

Arts and Culture

Community Groups and Organisations in and around the Parramatta City Council Area

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Community Arts

Artfiles Directory

Web: www.artfiles.com.au

Service Description: The arts directory for Western Sydney lists individual artists, artist community, educators, performers etc.

Artswest Foundation Ltd

Phone: 02 9687 2788 **Fax:** 02 9687 2789

Level 5, 88 Phillip St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 1424, Parramatta 2124

Email: admin@wsbc.org.au

Web: www.artswest.com.au

Service Description: Supports and promotes the arts in Sydney's Greater West through publications, information and networking forums. Regional arts advocacy and cultural planning coordination.

Fees: Yes

Disability Access: No

Information and Cultural Exchange Inc

Phone: 02 9897 5744 **Fax:** 02 9897 5766

Street Level, AMWU Building, 133 Parramatta Rd, Granville 2142

Mail to: PO Box 4033, Parramatta 2124

Email: info@ice.org.au

Web: www.ice.org.au

Service Description: Specialises in cultural development and arts based projects with an emphasis on multi-media and digital arts. Publishes arts and cultural directory. Also manages the multimedia access centre.

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Contact: Director

Fees: None

Transport: Close to trains (Granville station)

Disability Access: Yes (Parking, ramp, lift, toilet)

Languages spoken: Arabic, Italian, Vietnamese,

Volunteering: This organisation welcomes volunteer assistance. Contact for further details.

Design Arts

Information and Cultural Exchange Inc

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Galleries and Museums

Brislington Medical & Nursing Museum

Phone: 02 9843 3106

cnr George St and Marsden St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 4981, North Rocks 2151

Service Description: The oldest residence in central Parramatta. Built in 1821 and occupied by members and descendants of the Brown family from 1857 to 1949. Situated in the grounds of Parramatta Hospital, Brislington was built by John Hodges, an emancipated convict as a condition to receiving an inn licence from Governor Macquarie. It now houses a medical and nursing museum.

Hours: 2nd and last Thu of each month, 11am-3pm

Contact: 02 9843 3111 (Campus Manager)

Fees: Yes

Disability Access: Yes (to ground floor only)

Eligibility: No unaccompanied children or school groups

Volunteering: Museum is maintained by committee of volunteers

Burnside Museum

Phone: 02 9768 6887

9 Blackwood Pl, North Parramatta 2151

Mail to: PO Box 6866, Parramatta 2124

Email: dnixon@burnside.org.au

Web: www.burnside.org.au

Service Description: The Museum, which forms part of the Burnside Heritage Centre, was developed to celebrate the lives of people who have lived in Burnside's care.

Hours: Tours by appointment

Contact: 02 9768 6843

Fees: Small entry fee (\$5 per person)

Transport: Parking available

Disability Access: Yes (Ramp to entry)

Referral: Through Dianne Nixon as above

Hambledon Cottage

Phone: 02 9635 6924 **Fax:** 02 9635 6924

63 Hassall St (corner of Gregory Pl), Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 1384, Parramatta 2124

Email: parramattahistry@hotmail.net.au

Web: www.hotkey.net.au/~parramattahistry

Service Description: Erected by John Macarthur in 1824 on his Elizabeth Farm property. First used by his son Edward, it was

then the home of Archdeacon Thomas Hobbs Scott in 1825-26. Miss Penelope Lucas, the governess of John Macarthur's daughters retired to Hambledon Cottage in 1827 until her death in 1836.

Hours: Museum open for inspection by Parramatta & District Historical Society - Wed, Thu, Sat, Sun 11am-4pm

Contact: House Manager

Fees: Fees payable: Adults \$4, Concessions \$3, Children \$2 (School groups with educational program \$3)

Disability Access: Yes (Disabled toilets)

Facilities: Car parking available in Gregory Place. Nearby park suitable for picnic lunches.

Volunteering: Volunteer guides needed.

New South Wales Lancers Memorial Museum

Phone: 0405 482 814 **Fax:** 02 4733 3951
Linden House, Lancer Barracks, 2 Smith St, Parramatta 2150

Email: enquiries@lancers.org.au

Web: www.lancers.org.au

Service Description: Linden House, which was built in 1828 on a site in Macquarie St, is now located within the grounds of Lancer Barracks and houses the museum. This regimental museum preserves the history of the barracks, the regiment, Australian Light Horse & armoured units.

Hours: Sun 10am-4pm

Contact: Hon Secretary

Fees: Yes

Disability Access: No

Parramatta and District Historical Society Inc

Phone: 02 9635 6924 **Fax:** 02 9635 6924
Meetings held: Staff Room, Macarthur Girls High School, Macarthur St (enter from Stewart St), Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 1384, Parramatta 2124

Email: parramattahistry@hotmail.net.au

Web: www.hotkey.net.au/~parramattahistry

Service Description: The Parramatta and District Historical Society Inc. was formed in 1913 and is NSW's second oldest. The Society's aim is to encourage the study of history and heritage of both Parramatta district and Australia and to promote the compilation of authentic records relating to the Parramatta district. The Society leases Hambledon Cottage from Parramatta City Council and opens the Cottage for public exhibitions. Also facilitates the Family History Group.

Hours: Meetings: 7:30pm 3rd Wed each month

Contact: Secretary

Fees: Membership fees apply

Volunteering: Volunteer guides for the museum.

Parramatta Heritage & Visitor Information Centre

Phone: 02 8839 3311 **Fax:** 02 9630 3243
Parramatta Heritage Centre, 346a Church St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124

Email:

discoverparramatta@parracity.nsw.gov.au

Web:

www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/culture_and_leisure/heritage_centre

Service Description: The centre includes: Visitor Information Centre; Gift shop; Local Studies & Family History Library; Council archives; education programs; permanent and changing exhibitions. Please check the website for details.

Hours: Daily 9am-5pm (10am-4pm Public Hols). Library open Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10am-5pm. Thu 10am-8pm. Sat, Sun 10am-5pm. Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday.

Fees: Free entry - some education and public programs attract a small fee.

Disability Access: Yes (Ramps, disabled toilets)

Facilities: Seminar Room for hire

Volunteering: Assisting the public with family history.

Libraries

Baulkham Hills Shire Council Library Service - Carlingford Branch Library

Phone: 02 9871 5922 **Fax:** 9873 4075
17 Lloyds Avenue, Carlingford 2118

Mail to: PO Box 75, Castle Hill 1765

Email: council_library@bhsc.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.baulkhamhills.nsw.gov.au/library

Service Description: Lending services - books, serials, videos, cd's, talking books. Adult reading club. Information services. Internet - bookings recommended. Word processing, computer shareware, children's storytime. Services to Young People include homework help, e-mail and internet access, reference service and readers advisory service.

Programs & activities include school holiday activities, holiday reading club, other services for various age groups. Carlingford Reading Club meets every 2nd Thursday. Preschool Story Time Wed and Fri 10.30am.

Hours: 10am-7pm Mon, 10am- 5.20pm Tues-Fri, 10am-1.00pm Sat, Closed Sun
Fees: Lending services - Free, Information services - Free, Email/Internet \$2-15mins, \$3.30-1/2hr or \$5.50-hr, Photocopying 20c per page.
Transport: Bus or near train station.
Disability Access: Yes (Fully accessible.)
Eligibility: Proof of current address needed to join
Languages spoken: Mandarin
Volunteering: Opportunities exist for voluntary work. Please contact for further information.

Constitution Hill Library

Phone: 02 9896 2201
20 Hollis St, Wentworthville 2145
Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124
Web: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au
Service Description: Public library services. Part of Parramatta City Library.
Hours: Mon & Thur 10am-8pm. Tue, Wed & Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 9.30am-12pm

Dundas Valley Branch Library

Phone: 02 9638 1146
Sturt St (opp Telopea Public School), Telopea 2117
Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124
Web: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au
Service Description: Public library services. Part of Parramatta City Library.
Hours: Mon & Thur 10am-8pm. Tue, Wed. & Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 9.30am-12 pm

Ermington Branch Library

Phone: 02 9638 2270
River Rd (behind Ermington Shopping Centre), Ermington 2115
Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124
Web: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au
Service Description: Public library services. Part of Parramatta City Library.
Hours: Mon & Thur 10am-8pm. Tue, Wed & Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 9.30am-12pm

Granville Branch Library

Phone: 02 9637 4270
8 Carlton St (next to Town Hall), Granville 2142
Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124
Web: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au
Service Description: Public library services. Part of Parramatta City Library.
Hours: Mon & Thur 10am-8pm. Tue, Wed & Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 9.30-12pm

Guildford Branch Library

Phone: 02 9632 6744

Railway Tce, Guildford 2161
Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124
Web: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au
Service Description: Public library services. Part of Parramatta City Library.
Hours: Mon & Thur 10am-8pm. Tue, Wed & Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 9.30am-12pm

Home Library Service, Holroyd City Council Library Service

Phone: 02 9840 9919 **Fax:** 02 9840 9955
Cnr Miller & Newman Sts, Merrylands 2160
Mail to: Locked Bag 5, Merrylands 2160
Web: www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au
Service Description: Delivery of library resources to housebound residents of Holroyd area who are unable to personally visit the library for reasons of age, illness or disability.
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm
Contact: Special Needs Librarian.
Disability Access: Yes (Lift and Disabled Toilets)
Eligibility: Doctor's Certificate
Volunteering: The Home Library Service relies on the assistance of volunteers to select and deliver materials to individual housebound borrowers.

Housebound Readers Library Service

Phone: 02 9806 5150 **Fax:** 02 9806 5159
Civic Place, Parramatta 2150
Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124
Web: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au
Service Description: Library service to frail people, people with a disability or those who have difficulty getting to their local library during convalescence after an illness or injury. Generally a doctors certificate will be required. Bulk book deliveries can be arranged for Nursing Homes, Villages or other organisations.
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm
Fees: Free service (except for the cost of lost or damaged items)
Eligibility: Doctor's Certificate and resident in Parramatta LGA

Merrylands Central Library

Phone: 02 9840 9960 **Fax:** 02 9840 9955
Cnr Miller & Newman Sts, Merrylands 2160
Mail to: Locked Bag 5, Merrylands 2160
Web: www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au/library
Service Description: Holroyd City Council operates a free library service, which is open seven days a week. Branches are located at Wentworthville and Greystanes. Services include: storytime for pre-schoolers and school holiday children's activities; Bubba

Time for children from birth to 2yrs; Home Library Service; public access computers and Holroyd Book Club. Patrons can borrow from the large collection of videos, DVDs, CDs, CD-ROMs, non fiction and fiction books, Basic English materials, large print books, talking books and an HSC Lending collection. The Library Service also collects books, videos, CDs and DVDs in Arabic, Chinese, Tamil and Vietnamese.

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am - 8pm; Sat 9am - 4pm; Sun 2pm - 5pm

Contact: Manager of Library Services.

Disability Access: Yes (Lift from carpark to library)

Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW Inc

Phone: 02 9891 6400 **Fax:** 02 9635 5355

40 Albion St, Harris Park 2150

Mail to: PO Box 9381, Harris Park 2150

Email: mdaa@mdaa.org.au

Web: www.mdaa.org.au

Service Description: Promotes, protects and secures the rights and interests of people from a non-English speaking background with a disability, their family or carers. Includes a library.

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Contact: Individual Advocates. Other phone: 1800 629 072

Fees: None

Transport: Close to trains (Harris Park station and Parramatta station)

Disability Access: Yes (Parking, ramp)

Languages spoken: Interpreter services can be arranged

Volunteering: This service welcomes volunteer assistance. Contact for further details.

NSW Cancer Council - Western Sydney Regional Office

Phone: 02 9687 1399 **Fax:** 02 9687 1118

43 Hunter St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 6226, Parramatta 2124

Email: info@westernsydney.nswcc.org.au

Web: www.cancercouncil.com.au

Service Description: Provides cancer information and education, patient and carer support and health promotion programs in cancer prevention. Literature is available in a variety of languages; eg. Greek, Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Italian.

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm (Office)

Volunteering: This service welcomes volunteer assistance. Contact for further details.

Parramatta City Library (Central)

Phone: 02 9806 5159 **Fax:** 02 9806 5919

1a Civic Place, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 32, Parramatta 2124

Email: parralib@parracity.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au

Service Description: Central library provides fiction & non-fiction books, CD's, CD-ROM'S , DVD's and videos in English and many other languages; information and reference services including access to electronic databases and the Internet and the Inter Library Loan service; housebound readers service; community information service; computer facilities and classes; school holiday activities & children's storytimes; multicultural community activities and Meeting and Technology Rooms for hire

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-8pm, Sat 9:30am-4pm, Sun 2pm-5pm

Disability Access: Yes (Ramp, lift)

Languages spoken: Cantonese; Mandarin; Arabic

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Privacy New South Wales

Phone: 02 8688 8585 **Fax:** 02 8688 9660

Justice Precinct Offices, 160 Marsden St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: Locked Bag 5111, Parramatta 2124

Email: privacy_nsw@agd.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/privacynsw

Service Description: Promotes and protects privacy rights through the investigation of complaints, provision of advice and conducting research. Publications on various privacy issues are available.

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm

Contact: Office Manager

Fees: None

Transport: Close to trains (Martin Place station and Wynyard station)

Disability Access: Yes (Ground floor entry, ramps, lifts)

Languages spoken: Cantonese, Chinese, Russian, Ukrainian

RTA Library

Phone: 02 8849 2913 **Fax:** 02 8849 2488

Lvl 3, 27 Argyle St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 973, Parramatta 2124

Email: library@rta.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Service Description: The Library provides information services to the RTA. It includes

information about road, traffic and structural engineering, transport, road safety, economics, management, human resources, registration, licensing, strategic planning, and environment. These subjects are covered by a variety of media including technical books, journals, reports, conference proceedings, CD ROMS, standards, annual reports and legislation. Members of the public are welcome to use the Library for reference purposes. To make an appointment please ring (02) 8849 2913.

Hours: Mon - Fri 9am-4.30pm

Disability Access: Yes

SDN Children's Services - Child and Family Resource Centre

Phone: 02 9897 3635 **Fax:** 02 9897 2861

Child and Family Resource Centre, 28 Cowper St, Granville 2142

Email: cfresourcecentre@sdn.org.au

Web: www.sdn.org.au

Service Description: Provides a toy library, parent information, parent groups, parenting workshops, child development education, parent and child 'stay and play' time, home visits and additional support for families facing difficult challenges.

Hours: Mon Tue Thu 10am-2pm

Contact: Operations Co-ordinator

Fees: Membership \$50 (Individual or family), \$100 (Group or centre) per year

Transport: Close to trains (Granville station), 2 hour parking available on cnr of Cowper and Rowell St

Disability Access: Yes

Eligibility: Families, early childhood students, family day carers, children's services for 0-12 year olds

Wentworthville Branch Library

Phone: 02 9631 7564 **Fax:** 02 9688 3168

2 Lane St, Wentworthville 2145

Mail to: Locked Bag 5, Merrylands 2160

Web: www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au/library

Service Description: Wentworthville Library is open five and a half days a week. The service provides pre-school story time, Bubba Time for children from birth to 2 years, and has public access computers. Patrons have access to a large borrowing collection which includes videos, DVDs, CDs, non fiction, fiction, large print and talking books, Basic English resources, items in Arabic, Chinese, Tamil and Vietnamese, and toys.

Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9:30am - 5:30pm; Thu 9:30am - 8pm; Sat 9am - 12pm

Contact: Branch Library Officer.

Disability Access: Yes (Ramps)

Literature

Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc (Parramatta Region)

Phone: 02 9639 8394 **Fax:** 02 9686 8158

Meetings held: Parramatta City Library meeting room, Civic Place, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: 51 Candowie Cres, Baulkham Hills 2153

Email: lynlew@optusnet.com.au

Service Description: A writers group for encouraging new writers.

Hours: 2nd Sat of the month 12:30pm-3:30pm.

Contact: Secretary

Fees: Yes - for room hire only

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New Writers' Group Inc

Mail to: PO Box 1339, Parramatta 2124

Web: www.nwg-inc.com

Service Description: The New Writers' Group Incorporated aims to cultivate writing in Western Sydney. As an active community of writers we are committed to the encouragement and support of local writing. Fortnightly gatherings are held on Saturday afternoons in Parramatta and in Merrylands.

Hours: Refer to website for days and times of activities

Fees: Gatherings are free to attend.

Membership \$25, joining fee \$1

Toongabbie Music Club

Phone: 02 9639 7494

Meetings held: Northmead Scout Hall, Whitehaven Rd, Northmead 2152

Mail to: 1 Kristine Ave, Baulkham Hills 2153

Email: allendavis1943@aol.com

Web:

www.boydsirishmusic.com.au/toongabbie

Service Description: We are a music club welcoming all levels and styles of performers. We promote and support Australian & multi-cultural music & song. We also welcome poets and storytellers, and have contact with singers, musicians & poets.

Hours: 2nd & 4th Friday of month at 8pm

Contact: Coordinator

Fees: Yes

Performing Arts

Australian International Conservatorium of Music

Phone: 02 9637 0777 **Fax:** 02 9637 0222
31-33 Allen St, Harris Park 2150
Email: admin@aicm.edu.au
Web: www.aicm.edu.au

Service Description: Sydney's first private conservatorium of music. AICM offers students a variety of courses in tertiary, secondary and private education. Also operates Performing Arts High School for years 7-12.

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Office hours

Contact: Administrator

Disability Access: Yes (downstairs ramp)

Languages spoken: Cantonese; Korean; Mandarin

Australian International Performing Arts High School

Phone: 02 9637 0777 **Fax:** 02 9637 0222
31-33 Allen St, Harris Park 2150
Email: admin@aipah.com
Web: www.aipah.com

Service Description: Performing Arts High School for years 7-12.

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Contact: Administrator

Fees: Yes

Eligibility: Entry by audition only. From 12 to 18 years.

Languages spoken: Cantonese; French; Korean; Mandarin

Byrnes Dance Image Dance Sport

Phone: 02 9897 7450 **Fax:** 02 9897 9677
Level 1, 280 Parramatta Rd, Granville 2142
Email: nicolebyrnes@danceimage.com.au
Web: www.danceimage.com.au

Service Description: Teach all styles of Dance, including Latin, Ballroom, Salsa, Rock'n Roll, Funk, Hip Hop etc.

Hours: 10am-10pm

Fees: On Enquiry

Transport: Close to train station

Disability Access: No

Languages spoken: French; Maltese; Russian

Volunteering: Yes

Carey School of Dancing

Phone: 02 9639 1218 **Fax:** 02 9639 1117
Classes held: St Paul the Apostle Catholic School, Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills 2153
Mail to: 9 Aberdeen Rd, Winston Hills 2153
Email: info@careyschoolofdance.com.au
Web: www.careyschoolofdance.com.au

Service Description: Dancing school teaching Classical Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Modern. Also drama and singing.

Hours: Mon-Fri 3:30pm-8:30pm, Sat 8am-1pm

Contact: Principal

Fees: Yes.

Disability Access: Yes

Ceroc & Modern Jive Dancing Company- Rosehill Bowling Club

Phone: 02 9410 1111 **Fax:** 02 9411 4352
Rosehill Bowling Club, cnr James Ruse Dr and Hassall St, Rosehill 2142

Mail to: PO Box 28, Willoughby 2068

Email: info@ceroc.com.au

Web: www.ceroc.com.au

Service Description: Modern jive partner dancing. Modern jive is a funky blend of jive, rock & roll, Latin and dirty dancing and is a very social dance that can be used anywhere. Partner not required for class.

Hours: Sun 7pm-10pm

Fees: On enquiry

Eligibility: Prefer 18+ (club age requirement)

Facilities: Club facilities

Ceroc & Modern Jive Dancing Company- Wentworthville Leagues

Phone: 02 9410 1111 **Fax:** 02 9411 4352
50 Smith St, Wentworthville 2145

Mail to: PO Box 28, Willoughby 2068

Email: info@ceroc.com.au

Web: www.ceroc.com.au

Service Description: Modern jive partner dancing. Modern jive is a funky blend of jive, rock & roll, Latin and dirty dancing and is a very social dance that can be used anywhere. Partner not required for class.

Hours: Mon 7:30pm-10:30pm

Fees: On enquiry

Eligibility: Prefer 18+ (club age requirement)

Facilities: Club facilities

City of Parramatta Eisteddfod Society Inc

Phone: 02 9636 7509 **Fax:** 02 9863 7272
Mail to: c/- 114 Bolaro Ave, Greystanes 2145

Email: hmmarchant@optusnet.com.au

Web: www.eisteddfodparramatta.org.au

Service Description: Vocal, Instrumental, Speech & Drama competition. Entries close for classical vocal, instrumental, speech & drama 2nd week of March. Performances for Junior/Intermediate (Classical), instrumental, speech & drama held in May/June on weekends. Contemporary (Amplified) Vocal entries close in April, with performances in June.

Contact: Hon. Secretary
Fees: Entry fees for contestants
Disability Access: Yes (Competition for disabled children)
Eligibility: By age range as per syllabus, under 5 to adult

Eastwood & Campsie Scottish Association Inc

Phone: 02 9871 3593 **Fax:** 02 9871 3593
Held at Community Hall, River Rd, Ermington 2115

Mail to: 7 Wavell Ave, Carlingford 2118
Service Description: Organises a monthly dance. Hogmanay Dance 31 Dec and Clan night in May. Children welcome.

Hours: Dance 4th Sat of month 8pm

Contact: 02 9670 5162

Fees: Yes

Transport: Bus

Disability Access: Yes (ramp)

Friends of the Parramatta Riverside Theatre Inc

Phone: 02 9630 6171

Mail to: PO Box 3636, North Parramatta 1750

Service Description: The friends aim to support the theatre, its staff & board of directors in a voluntary capacity. The friends also seek to involve the community through functions and newsletters.

Contact: Secretary

Fees: Yes, membership

In the Door Entertainment

Phone: 02 9639 0127

Winston Heights Primary School, Langdon Rd, Winston Hills 2153

Mail to: 11 Reilleys Rd, Winston Hills 2153

Email: inthedooret@bigpond.com

Web: www.inthedoorentertainment.com

Service Description: In the Door Entertainment is the hills performing arts school which offers classes for various subjects and ages.

Subjects offered are Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Singing, Hip-Hop, Drama, Technique and a Performance Troup to represent the school. The teachers are industry professionals selected carefully to ensure they have teaching skills to work with the students.

Contact: 0404 133 784

Transport: Bus

Eligibility: From 3 to 18 years.

Latin Fusion Dance Academy

Phone: 02 9657 6011

cnr Hassall St and James Ruse Dr, Parramatta 2150

Email: jeremy@latinfusion.com.au

Web: www.latinfusion.com.au

Service Description: Learn to Salsa, Merenque, Cha Cha and Lombada. Partners not required. Monthly parties. Annual ball.

Hours: Mon Tue 8pm-9pm

Contact: 0417 294 179

Fees: Yes

Disability Access: No

Eligibility: From 16 years.

Leila Hayes Drama Studio

Phone: 02 9871 1482 **Fax:** 02 9614 0062

Farnell Ave, Carlingford 2118

Email: leilamhayes@bigpond.com

Web: www.leilahayesdramastudio.com.au

Service Description: Training in TV, stage and movie techniques, improvisation and characterization, communication, presentation and vocal skills, self development, script writing and creative writing. HSC performance workshops.

Hours: 10am-5pm (Class times on application)

Contact: Director 0412 902 509 (mobile)

Fees: Yes

Disability Access: No

Eligibility: Auditions required for Saturday advanced teens session. From 5 years.

Next Level Generation Performing Arts Company

Phone: 02 9899 3090

Level 3, Macquarie House, 169 Macquarie St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 3437, Parramatta 2124

Email: nextlevelg@optusnet.com.au

Web: www.nlg.org.au

Service Description: Dance, song and drama free training for youth and juniors (from 3 years and up). Hip-hop, funk etc. Youth and family focussed. Performances for community events. Dance classes for beginners, intermediate, advanced and performance.

Hours: Please ring to confirm

Contact: 02 9633 5535 or 0412 562 636

Fees: None

Eligibility: From 3 years.

Parramatta City Band

Phone: 0414 517 976 (business hours)

Harry Todd Band Hall, Jubilee Lane, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 319, Parramatta 2124

Email: info@parramattacitybrass.com.au

Web: www.parramattacitybrass.com.au

Service Description: Provide entertainment, teach music and brass instruments. Any

interested persons to contact the training band co-ordinator Jennifer Howell on 0404 948 860.

Hours: Sun: Learners 6:30pm, Thu: Experienced Players 8pm

Contact: Secretary 0414 517 976

Fees: Eligible persons taught free of charge. Instruments can be hired for a small fee.

Disability Access: Yes

Parramatta District Scottish Dance Group

Phone: 02 9636 8248 (After hours)

Meets at: Reg Byrne Community Centre, cnr Fyall Av and Darcy Rd, Wentworthville 2145

Service Description: Scottish country dancing is a form of folk dancing, and is danced in a group or set. The class is run by the Sydney Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Come alone or bring a friend. Wear flat shoes. Supper is provided.

Hours: Every Monday night except public holidays

Contact: 02 4751 2246

Fees: \$5 members, \$8 non members.

Parramatta Musical Society Inc

Phone: 02 9671 2404, 02 8805 1400

Meetings held: Leigh Memorial Hall, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta 2150

Email: parramusicalsoc@optusnet.com.au

Service Description: Musical comedies, reviews and pantomime.

Hours: 7.30pm-10.30pm.

Contact: Treasurer

Fees: Yes.

Rhythm Factory Dance, Music and Movement

Phone: 9743 1605 (or 0425 248 375) **Fax:** 9739 6207

Don Moore Community Centre, Cnr Farnell Ave & North Rocks Rd, Carlingford 2118

Email: info@rhythmfactory.com.au

Web: www.rhythmfactory.com.au

Service Description: Dance, music and movement classes offering girls and boys 15 mths to 8 years a fun easy way to develop motor skills, coordination, confidence and self esteem whilst preparing for future opportunities in dance and life. Combo classes: a fun introduction to modern jazz, ballet and tap for 5-8 years. Fun groups, fun music and fun times! Check the website for times.

Fees: \$95 per 9 week term (\$15 casual)

Transport: Bus

Eligibility: 15 mths to 8 yrs

Facilities: Children's shows and parties.

Mobile classes for preschools and playgroups.

Riverside Lyric Ensemble Inc

Phone: 02 9630 1475 **Fax:** 02 9630 1475

Mail to: PO Box 6010, Parramatta BC 2150

Email: secretary@rle.org.au

Web: www.rle.org.au

Service Description: An amateur musical/dramatic society that mounts shows at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Auditions are held prior to commencement of production and are open to all ages.

Hours: Rehearsals twice a week 7:30pm-10:30pm (ring for location)

Contact: Artistic Director

Fees: Yes

Volunteering: Volunteers always welcome with skills in marketing/publicity, set construction and costuming

Scottish Country Dancing Wentworthville

Phone: 02 9636 8248

Classes held: Reg Byrne Community Centre, cnr Fyall Ave and Darcy Rd, Wentworthville 2145

Service Description: Classes run by Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Sydney Branch. Come alone or bring a friend. Wear flat shoes. Supper provided.

Hours: Mon 7:30 pm-9:30pm (except Public Holidays)

Fees: \$8 per night or \$5 for members

Sydney Youth Dragon and Lion Dance Troupe

Phone: 02 9893 9671 **Fax:** 02 9893 9671

12/67 Great Western Hwy, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: W168, Parramatta 2150

Email: taoistkungfu@yahoo.com.au

Web: www.geocities.com/taoistkungfu

Service Description: Classes in traditional Chinese martial arts for health, self defence and competition. Chinese Lion and Dragon dancing - tuition and demonstrations. Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung - tuition. Traditional herbal medicine and massage.

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Contact for class times.

Contact: 0417 275 325

Languages spoken: Cantonese; Mandarin

Facilities: Toilets; Public Parking Access

Volunteering: Opportunities for volunteers

The Edge Ballet Academy

Phone: 9531 5038 (0416 243 755)

Winston Hills Mall, Caroline Chisolm Drive,
Winston Hills 2153

Email: the_edge_academy@bigpond.com.au

Web: www.edgeballet.com.au

Service Description: Dance classes R.A.D. ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and Irish. Also studio at Eastwood.

Hours: Thurs night and Sat

Fees: \$11.00 per class

The Harmony Hi Lo's

Phone: 9683 1679 (- Judy or Val 9630 8204)
Carlingford Uniting Church, Pennant Hills Rd,
Carlingford 2118

Service Description: The Harmony Hi Lo's ladies choir started in October 2001. We meet each Wednesday morning from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at Carlingford Uniting Church (opposite Carlingford Bowling Club). We have a highly skilled choir teacher who has built up our vocal technique and improved our confidence in singing harmony. The group has provided tremendous camaraderie, enjoyment and support for one another. Our group regularly sings at nursing homes etc. Ladies who enjoy singing, can carry a tune and would like more information, please call Judy or Val on the above numbers.

Eligibility: Female Only.

The Hills Musical Society Inc

Phone: 8004 2966

Don Moore Community Centre, Cnr Farnell Ave & North Rocks Rd, Carlingford 2118

Mail to: PO Box 2698, Carlingford 2118

Email: hillsmusicalsociety@yahoo.com.au

Web: www.hillsmusicalsociety.com

Service Description: Amateur musical society - 2 shows per year. Rehearsals held Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 8pm.

Contact: President - Greg Wood 0418 427 313. Ticket Secretary - Laraine Brown 8004 2966. Secretary - Ryan Tracey 0404 170 638

Fees: \$15 annual membership

Transport: Bus

Disability Access: Yes (Fully accessible.)

Eligibility: Members over 16 years old

Facilities: Costumes and sets available for hire.

Volunteering: Volunteers required for back stage crew, costume making, set construction and front of house.

Toongabbie Music Club

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Wentworthville RSL Youth Club

Mail to: P O Box 989, Wentworthville 2145

Service Description: Swimming, Dancing, Gymnastics, Free Learn to swim.

Hours: Various

Contact: Swimming: Ken Bakon 0412 956 416, Dancing: Leanne Kearney 0419 489 277, Gymnastics: Kim Vella 0403 113 751, Free Learn to Swim: Carol Cherry 9890 4643

Fees: POA to contacts

Transport: Railway, Bus

Workshops in Arts for People with Disabilities (WAPD)

Phone: 02 8839 3398 **Fax:** 02 9683 3267

Mail to: PO Box 3636, Parramatta 2124

Email: admin_riverside@parracity.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.riversideparramatta.com.au

Service Description: The aim of these workshops is to encourage participation, self expression & self discovery within the arts based environment. Activities allow for individual & group participation & cater for different levels of capability. Drama and Movement on Tuesdays 10am-11:30am (Severe Disability) and 12noon-1:30pm (Moderate Disability) at Granville Town Hall (8 Carlton St Granville. Dance and Performance on Thursdays 10am-11:30am (Severe Disability) and 12noon-1:30pm (Moderate Disability) at Ermington Community Centre (10 River Rd Ermington).

Hours: Tue 10am-1:30pm (Granville) Thu 10am-1:30pm (Ermington) see above for details

Contact: Camilla Rountree or Adam Kennedy & Ona Nurkkala

Fees: \$12 per session

Disability Access: Yes (Access, Toilets)

Referral: Carer organisation or individual carer

Languages spoken: Swedish

Volunteering: Opportunities for volunteers. Contact coordinator.

Studios

Parramatta Artists Studio

Phone: 02 9687 6090 **Fax:** 02 9635 4347
45 Hunter St, Parramatta 2150

Email: studios@parracity.nsw.gov.au

Web:

www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/culture_and_leisure/arts

Service Description: The Studios offer affordable non-residential/residential studio and exhibition space to emerging and established contemporary artists, craft practitioners and creative industry professionals. Located at 45 Hunter Street,

Parramatta, next to Church Street Mall and historic St. John's Church, the Parramatta Artists Studios contains 14 non-residential and 1 residential studios. The focus of the Parramatta Artists Studios is on contemporary artistic practice including but is not limited to painting, sculpture, design, digital media, film, music and wearable art. Parramatta Artists Studios contributes to the broader community through an annual program of events, workshops, arts activities and exhibitions through the gallery. Activities will revolve around the making, learning and sharing of contemporary visual arts in all its forms. Parramatta Artists Studios is an Initiative of Parramatta City Council supported by the NSW Government through Arts NSW.
Hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-4pm
Fees: Free admission to gallery
Transport: Close to Parramatta Station

Theatres

Riverside Theatres

Phone: 02 8839 3399 **Fax:** 02 9683 3267
cnr Church St and Market St, Parramatta 2150

Mail to: PO Box 3636, Parramatta 2124

Email: admin_riverside@parracity.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.riversideparramatta.com.au

Service Description: Riverside Theatres Parramatta features 3 theatres, spacious foyers, a licensed bar and courtyard. Riverside offers a full performance program, the best in entertainment and its versatile facilities make it an ideal venue for conferences, meetings, lectures and exhibitions.

Hours: Box Office hours Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9:30am-1pm and 1 hour prior to performance (Box Office)

Disability Access: Yes (Wheelchair access, "Listen" hearing technology- call 8839 3399 to book)

Facilities: Facilities available for hire

Volunteering: Friends of Riverside Theatre support the theatre, staff and Board of Directors by organising functions and raising funds.

Visual Arts

ArtStart NSW Youth Arts and Skills program

Phone: 02 9846 8101

Mail to: PO Box 357, Granville 2142

Email: artstart@tafensw.edu.au

Web: www.artstart.com.au

Service Description: ArtStart is a NSW Government initiative for young people in NSW aged 12 to 24. The program builds skills and community networks through creative projects and events, highlighted in a biennial festival celebrated at a local level and online.

Contact: ArtStart State Coordinator

Disability Access: Yes

Eligibility: From 12 to 24 years.

Volunteering: Opportunities for trainers and mentors for a range of activities and workshops.

City of Parramatta Art Society Inc

Phone: 02 9872 3020 **Fax:** 02 9872 3020
147 George St, Parramatta 2150

Email: tc_art@bigpond.net.au

Web: www.geocities.com/parramattaartsoc

Service Description: Art Society running workshops, classes (including children's art classes), meetings and demonstrations. Life drawing and exhibitions. Major Open Awards for "Foundation Week" in November.

Hours: Various - please contact

Contact: President

Clement Art School

Phone: 0414 435 388 **Fax:** 9873 6628
316 Pennant Hills Rd, Carlingford 2118

Mail to: Suite 75, 47 Neridah St, Chatswood 2067

Email: clementart@hotmail.com

Web: www.clementart.com.au

Service Description: Childrens art classes including drawing, painting and computer art held during school terms and school holidays.

Eligibility: From 4 to 18 years.

Parramatta Artists Studio

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Parramatta RSL Camera Club

Phone: 0412 071 528

Meetings held: Parramatta RSL Club, cnr Macquarie St and O'Connell St, Parramatta 2150

Email: secretary@parracameraclub.com

Web: www.parracameraclub.com

Service Description: Photography Club providing opportunity for photographers of all skill levels to improve and share skills. Monthly competitions are held.

Hours: 7:30pm 1st and 3rd Wed of month (Feb-Dec)

Contact: 02 9633 5177 (Parramatta RSL)

Transport: Free parking at RSL club.

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