in the green bin



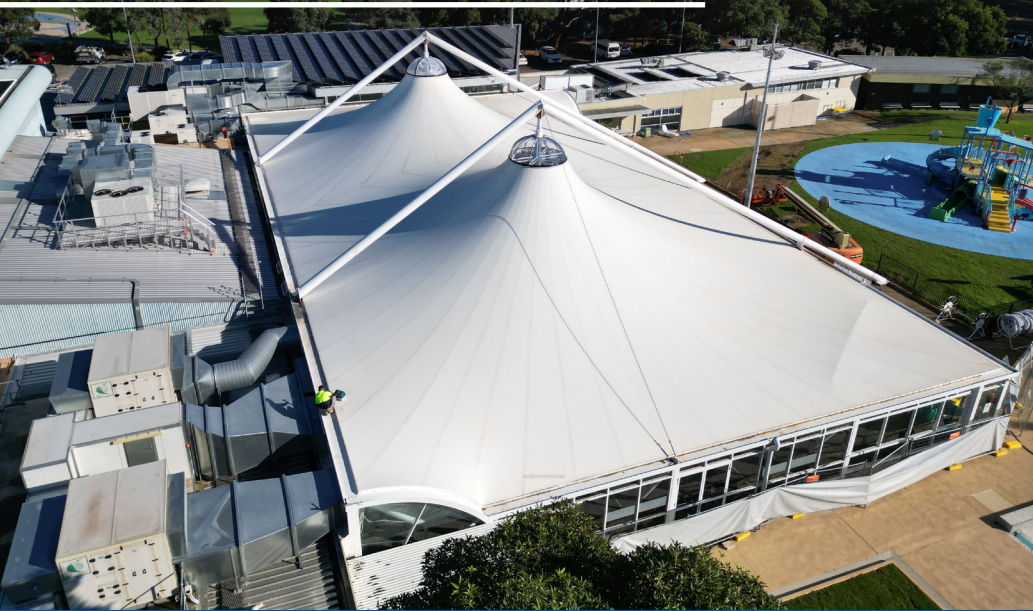
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Need more caddy liners?

You can pick them up from Council's Administration Centre, leisure centres or libraries.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



Fairfield Leisure Centre upgrades

We have been busy upgrading the pools at Fairfield Leisure Centre to ensure the best aquatic facilities for families into the future.

We recently opened the 25-metre indoor pool after the area received a necessary upgrade including structural steel repairs to the canopy, painting, pool drainage renewal, and door replacement.

The ongoing upgrade to the much-loved 50-year-old 50-metre outdoor pool will ensure it continues to service the recreational needs of our growing community. Works are progressing and the pool is scheduled to open in time for the 2024/2025 summer season.



Powhatan Detention Basin

Council started work in May on a \$5 million upgrade to Powhatan Park Detention Basin on Mimosa Road in Greenfield Park to reduce the risk of flooding to properties.

As part of the upgrade, works to cross Mimosa Road will also be done and this may cause some disruption. The Powhatan sportsfields will remain open for use.

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.

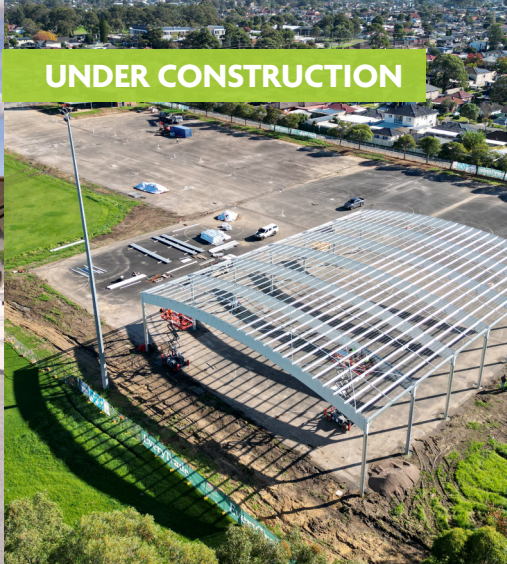
The works, jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government, will see increased water outlet capacity, bringing it in line with State Government requirements. Works are due for completion in April 2025.

This is the second detention basin to have a major upgrade with the detention basin at Fairfield Golf Course in Prairiewood being completed recently.

DESIGN UNDERWAY



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



COMING SOON

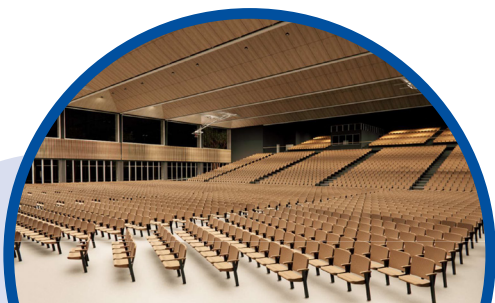


Indoor Entertainment and Sporting Centre

Council is developing detailed plans for the new Indoor Entertainment and Sporting Centre at Fairfield Showground, part-funded by a \$28 million contribution from the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program.

The complex will cater for both large and intimate sized events such as conferences and weddings; as well as indoor sports like futsal, basketball, volleyball and gymnastics.

The complex includes an exhibition hall, open air amphitheatre courtyard and covered forecourt, foyer suitable for cocktail events, outdoor stage, large hall with seating capacity for 4,000 – including 1,200 tiered retractable seats suitable for concerts and matches, and function rooms on the mezzanine level.



Endeavour Sports Park

Works are progressing to transform Endeavour Sports Park into a grassroots sport and recreational precinct thanks to a \$16 million investment from the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program.

Construction of the awning over one section of the existing netball courts is nearing completion with work on the roof remaining. The awning will be positioned over 1 of the 2 futsal courts complete with synthetic grass, line marking and new lighting.

The refurbishment of 3 amenities buildings and construction of the 2 synthetic grass fields is now underway. The new durable synthetic surface will allow for a greater range of sports and year-round play to meet the needs of our growing community. In addition to the all-weather synthetic grass fields, we are installing 200lx lighting on the fields, making night-time training and games at local competition level possible.

The redevelopment also includes an upgrade to the grassed football and cricket pitches.

Avenel Fitness Park

Council is constructing a \$4.2 million sports and fitness park on the corner of Avenel and Sackville streets in Canley Vale to provide more outdoor fitness opportunities for residents thanks to the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program.

The new fitness area includes multi-sports courts, a skate park, a kick-about lawn and outdoor gym equipment. The skate park, multi-sports court and outdoor gym equipment are scheduled for completion this month, and the new park will be open to the public in October.

Well-planned, permanent outdoor fitness equipment is important to ensure our residents can live active healthy lifestyles while making the most of their local outdoor spaces.

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



SERVICES AND PROJECTS UPDATE

Highlights of the
services and projects
Council delivered in the
2021/22-2023/24 period

People's Globe

The People's Globe is a landmark at Fairfield Showground's Smithfield Road entrance paying tribute to our City's rich cultural diversity and heritage. It consists of a granite kugel ball with world map and plaque wall nearby representing residents' origins and the distance they have travelled to make Fairfield City their home.



Deerbush Park Playground

Located at Fairfield Showground, Deerbush Park is our first all-abilities playground which has something for everyone, including a Liberty Swing, wheelchair accessible carousel and trampoline, water play area, ropes course, flying fox, riding track, climbing net with slide, outdoor gym equipment, tables and seating.

2023



International Monument Precinct

The Crescent streetscape upgrade gave the International Monument precinct a visual boost with new flagpoles, accessible footpath and taxi stand, plus new seating, paving and surrounding landscaped gardens. The Stimson fountain was also restored and included in this precinct as part of this project.



Wave Pool

The 55-metre Wave Pool at Aquatopia brings an exciting taste of the beach to our doorstep where everyone can ride the waves in a fun and safe environment. Cabanas, palm trees and scattered umbrellas provide the shade, and there is a covered area suitable for outdoor community events.

2022



Fairfield Showground Pavilion

The 1,000 seat Pavilion at Fairfield Showground includes two large change rooms – each with massage room and recovery room, five corporate viewing boxes, plus kitchen and canteen facilities. The Alan Young Room on level 1 seats 120 people and can be hired for events.

2023



Carrwood Park

Council worked with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to provide Carrwood Park with a new playground by taking inspiration from its Prospect Creek location. The feature play element is the inclusive 'big bass' structure allowing for hours of adventurous play and discovery.



New playgrounds

Fairfield Heights Park and Bareena Park were the beneficiaries of extensive upgrades to their existing playgrounds which saw the construction of state-of-the-art play features like a large treehouse with slide and giant koi fish with climbing ropes, as well as other interactive playground elements, Exeloo toilet, and picnic area.



Fairfield Golf Course Detention Basin

The Fairfield Golf Course Detention Basin is one of 19 detention basins in the City that required necessary upgrades to ensure it continues to protect the area from flooding. Upgrade works included the full reconstruction of the 940-metre embankment and spillway, plus new access road, cycleway, footpath and car parking spaces.



Fairfield Showground event awning

The new event awning at Fairfield Showground is ideal for large undercover events holding up to 10,000 people. The awning is adjacent to an uncovered outdoor section ideal for setting up large rides and arcade games. The space is used to deliver some of our major events like Bring It On! Youth Festival and Illuminate NYE.

AROUND OUR CITY

NEWS AND EVENTS



Revellers delighted in our popular food festival Culinary Carnival in Fairfield City Centre in May, celebrating all things culture and food.



Free Zumba classes on Wednesday evenings at Wetherill Park Community Centre are proving to be a hit with residents.



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.



The popular Seniors Bus Tour program returned in May with residents enjoying learning about Council's facilities and services.



Super Park Fundays events offer local families an opportunity to come together and explore what's available at some of our popular playgrounds.



The Sweet Beats @ Canley Vale events showcased the improvements made in Canley Vale through the Safer Cities Her Way program



The Fairfield City Health Alliance Showcase acknowledged the various working groups improving community wellbeing in Fairfield City.



Intergalactic friends joined Fairfield City Open Libraries for a Star Wars: May the 4th free comic book and activity day.



Mothers were serenaded in Fairfield City Centre receiving fresh cut flowers from the Ross Maio and Jim Zappia duo for Mother's Day.

FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY

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Photographer Anna Kucera, courtesy of the Artist and Milani Gallery

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KNOWING BEYOND

UNTIL 12 OCTOBER 2024

Knowing Beyond is a new installation by internationally acclaimed video artist and 2023 FCMG Artist in Residence Khaled Sabsabi. The work expands on his ongoing process and practice investigating spirituality in the everyday.

Combining multiple mediums, Knowing Beyond welcomes audiences into a personal domain of mysticism, numerology sciences, associated symbolism and wisdom.

Knowing Beyond was created during a studio residency at FCMG, and was first exhibited in the 18th Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art, 2024.

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

WHAT'S ON @ FCMG

JULY – OCTOBER 2024

VILLAWOOD

An exhibition defining Villawood as a place in flux, caught between hope and hopelessness.

Until 2 November 2024

IMMATERIAL

A night-time program celebrating the often over-looked and underrepresented work of digital artists.

20 July, 31 August, 28 September, and 26 October 2024
4pm-8pm

CREATIVES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD: MAKE WITH US

An experimental art making session where you can play around with different materials. The catch? You only have 10 minutes before someone else gets to add onto your work.

16 August 2024 6pm-8pm

KNOWING BEYOND KNOWING

A conversation with Khaled Sabsabi about Knowing Beyond.

24 August 2024 4pm-8pm

THE ART OF COFFEE

Step into the world of coffee and art at this community day.

Saturday 14 September 2024 4pm-7pm

FAIRFIELD CITY OPEN LIBRARIES



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.



LIBRARIES OPEN LATE FOR HSC STUDENTS

Fairfield City Open Libraries have extended their opening hours at Fairfield Library and Whitlam Library Cabramatta until Friday 8 November 2024 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/HSC-Support

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All you need is your Fairfield City Open Libraries library card and it's all free to use. Explore LinkedIn Learning and visit linkedin.com/learning-login/go/fairfieldcity

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OPERATION CAT

Monday 2 - Friday
20 September 2024

To make a booking, phone the
Cat Protection Society of NSW
in August on 9519 7201.

Booking is essential and places are limited. This offer is only for pensioners and residents on a low income in the Fairfield City Council area.

UPCOMING FREE WORKSHOPS



**31
AUG**

Breakfast with the Birds

Join us for a walk and talk as we meet the variety of birdlife around us.

**20
SEP**

Frogs of Fairfield City

Learn how frogs indicate the health of our environment and see some frogs.

**05
OCT**

Propagation for Kids

Kids can learn how to grow their own native plants – grow a micro-forest!



**Sunday
25 August 2024
7am-3.30pm
Fairfield Showground**

Scan the QR code for more information



KERBSIDE CLEAN-UP

BOOK ONLINE NOW

Book a bulky waste kerbside collections online at a time more convenient to you.

www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/kerbsidecleanup



How to present your kerbside clean-up

1m

2m

1m

The maximum size of one collection is two cubic metres (2m³) or equivalent to one box trailer load.

WHAT'S ON

AUGUST

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Gyms in Parks Term 3 commences

Every Saturday

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

Monday 12 August

2025 Australia Day Community Awards
Nominations open

Wednesday 28 August

Father's Day in Fairfield Heights
1.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday 29 August

Father's Day in Fairfield City Centre
11.30am-1.30pm



Gyms in Parks



Aquatopia reopens
in September

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 September

FREE WSCN Community Ride
Fairfield Showground
9am – 12noon

Saturday 14 September

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday 21 September

Community Nursery Open Day
Nalawala Sustainability Centre
9am-3pm

Saturday 28 September

Aquatopia Water Park opens for the
2024/25 season

Fairfield City Council's
**CABRAMATTA
MOON
FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY
08.09.24

11AM-8PM

**CABRAMATTA
TOWN CENTRE**

**SAVE THE
DATE!**



YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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