Jubilee Park Community Centre update

Construction is well underway on the new multi-purpose community centre in Jubilee Park, Mortdale.

The new centre is part of a major capital works project as identified in the Community Strategic Plan 2021.

The project is progressing well, with the concrete slab now poured for the whole site. The structural frame is nearing completion and a 110,000 litre capacity rain water tank has also been installed.

The facility will give the community a place to meet and take part in a wide range of community activities and includes meeting room facilities which will be available for hire.

In addition to the new centre, there will also be a car park (32 spaces), and improvements to the open recreational space including barbeque facilities, public toilets, a children’s playground and walking track for the site.

It is anticipated the community centre will be completed in the first half of 2015.

For more information about the Jubilee Park Community Centre, contact Council on 9330 6222 or visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au

Mayor’s message

As you may be aware, the NSW Government has launched its ‘Fit for the Future’ initiative to encourage Council amalgamations across NSW.

As part of this process, the Independent Local Government Review Panel has recommended that Hurstville merge with Canterbury, Kogarah and Rockdale councils.

In early 2015, our Council will undertake extensive consultation to determine what our community wants. We need your feedback so we can prepare a submission that reflects our diverse community and our vision for the future.

The NSW Government has stated that there will be no forced amalgamations. It is vitally important our community develops a clear perspective on the matter and I encourage you all to have your say during the consultation period.

However, one thing is for certain – Council will not make any final decisions until it has extensively consulted with residents and ensured that any changes will benefit the community as a whole.

Finally, on behalf of Council, I wish the community a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Cr Con Hindi
Mayor of Hurstville

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Celebrate Australia Day in Hurstville

Hurstville City Council will host an Australia Day Festival at Oatley Park on Monday, 26 January 2015.

The event, proudly supported by platinum sponsor, Club Central Hurstville, will provide local residents and visitors with an opportunity to celebrate Australia Day in their local area.

This year’s event will be the biggest yet with a superb line-up of free entertainment on the main stage including live show performances from Nick Jr.’s Dora the Explorer, Spider-Man, and Peter Pan; featuring Tinkerbell and Captain Hook. Children will also have a chance to meet the characters as well as make their very own pirate hat or fairy wings.

Budding young paleontologists will have the opportunity to discover their own fossils and bones at the Dinosaur Discovery Workshop at Steamroller Park. There will be amusement rides, sheep shearing, cow milking demonstrations, face painting, balloon art and much more.

Additionally, as part of the celebrations, a special Citizenship Ceremony will be held on the day.

The event will run from 10:00am until 4:00pm so come along and bring the family for a great day out.

For more information about the event, phone Council on 9330 6222 or visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au
**2015 Australia Day Festival Entertainment program**

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**2014 Christmas/New Year closure dates**

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*For more information, visit Council's website [www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au)*

**The 2015 Australia Day Festival is proudly sponsored by:**

- **Platinum**
  - Club Central Hurstville

- **Silver**
  - BlueFit Pty Ltd

- **Media Partners**
  - St George and Sutherland Shire Leader
  - Nine Network Australia

**LIVE SHOWS**

- Dora's Dance Party - Live Stage Show at 12:10pm and 2:20pm
- Peter Pan featuring Tinkerbell and Captain Hook at 12:45pm and 2:55pm
- Spider-Man Environmental Justice Show at 1:40pm and 3:20pm

Don't miss out on sheep shearing and cow milking throughout the day.
2015 Hurstville Lunar New Year

Hurstville City Library
Museum & Gallery activities

**Lucky Dragons Kids Program**
Learn about the history of the Dragon in Chinese tradition and make some dragon crafts.
Date: Tuesday, 20 January 2015
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm
Cost: $5.00
Age: 5-12 years
Hurstville Museum & Gallery
Enquiries: 9330 6444

**Fruit Carving Demonstration with Charlie Yan**
Celebrity Chef Charlie Yan will carve up a delicious range of sculptures made from fresh fruit.
Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2015
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Cost: Free
Age: All welcome
Hurstville Museum & Gallery
Enquiries: 9330 6111

**Dragonflys Kids Club - Year of the Sheep program**
Celebrate the Year of the Sheep with art and craft activities.
Date: Saturday, 7 February 2015
Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm
Cost: $5.00
Hurstville Museum & Gallery
Enquiries: 9330 6444

**Youth movie screening - One Piece Adventures in Alabaster**
Date: Thursday, 5 February 2015
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Cost: Free
Age: 12 - 24 years
Hurstville City Library
Enquiries: 9330 6111

**Youth festivities drop-in session**
Spend the afternoon participating in a range of mini-competitions and drop-in programs!
Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2015
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Cost: Free
Age: 12 - 24 years
Hurstville City Library
Enquiries: 9330 6111

To book online for the above events, visit [www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au.lmg](http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au.lmg)

Hurstville City Council will welcome in the Year of the Sheep with an array of free activities and events for the community.

The 2015 Hurstville Lunar New Year Street Festival will be held on Saturday, 14 February 2015 and include non-stop entertainment, food and market stalls, and traditional lion and dragon dances on Forest Road, Hurstville.

There is also a fabulous lucky draw prize for festival goers to enter on the day that includes a major prize of a return economy airfare for one adult to Beijing or Shanghai in China, courtesy of China Southern Airlines (excludes applicable airport taxes and charges per person).

The popular Kids’ Corner will return to the Palm Court car park, where young children can pat baby barnyard animals, enjoy amusement rides, have their face painted, play on a jumping castle and participate in sand art workshops.

Other activities include an exhibition exploring the history and stories of the dragon and lion dances in Asian culture, and activities for all ages at the Hurstville City Library Museum & Gallery.

The official opening of *Mythical Dragons and Majestic Lions* proudly sponsored by ANZ will be held at Hurstville Museum & Gallery on Saturday, 7 February 2015 at 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start. The exhibition will be on show until Sunday, 1 March 2015.

Also this year, Council will be encouraging all visitors to capture the culture, spirit and excitement of the 2015 Lunar New Year Street Festival by sharing their photos via Instagram.

Hashtag your snapshot by using #lunarnewyearfestival and follow us @hurstvillecitycouncil

For more information about the 2015 Hurstville Lunar New Year Festival, including events and activities, contact 9330 6222 or visit [www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/Lunar-New-Year.html](http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/Lunar-New-Year.html)
New canteen and amenities block at Penshurst Park

Mayor of Hurstville, Cr Con Hindi recently opened the new canteen and amenities block at Penshurst Park.

Member for Oatley, Mark Coure MP also attended the event along with members of Hurstville Glory Soccer Club.

The new facilities will greatly benefit the many sporting groups and community members who utilise the park on a regular basis. More than 70,000 people use Penshurst Park annually and these amenities are a welcome addition.

The new building features a canteen and two male and two female toilets. There is also a disabled facility in both the male and female toilets.

Volunteers awarded

Hurstville City Council celebrated the efforts of people who generously give their time to volunteering in the community at a special reception last month.

Hurstville City Council recently hosted a special reception for community volunteers.

Hurstville City Council awarded a volunteer for their outstanding volunteer efforts.

Each award recipient received a special commemorative certificate from Council to publicly acknowledge their service to the Hurstville community.

To find out how you can nominate a volunteer, visit Council’s website at www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au

Paperless lodgement of all Development Applications (DAs)

From 1 December 2014, all Development Applications (DAs) must be lodged electronically.

Applicants must provide all plans and supporting documentation in digital form as PDFs on a CD or USB.

This shift towards electronic file management means no more paper files and greater efficiency in processing DAs.

There is also a financial cost saving to the applicant. Depending on the size of the DA, applicants could potentially save between $69 and $229 per application in document imaging fees.

Applicants can also conveniently track the progress of their DA using Council’s online tracker via the website.

This change to lodgement requirements relates to all plans, specifications and supporting documentation for DAs, Section 96 modifications and Reviews of Determination.

It is anticipated the move to paperless DA lodgement will help to fast-track the approval process and cut unnecessary steps in the process.

For more information, contact Council’s Executive Planner on 9330 6222.
2014-2015 Infrastructure Plus Program

Projects to be undertaken in the 2014/15 financial year include:

**Roads - Total Allocation - $704,675**
- Gordon Street, Hurstville - COMPLETED
- Barnards Avenue, Hurstville
- Wiruna Crescent, Narwee - COMPLETED
- Carinya Avenue, Beverly Hills
- Webb Street, Riverwood - COMPLETED

**Footpath Maintenance - Total Allocation - $182,270**
- Undertake repairs in accordance with Asset Management Plan - Hurstville Ward, Penshurst Ward, Peakhurst Ward - UNDERWAY

**Buildings - Total Allocation - $380,000**
- Refurbishment - Rasdall Park amenities building - UNDERWAY
- Refurbishment - Peakhurst Park soccer amenities building

**Town Centres - Total Allocation - $150,000**
- Upgrade of Kingsgrove Commercial Centre - Stage 1 (Mashman Lane to Paterson Avenue) - UNDERWAY

**Parks - Total Allocation - $600,000**
- Resurfacing - Peakhurst Park League Field - UNDERWAY
- Resurfacing - Gannons Park Fields 3 and 6 - UNDERWAY
- Resurfacing - Olds Park Netball Court #12 - UNDERWAY
- Replacement - Penshurst Park Children's Playground - COMPLETED
- Replacement - Gannons Park Children's Playground - UNDERWAY
- Replacement - Hadfield Reserve Children's Playground - UNDERWAY
- Upgrading - floodlighting in Gannons Park - COMPLETED
- Topdressing - Olds Park AFL Field
- Topdressing - Evatt Park Field 3
- Topdressing - Peakhurst Park Field 5
- Topdressing - Riverwood Park Field 4
- Replacement - 2 courts at Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre into Plexipave Courts

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Ice Bucket Challenge for charity

**Mayor of Hurstville, Cr Con Hindi recently poured a bucket of ice water onto president of St George District Cricket Club, Kevin Greene, as part of an Ice Bucket Challenge at Hurstville Oval.**

The cool conditions were perfect for the event which was organised by St George District Cricket Club to raise vital funds for St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation.

Hurstville City Council donated $1,000 for the privilege to dump a bucket of ice onto Mr Greene who was a gracious participant.

The Ice Bucket Challenge also received generous support from Club Rivers, Kogarah and Rockdale City Councils, and the Georges River St George District Cricket Association. More than $10,000 was raised on the day for the medical facility.

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Night Markets for Hurstville City

**To help celebrate the wonderful diversity in our community, Hurstville City Council will host night markets along MacMahon Street, Hurstville on the second Saturday of the month, from 4.00pm to 9.00pm.**

Commencing in March 2015, the monthly event will feature a large variety of market and food stalls, arts and crafts, and live entertainment the whole family can enjoy. To ensure the safety of participants, MacMahon Street, between Dora Street and Patrick Street, will be closed to vehicles so that people can stroll around at a leisurely pace.

The night markets will transform the area into a vibrant, bustling precinct where our diverse community can come together and celebrate all the wonderful and exciting things Hurstville has to offer.

For more information, contact Council's Events and Protocol Officer, Helen Dickenson-Panas on 9330 6222.
Remembering them—People of St George and the First World War

Hurstville Museum & Gallery will commemorate the ANZAC centenary in 2015, with a special exhibition highlighting the courageous efforts of local men and women who served in World War I.

In 1918, the public was called upon to provide a photo of enlisted family members for inclusion on the pictorial honour boards. The completed boards were installed in the vestibule of Hurstville City Council Chambers in 1921.

Follow the World War I photos and memorabilia of St George Pinterest board on www.pinterest.com/hurstvillelmg/

For more information, contact Hurstville Museum & Gallery on 9330 6444 or visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/lmg

For what’s on information, please visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au

Hurstville City Council now offers an after-hours initiative at Hurstville City Library that enables residents and ratepayers to access a number of Council services outside traditional business hours.

The service is available Monday to Friday 5:00pm to 9:00pm, and Saturdays and Sundays 9:30am to 4:00pm. The initiative allows customers to pay their rates, request a service, apply for consent to remove or prune a tree, obtain information about Council’s waste services, register their pets and much more.

Customers can now access Council services at their leisure, seven days a week.

This initiative is in addition to the after-hours telephone service and online forms where customers can contact Council 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Hurstville City Library is located on the corner of Queens Road and Dora Street, Hurstville.
Residents are reminded that Hurstville City Council's waste services will be carried out as usual during the Christmas and New Year public holidays.

Household Clean Up bookings will not be available between Monday, 22 December 2014 to Friday, 2 January 2015.

For more information, contact Council on 9330 6222 or visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au

**Waste reminder**

**Make pool safety a priority**

Hurstville City Council is reminding residents to check their backyard swimming pool fences and resuscitation signs to ensure their pools remain safe over the summer holidays.

Sadly, drowning is one of the major causes of death for NSW children under the age of five so it is crucial that backyard pools remain adequately fenced and protected.

For more information about pool safety requirements, contact 9330 6222 or visit www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/ Swimming-Pools.html

### Safety tips to remember:

- Children must never use the pool unattended
- Install self-closing and self-latching gates that will automatically close when let go
- Ensure the fence gate’s latching mechanism is 1.5 metres above ground level
- Undertake appropriate Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training. Contact St John Ambulance Australia or the Royal Life Saving Association for upcoming courses.
- A resuscitation chart with diagrams for CPR must be displayed in the pool area.

**Contacting Council**

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