

EXPERIENCE PARRAMATTA

JANUARY TO JUNE 2019
ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



HOW TO BOOK



Book online - www.parramatta-programs.eventbrite.com



Call us - 1300 889 714 or 02 8839 3311



Visit us in person - 346A Church Street Parramatta

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Location details are available at time of booking.

These programs are available through the City of Parramatta Council and there is often a waiting list. If you are unable to attend please advise at least 24 hours prior.

Paid events are non-refundable but may be exchanged for an alternative participant or event with prior notice.

Bookings are essential for all activities except where noted as 'drop in'.

Carers are welcome to attend children's activities but must supervise younger children in their care.

PRIVATE GUIDED and GROUP BOOKINGS

The City of Parramatta offers a range of guided walking tours and activities showcasing our destination's cultural and natural heritage to suit the interests of individuals and groups.

Our knowledgeable, passionate guides can also join your coach to provide interpretation of the intriguing history, significant sites and events of early Parramatta. This bus tour around Parramatta's heritage precincts is very flexible, with the option of extending the tour to include your choice of site tours of any of Parramatta's heritage properties. The stories of prominent colonial and Aboriginal personalities will be shared and their experiences and significance revealed. Contact us for further details.

VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES

Visit the Parramatta Heritage & Visitor Information Centre. Our friendly Host & Guides will assist you and share insights and information on all the things to see and do in our destination.

Opening Hours: Mon to Sun, 9am – 5pm (Open every day except Christmas and Good Friday)

Phone: 1300 889 714 or 02 8839 3311

Email: discoverparramatta@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Website: discoverparramatta.com

RESEARCH SERVICES

To learn more about your family history and Parramatta's history and heritage, visit our Research Library where you can access Council's research, archival and cultural collection resources as well as our friendly research team who are more than happy to assist you.

Opening hours: Mon to Sat, 10am – 5pm

Phone: 02 8839 3322

Email: localstudies@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Website: arc.parracity.nsw.gov.au

The Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre is located at 346A Church Street Parramatta NSW 2150.

We celebrate culture and diversity and look forward to sharing our history and heritage with you.



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REGULAR TOURS

WARAMI MITTIGAR - ABORIGINAL CULTURAL WALK

Join a traditional custodian on this relaxed walk to learn how local Aboriginal clans survived and thrived in the Parramatta region. Discover ongoing connection to country.

Dates: Mondays - 4 February, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June
Wednesday - 20 February (seniors)
Sundays - 10 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 9 June
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Adults, children 7 and up.
Cost: \$5 per person

HISTORIC DAIRY COTTAGE TOUR

Visit one of the three oldest colonial buildings in Australia on this small group tour.

Dates: Mondays - 18 February (seniors), 18 March, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June
Saturdays - 9 March, 13 April, 11 May, 8 June
Sunday - 10 February
When: 11am-11.45am or 12pm-12.45pm
Meet: Parramatta Park
Suitable for: Adults, children 7 and up
Cost: \$12 per person

STEP INTO PARRAMATTA'S PAST

Iconic heritage sites reveal the stories and personalities that have shaped our city.

Dates: Saturdays - 16 February, 16 March, 15 June
Sundays - 28 April, 26 May, 23 June
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Adults
Cost: \$5 per person

STEP INTO PARRAMATTA'S PAST - CHINESE LANGUAGE

Iconic heritage sites reveal the stories and personalities that have shaped our city. Delivered in the Mandarin language.

Dates: Saturday - 18 May
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Adults
Cost: \$5 per person

HANDFUL OF HERITAGE

Heritage sites reveal the historic themes that have shaped our city. Abridged weekday tour.

Dates: Mondays - 11 February, 25 February, 11 March, 25 March, 8 April, 29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 24 June
When: 11am-12pm
Meet: Clocktower, Centenary Square
Suitable for: Adults
Cost: \$5 per person

CONNECT WITH YOUR CITY

This relaxed walk informs new residents about the services, events and activities available in the city, including iconic heritage sites.

Dates: Saturdays - 2 February, 2 March, 6 April, 4 May, 1 June
Sundays - 17 February (seniors), 17 March, 19 May, 16 June
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: New residents; visiting friends and relatives
Cost: Free

CONNECT WITH YOUR CITY - CHINESE LANGUAGE

This relaxed walk, delivered in Mandarin, informs new residents about the services, events and activities available in the city.

Dates: Wednesday - 17 April
Thursday - 14 February (seniors)
Friday - 1 February
Saturdays - 9 February, 22 June
Sundays - 3 March, 7 April, 5 May
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: New Mandarin-speaking residents; visiting friends and relatives
Cost: Free

CONNECT WITH YOUR CITY - KOREAN LANGUAGE

This relaxed walk, delivered in Korean, informs new residents about the services, events and activities available in the city.

Dates: Tuesdays - 19 February (seniors), 5 March
Wednesdays - 6 February, 5 June
Thursday - 16 May
Saturdays - 23 March, 13 April
Sundays - 3 February, 12 May
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: New Korean-speaking residents; visiting friends and relatives
Cost: Free

PARRAMATTA UNLOCKED

This quick tour introduces the range of options and events the city offers, and locates key services. Ideal for workers and students.

Dates: Tuesdays - 5 February, 12 March, 9 April, 14 May, 11 June
Wednesday - 13 February
Thursday - 21 February
Fridays - 22 March, 26 April, 24 May, 28 June
When: 12.15pm-1pm
Meet: Clocktower, Centenary Square
Suitable for: New workers and students
Cost: Free

SPECIAL EVENTS

HERITAGE SAFARI - SENIORS FESTIVAL

Discover the intriguing history & significant sites of Parramatta on a relaxed coach tour. All sites visited are easily accessible.

Dates: Wednesday - 13 February
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Seniors
Cost: Free

NATURE WALK AND WHEEL - SENIORS FESTIVAL

This inclusive celebration of senior ability follows a wheelchair accessible, concrete pathway through beautiful bush surrounds. Be absorbed by this rich environment and its intriguing history. Accessible toilets available.

Date: Friday - 15 February
When: 10am-11.30am
Meet: Third Settlement Reserve, Winston Hills
Suitable for: Seniors
Cost: Free

URBAN DYNAMICS - SENIORS FESTIVAL

Parramatta is changing fast. Look at recent advances in the city and discover where the next five years will take us.

Dates: Thursday - 21 February
When: 10am-11.30am
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Seniors
Cost: Free

FROM SAWBONES TO SPECIALISTS

On this fascinating walk, discover the developments and personalities that have influenced the treatment of patients and their ailments from colonial days to the present.

Dates: Sunday - 24 February, Saturday - 27 April
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Adults
Cost: \$5 per person

HERITAGE SAFARI - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Discover the intriguing history & significant sites of Parramatta on a relaxed coach tour. In Women's History Month we will focus on the inspiring women who have called Parramatta home.

Dates: Friday - 8 March
Sunday - 10 March
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Adults
Cost: \$10 per person

ABORIGINAL WEAVING WORKSHOP - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate Women's History Month by sharing Darug culture and stories while learning traditional weaving techniques. A Darug custodian will share the oral history of the coiled weave, and explain natural fibres and their uses.

Dates: Saturday - 9 March
When: 2pm-4pm
Meet: John Curtin Reserve
Suitable for: Adults, children 7 and up
Cost: \$5 per person

NATURE RAMBLE

Engaging activities and a pleasant meander in a parkland setting introduce children to the wonders of nature.

Dates: Thursday - 14 March
Wednesday - 22 May
When: 10am-11.30am
Meet: Third Settlement Reserve (Thu) and Lake Parramatta (Wed)
Suitable for: 3-5 year olds with carers
Cost: \$5 per person

BUSH TUCKER TASTINGS

Celebrate Taste of Harmony Week and Parramatta's Aboriginal heritage with a free tasting of foods from the Darug recipe book.

Dates: Friday - 22 March
When: Drop in anytime between 11am-2pm
Meet: Farmers Market, Centenary Square
Suitable for: All
Cost: Free

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Dates: Sunday - 31 March
Saturday - 25 May
When: 10am-11.30am
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Adults
Cost: \$5 per person

PARRAMATTA TALES

On this family-oriented walk heritage sites reveal the stories of our city. Children's activities included.

Dates: Monday - 15 April
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: Families
Cost: \$5 per person

BUILDING BRIDGES

Discover our amazing local bridges on a short walk, then try building your own.

Date: Tuesday - 16 April
When: 10am-12.30pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: 7-11 year olds
Cost: \$5 per person

BUSH DETECTIVE SCHOOL

Act like a detective and follow the clues to uncover how the bush works.

Date: Wednesday - 17 April
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Lake Parramatta
Suitable for: 7-11 year olds
Cost: \$5 per person

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL ACTIVITY - OCHRE PAINTING WORKSHOP

An opportunity to hear stories of Aboriginal life as you learn the basics of a traditional cultural practice. Paint artworks in natural ochres on beautiful eucalyptus trees.

Date: Thursday - 18 April
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Don Moore Reserve TBC
Suitable for: Everyone
Cost: \$5 per person

MINIBEAST SAFARI

Children use a range of techniques and tools to get up close and personal with the tiny bugs and beasts that live in the bush.

Date: Tuesday - 23 April
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Quarry Branch Creek
Suitable for: 7-11 year olds
Cost: \$5 per person

ENVIRONMENTAL TREASURE HUNT

Explore the bush to uncover a range of natural treasures.

Date: Wednesday - 24 April
When: 10am-11.30am
When: Third Settlement Reserve
Suitable for: 5-8 year olds
Cost: \$5 per person

THE SOURCE OF LIFE BUSHWALK

An easy bushland walk, looking at how plants and animals find, use and store water.

Dates: Friday - 26 April
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Vineyard Creek Reserve
Suitable for: Adults, children 7 and up.
Cost: \$5 per person

BATS, BIRDS & BEASTIES

An activity-based walk along the Parramatta River, that introduces children to the amazing critters that live in and around it.

Date: Saturday - 27 April
When: 10am-12.30pm
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: 7-11 year olds
Cost: \$5 per person

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL ACTIVITY - BUSH TUCKER WALK

Celebrate National Reconciliation Week with an Aboriginal guide. Learn about the variety of bush foods that enriched the Aboriginal diet on a relaxed bushwalk by a beautiful stream.

Dates: Sunday - 2 June
When: 10am-12pm
Meet: Hunts Creek Reserve, Carlingford
Suitable for: Adults, children 7 and up
Cost: \$5 per person

RIVERKEEPERS

Join us on an imaginary journey to celebrate World Oceans Day. Learn about the true-life journey made by Parramatta's amazing eels through storytelling, puppet fun, riverscape creation and craft.

Date: Saturday - 8 June
When: 10am-11.30am
Meet: Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
Suitable for: 5-8 year olds with carers
Cost: \$5 per person



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

BUSHWALKS

CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURS

SENIORS ACTIVITIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

WELCOME WALKS