



Residents' Panel Newsletter



What is Dreaming Parramatta?

Dreaming Parramatta is a process, undertaken by Parramatta City Council with a number of government and non-government organisations and individuals, to develop a vision and strategies to guide the future of the city.

Dreaming Parramatta will involve:

- exploring the issues that impact on Parramatta
- developing a vision for what the future will look like
- determining the actions we need to undertake to achieve this vision
- Developing an implementation plan for the next 20 years.

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How will the community be involved?

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You can get involved by attending the summit (see story below) or participating in a survey (see overleaf)

Where do I get more information?

For more information on Dreaming Parramatta, please telephone June Cheung on 9806 5200.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/residentspanel/index.html

PARRAMATTA CITY TO HOST ITS OWN SUMMIT

Parramatta Council is hosting its own Summit about the City's future and is asking local residents to be involved.

Approximately 60 residents are needed to debate and dream about Parramatta's future.

Results from the Summit will be used as part of Council's development of a sustainable vision and strategic plan for Parramatta for the next 20 years.

"As Sydney's second CBD, Parramatta and its surrounding suburbs are continuously subject to new and exciting opportunities and

challenges," Parramatta City Lord Mayor Cr David Borger said.

"We are looking for a broad cross section of local people interested in being part of shaping the future of Parramatta. The Summit will be an exciting experience using creative and challenging techniques."

The Summit will be held on the evening of **Friday 26 August**, where there will be a cocktail party for the participants followed by a full day workshop on **Saturday 27 August**.

Panellists are invited but it will be for the first 60 residents.

"Council is committed to working closely with our community. This Summit and our Residents' Panel are just some of the ways we are working to ensure people have an opportunity to influence the future direction of Council and the City," Cr Borger added.

Panel members will also be asked for their ideas and opinions on the future of Parramatta to assist in the development of the strategic plan - The Wellbeing Strategies Consultation... see overleaf.

Spaces in the Summit are limited, so interested people are encouraged to reply early.



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Wellbeing Strategies Consultation



Parramatta City Council has been developing strategies for the future wellbeing of Parramatta. Different themes and strategies have been developed in the areas of Social, Economic and Environmental Wellbeing. The community has been consulted in developing these themes; however we need **YOU** to give feedback and input to further this strategy development

In late August we are inviting Panel members to be involved in this process by either:

- Attending focus groups to tell us what you think. There will be focus groups on each separate area (social, economic and environmental).
- Answering a survey (we will ask that everyone in the panel fills this in).

The underlying question is: *"What is your ideal Community?"*

This is apart of the entire *Dreaming Parramatta* process.

Management Plan 2005/06

The feedback from the Residents Panel on the 2005/06 Management Plan has been very constructive and greatly appreciated by Council.

The actual Plan details the strategic goals of the Council and Panel members commented on the following areas that are addressed in the plan;

Community Care, Culture and Leisure, City Leadership and Management City Development, the Environment, Regulatory and Roads, Paths & Flood Management

The questionnaire was sent to 1150 Panel members and sixty per cent of these have been returned already.

A report on the consultation is being prepared, so please return all questionnaires as soon as possible. A summary report will provided to all panellists.

The questionnaire also asked for your opinion on a possible rate rise, fifty-five per cent of respondents supported a rates rise to 9.8% in order to provide more services and programs. However the Department of Local Government decided not to approve the rates rise.

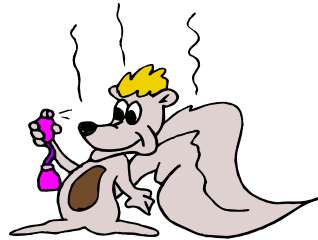
There are 1150 confirmed Residents' Panel members.

Another 620 have shown interest.

Our initial target is to get a representative panel of 1500 residents.

Tell your friends, family and neighbours to

Is there a bad smell near you? You told us!



A random survey of households in the Parramatta Local Government area was conducted to find out what odours are affecting residents.

Of the residents surveyed 36% had experienced or noticed an unpleasant odour in their neighborhood. However most respondents did not consider odour to be an issue (76%) in their neighborhoods.

The results of the survey have been mapped out over the local area to focus on areas where odour is a problem.

Housing Survey

Council has received around 8500 responses to the Residential Development Strategy (RDS) survey sent to over 50,000 households in Parramatta earlier in the year. The feedback will help develop the RDS. Thank you for your

Parking Meters Update

Reports based on the feedback received during consultation will be presented to Council late July. Following this the consultation report will be available online and at Parramatta City Library for public viewing. This is the full consultation report put together externally by Elton Consulting. A total of 733 surveys were returned. Of those surveyed 69.6% live in the Parramatta LGA.

Parking meters should be operational in Parramatta CBD and Parramatta Nth by October this year

Maps of the final layout for CBD and Parramatta North can be accessed online along with a breakdown of the consultation process.

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