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An Introduction to Heritage Research Services: Local Studies & Family History

@ Phive – New State of the
art Parramatta Library

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Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and water that I work on, the Dharug people, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Panoramic view of Parramatta

1910s



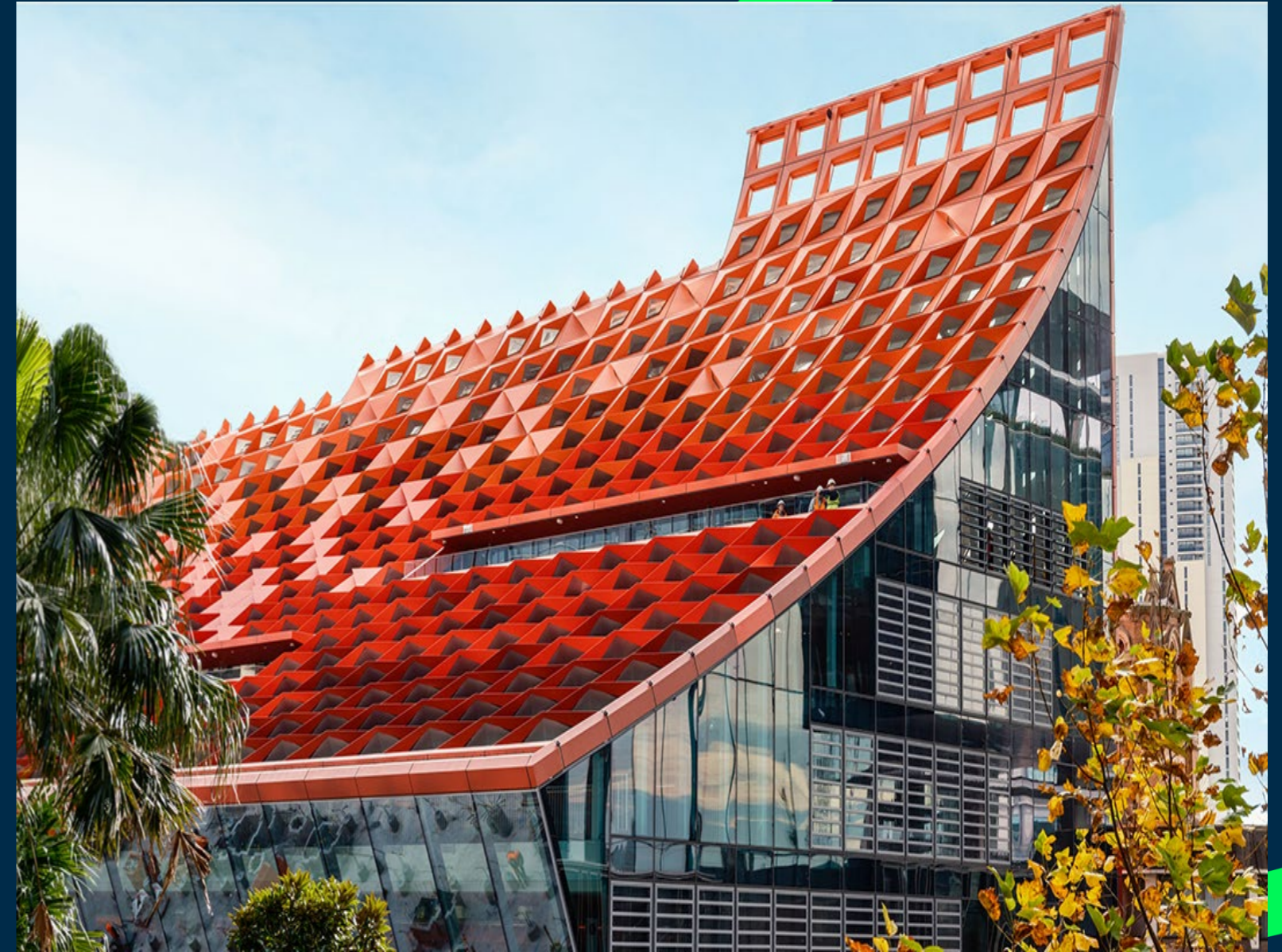
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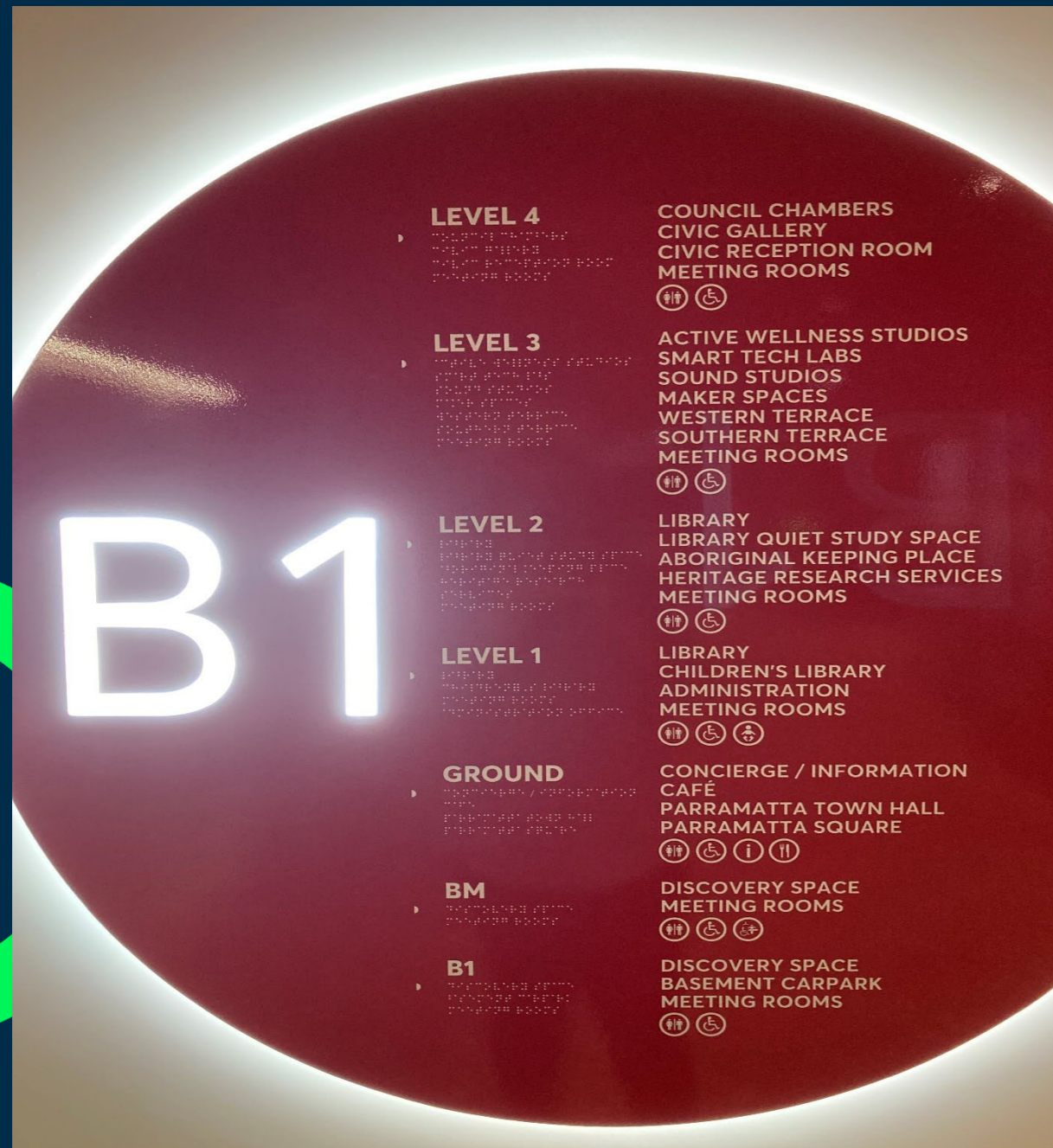
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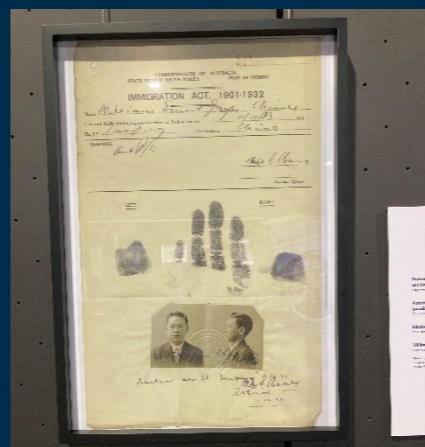
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Basement 1 & Mezzanine – Discovery Centre



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Walter J Pilcher's Bakery Cart

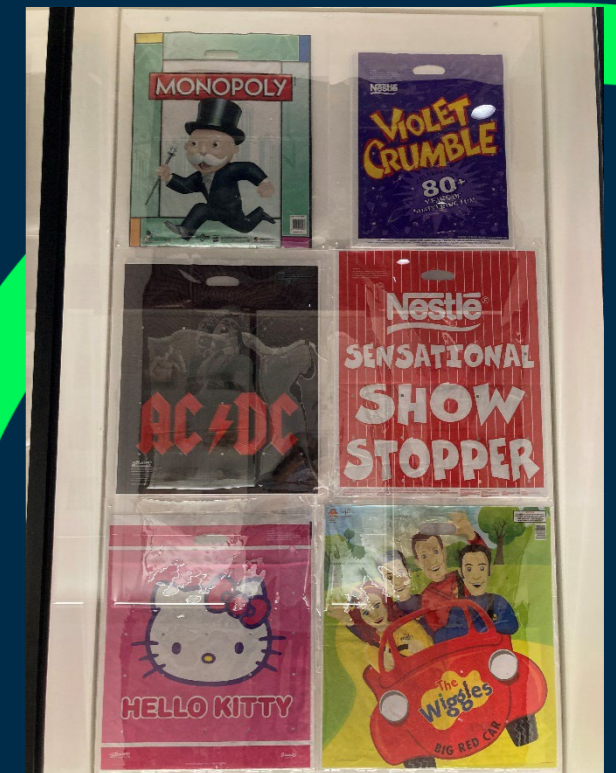
Kauri pine and hardwood
3.75m x 1.9m x 2.5m

This baker's cart was one of two spring carts built by Sweeny Brothers Coachbuilders, Macquarie Street, Parramatta in 1924. The cart was built for Pilcher's Bakery in Harris Park as a bread delivery cart and was used for 34 years until the sale of the bakery to Bockerman Brothers (later Fielders) in 1958.

Reg Pilcher (Walter's son) continued to work as a carter for Fielders Bakeries until 1980. He used this horse-drawn cart to deliver bread throughout the district from North Parramatta through to Merrylands, Granville and Harris Park. Reg was very popular and was often back late from his rounds because his customers stopped him for a chat! Rocky the horse pulled the cart. He was fast and wily, so Reg had to lock the wheel whenever he left the cart.

The original paintwork was brown with line and scroll work in blue and cream. Gold leaf was used to highlight the Pilchers lettering on the sides of the cart. The cart was finished to a high shine.

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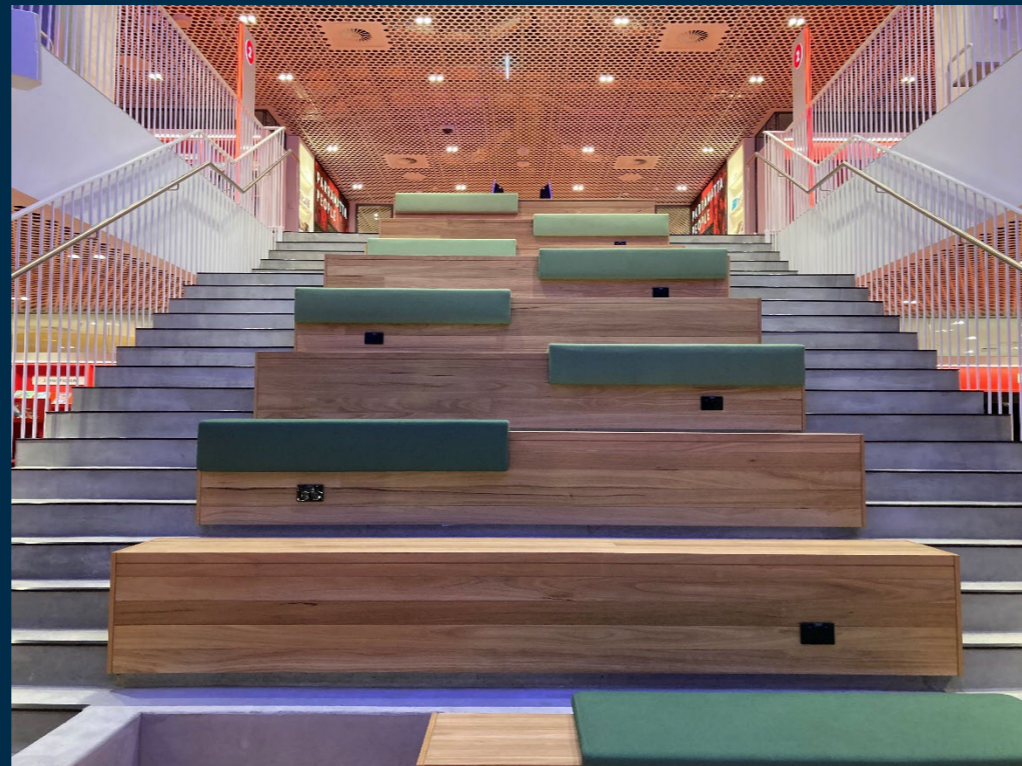
Ground Floor – Customer Service Centre



Level 1 and 2 – Parramatta Library



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Level 2 – Research Library



Transit Room for Archives & Collections requested material

Microfilm
& Maps
Collection

5 Map drawers:

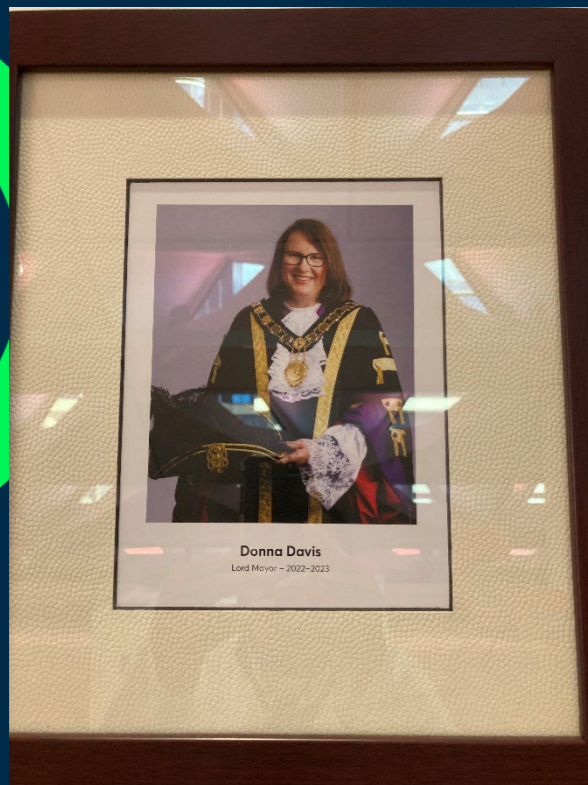
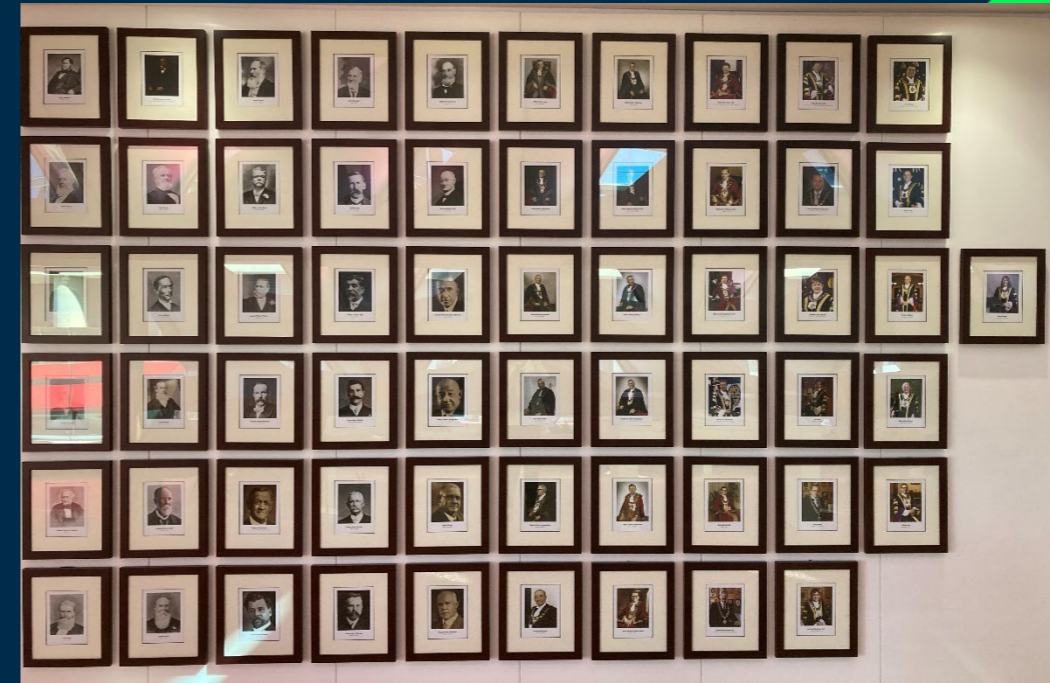
1. Post 1900
2. Pre-1900
3. 1895 Lithographic map ([online at SLNSW](#))
4. Building plans
5. Miscellaneous – railway, cemetery maps



Level 3 – Smart Tech Lab, Sound Studio, Meeting Rooms, Wellness Studio etc



Level 4 – Council Chambers, Civic Gallery, Reception Room and Meeting Rooms



Meet the team



Neera Sahni – Branch Librarian /
Team Leader Heritage



Emma Stockburn – Library Officer
(Facilitator Genealogy)



Anne Tsang – Library Officer

Stefano Ferrante – Library Officer



Heritage Team - community library, assist with research into family & local history, building and local area histories, writing articles for our website



Heritage Research Services

Heritage Research Services manages, preserves and documents the history of our local government and the people, places, art, events, and natural and built environments which have contributed to the rich history of Parramatta's communities.


We strive to share and help to interpret these histories for the public.






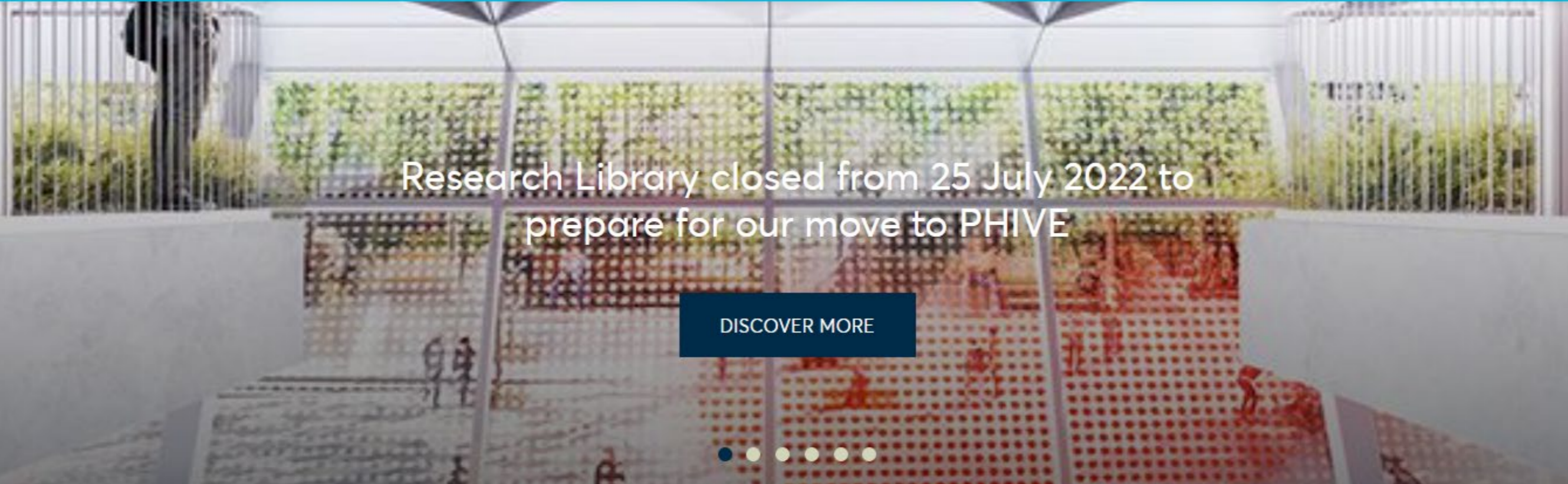
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Who we are

The City of Parramatta Council's Research and Collection Services team provide you with access to research, archives and cultural collections relating to Parramatta's Local Government Area. Our professional team consists of a Research and Collection Services Coordinator, Archivist, Cultural Collections Officer and a Research Lead facilitating a genealogy and local studies team.

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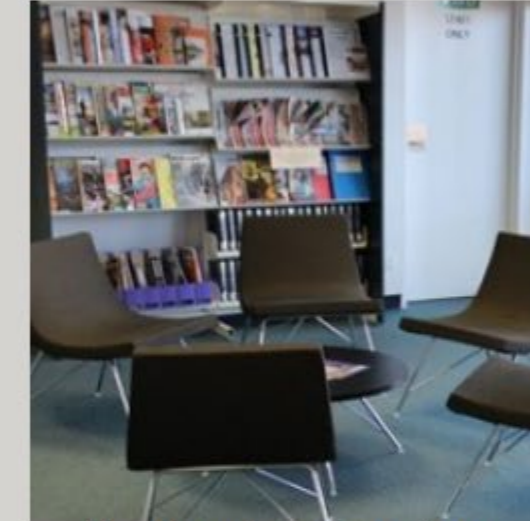
Family History Resources

The Research Library has special collections and a wealth of resources for family historians to help them in their research.



Local Studies Resources

Our Local history collection includes heritage study, historical resources and recent reports of the Parramatta area, settlement, development, comm



New Arrivals and Catalogue

The Research Library collection is constantly being updated with new titles. These are reference books and can only be accessed if you visit the library. You can also search for our books using the [Parramatta City Libraries catalogue](#). To do this just select 'local studies' from the drop down menu in the Additional Limits field

What we do...

The Heritage Research Library is a space where researchers can visit to collaborate and work with trained professionals to get family history advice, training in research skills and use library reference services. The library also provides researchers with access to books, newspapers, maps, online databases and reports relating to Parramatta and the surrounding district. In addition it maintains a large back catalogue of microfilm, microfiche and provides free public computers.

If you or any patrons want to contact one of our Research Team please send us a message through our [online enquiry form](#) or email localstudies@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Please note: The Heritage Research team provide up to 1 hours research for each individual Information request. For requests that may take longer than this time please refer to our [fees and charges](#) (Page 11, 2.1 and 2.2), there is a maximum of 5 enquiries per individual per calendar year. We will provide a response to each request within 5 working days.



A Day in the Life of...



- Enquiries from the public, real estate agents, consultants, developers, school, TAFE & university students and CoP Council and other councils (walk-in, phone, web form, email)
- Provide research, archives and collections for tours, marketing and events managed by the Council
- Source new research and make it accessible to the public – research articles on our website
- Respond to media requests (photographs, videos)
- Collections management: data capture, systems upgrades, improving processes, conservation
- Provide advice on research techniques, records capture and preservation



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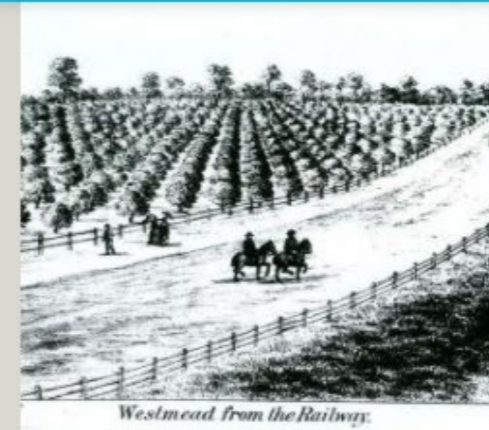
2020 - International Year of the Nurse and Midwife



3D scanning of cultural collections



Celebrating Lancer Barracks Bicentenary



Westmead from the Railway.

City of Parramatta - History of Suburbs



City of Parramatta Wards



From Canton to Parramatta



National Science Week 2020




Origins of Parramatta District Street Names






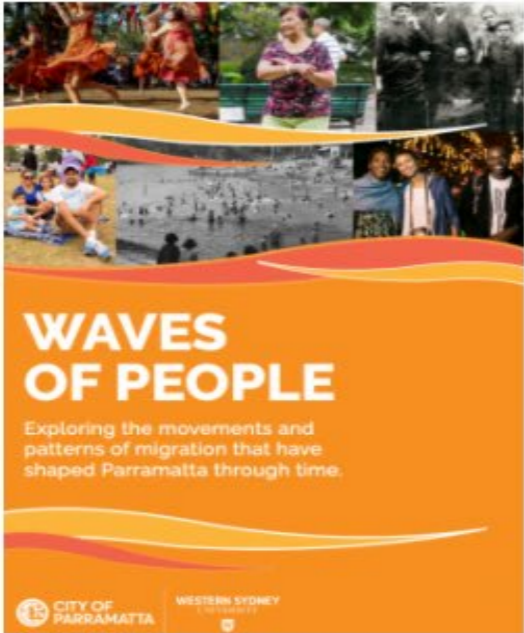
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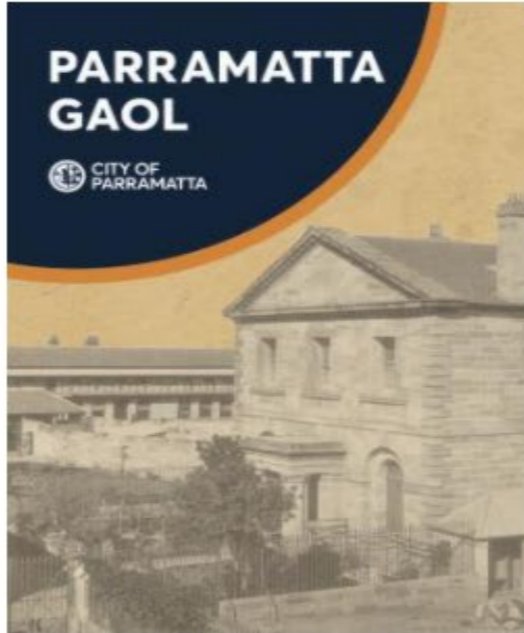
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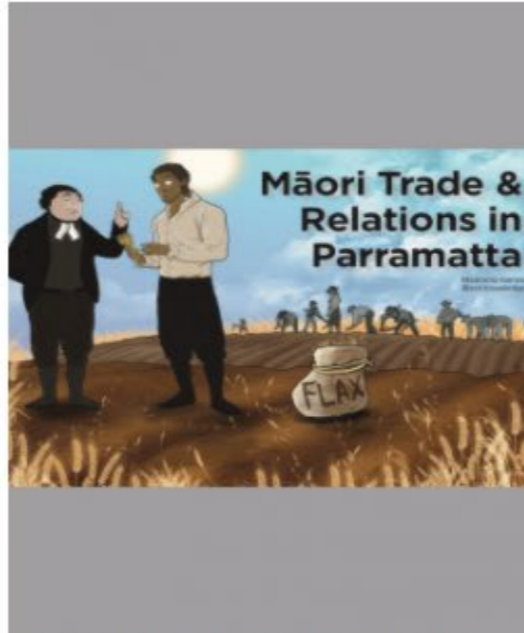
WAVES OF PEOPLE
Exploring the movements and patterns of migration that have shaped Parramatta through time.

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Māori Trade & Relations in Parramatta

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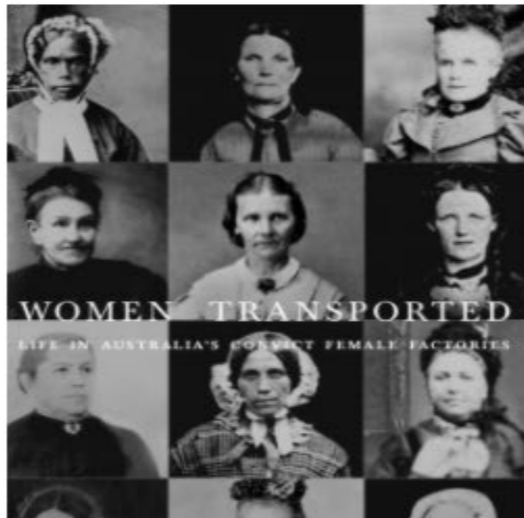


PARRAMATTA & DISTRICT NURSES & MIDWIVES
2020: Year of Nurses & Midwives
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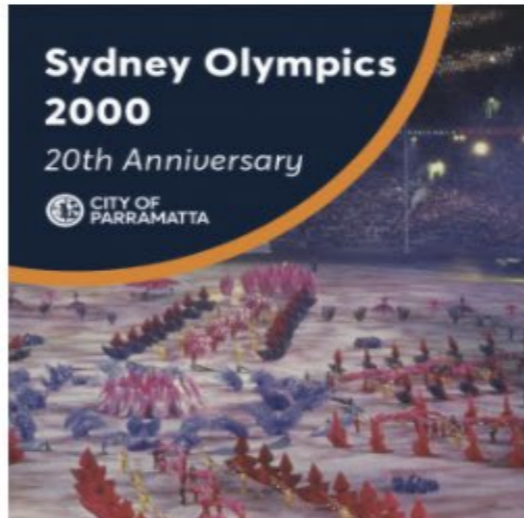
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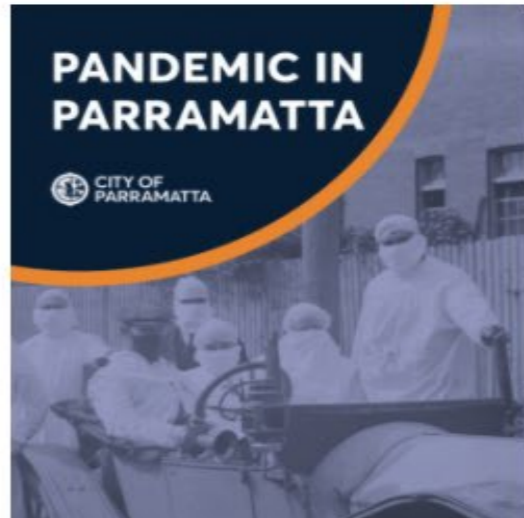
Victory in the Pacific 75th Anniversary
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LIFE IN AUSTRALIA'S FORGOTTEN FEMALE FACTORIES



Sydney Olympics 2000 20th Anniversary
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History of Suburbs



The City of Parramatta is located in Sydney's western suburbs, about 24 kilometres from the Sydney CBD. The City of Parramatta is bounded by The Hills Shire and Hornsby Shire in the north, the City of Ryde and the City of Canada Bay in the east, the Strathfield Council area and the Cumberland Council area in the south, and Blacktown City in the west. The 2021 Estimated Resident Population for the City of Parramatta is 258,799, with a population density of 3,090 persons per square km.




The story of the suburbs of Parramatta begins with the settlement of Rose Hill itself. It was never a suburb of Sydney Town but a companion penal encampment. Sometimes a settlement, when it grows from a local or 'village' to a town, annexes the settlements at its periphery as its suburbs through offering convenient services. Suburbs are mostly residential, relying on a town or city centre for centralised business, transport, educational, legal, health and administrative affairs.

Now Parramatta Local Government Area has 5 wards and 39 suburbs.

Origins of Parramatta District Street Names



Origins of Street Names By Suburbs

		
Auburn – Origin of Street Names	Baulkham Hills - Origin of Street Names	Beecroft - Origin of Street Names

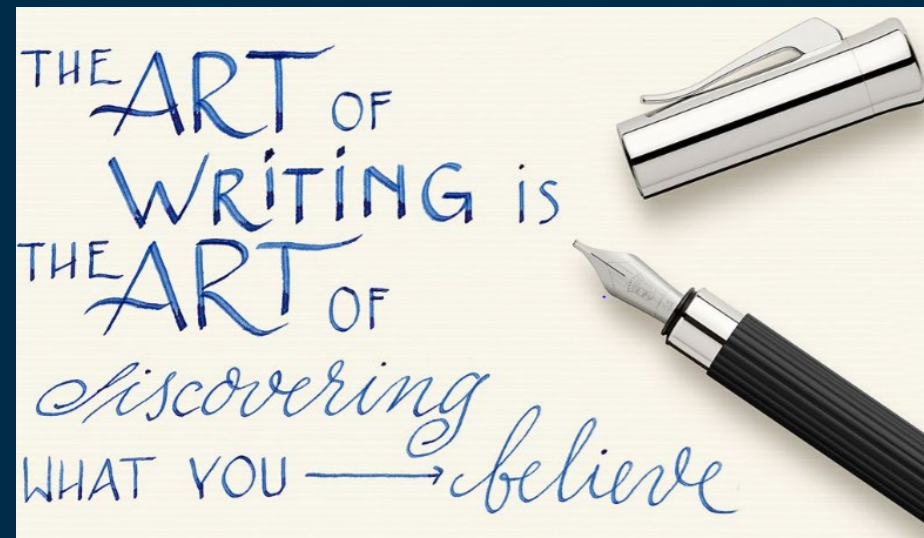
All 39 suburbs are listed alphabetically

Snapshot



Over 5000+ items in the Library
Reports, Microfiche reels, Microfilm etc

150 enquiries per month
From local, national and
International community



1700+ research features



Archaeological reports



2 databases:
Symphony – Library Management System
Vernon – Content Management System for LS Photos, Archives and Collections



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