



Heritage Day at Parramatta North

Discover compelling stories, telling histories, connecting Country and explore beautifully restored heritage-listed buildings, designated as a feature event in the National Trust Heritage Festival calendar.



Enjoy all our events for free!

Some free events require pre-booking with tickets allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. We recommend pre-booking to secure your spot using the QR code.

Saturday 18 May

Storytelling

Free ticketed sessions

Roman Catholic Orphan School on the Parramatta Female Factory site
Cate Whittaker,
Lost Voices

10.30 am

Transforming trauma memories, Kamballa special unit
Sandie Jessamine,
Lost Voices

11.30 am

Her story, Our story: lives of the Parramatta Female Factory women from conviction to life in the factory
Gay Hendrickson,
Parramatta Female Factory Friends

12.30 pm

Family history and significance of the Parramatta Female Factory
Kevin Dodds,
Parramatta Female Factory Friends

1.30 pm

Aboriginal history and archaeology of Parramatta North
Dr Jillian Comber,
Comber Consulting

2.15 pm



Guided Walking Tours

Free ticketed sessions

Parramatta Female Factory
Led by Parramatta Female Factory Friends

10.00 am

11.00 am

12.00 pm

1.00 pm

2.00 pm

3.00 pm

Parramatta Female Factory Institutions
Led by James Adcock,
Heritage Consultant

10.15 am

11.30 am

12.45 pm

2.00 pm

3.15 pm

Therapeutic Landscape
Led by Museums of History NSW

10.30 am

11.30 am

12.30 pm



All day displays

ParraGirls handmade quilt
Former Parramatta Industrial School for Girls Chapel

Aboriginal artefacts found at Parramatta North
Northeast Range of the Parramatta Female Factory



Films

ParraGirls Past, Present All day
Former Parramatta Industrial School for Girls

Saturday 18 May

Drop in all day



Connecting to Country

Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony and performance
Jannawi Dance Clan
10.00 am



Kids entertainment for all ages

Outdoor games and activities
Nature Play
by Greater Sydney Parklands
Facepainting

Workshops

Modern Koori Fusion cooking demonstrations
by Goanna Hut
Textiles Workshop where you create artworks inspired by flowers and plants
by Gul Collective



Performances

Live music by
Alice Terry
Beryl
Billie McCarthy
Ellen Mara
Ladyking
Mary Heart Trio

Markets

Parramatta District Men's Shed	Pollen Sisters
Parramatta Heritage Partners	Sweet like you! Kitchen
Museums of History NSW	Cottam Clan Antiques
Matron Gordon Café	Joyous Things & Co
Parramatta Female Factory Friends	
Goanna Hut	Parramatta Light Rail
Boomerang Bags	National Trust of Australia

Saturday 18 May – Saturday 25 May



Supporting creative industries

An original mural comes to life

Witness this unique artistic journey as Christina Huynh transforms a blank wall into a captivating masterpiece right before your eyes.

Left: The Night Symphony is a collaborative mural by Christina Huynh and Sophi Odling, located at Quest Hotel, Liverpool.



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Celebrate Parramatta North: Innovation, Arts and Culture

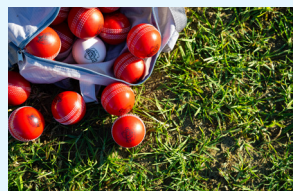
A series of workshops, panels, talks,
artistic performances and installations.



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Sunday 19 May – Saturday 25 May



Explore

Interactive touchscreen showcasing the history of this place
Western Sydney Startup Hub

Made in the West Film Festival
Award-winning short films and music videos

The Green at Parramatta North
A revitalised 8,000 square metre sportsground

Havenstone café
Stunning heritage-listed building, dating back to 1888

Thursday 23 May – Innovation

Free ticketed sessions

Panel Discussion: Western Sydney Innovations 5.30 pm

- Urban Design in Western Sydney – Transport for NSW
- Healthy, Resilient, and Sustainable Communities – Western Sydney University
- WSSH based healthcare app shares their startup story – Connector Co

Interactive talk: Seeing Isn't Believing: an Immersive Exploration of Generative AI and Deepfakes – AIEA 6.30 pm

Friday 24 May – Arts and Culture

Free ticketed sessions

The Rise of Creative Filmmakers in the West 6.00 pm

Panel with TikTok sensation Ryan Cauchi, film pioneer Maria Tran, and content creator David Hoey, hosted by Sunil Badami from Made in the West Creative

Artist Spotlight: Undi Lee 7.00 pm
The power of filmmaking as a tool for cultural exploration with award-winning filmmaker Undi Lee.

Film Networking Event 7.30 pm
Mingle with the vibrant creative community of Western Sydney. Hosted by Matthew C. Vella from Western Sydney Filmmakers Hangout and Jay from Made in the West Creative

Thursday 23 May – Friday 24 May – After Dark

Open from 4.00 pm

Live music in the precinct
Performance by pianist Judith Tan

Vibrant Illumination
Watch the heritage buildings light up with a vivid display

STEM Community Partnerships Program
Year 9 and 10 students cover topics such as heat stress, ageing population, transport, water, recycling and waste management. By Generation STEM, managed by CSIRO

Please note: This event includes alcohol service. We kindly remind all attendees to drink responsibly. Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children at all times. Let's ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

All day feature event: Community Day

Saturday 25 May
9:30 am - 4.00 pm



Connecting to Country

Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony
Jannawi Dance Clan

10.00 am

Free ticketed sessions

Talks on Country with Clarence Slockee, ABC Gardening Australia

10.30 am

12.30 pm



Performances

Free ticketed sessions

Puppet Shows by First Nations puppeteer Bria McCarthy

10.30 am

11.15 am

12.00 pm

12.45 pm

1.30 pm

2.15 pm



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Facepainting

Markets

Babylab – MARCS Institute	Joyous Things
Sweet like you! Kitchen	Dainty Hoops
Goanna Hut	Parramatta Light Rail
Boomerang Bags	Property and Development NSW
Pollen Sisters	

Interactive Workshops

Free ticketed sessions

Creativity with Emerging Technologies
Unlock your creative potential using Virtual Reality, Mixed Reality and Artificial Intelligence

10.00 am

12.00 pm

2.00 pm

Action for Screen
Maria Tran and the Phoenix Eye crew reveal the secrets behind screen combat. Recommended ages: 6+

10:30 am

Green Screen Magic
Movie magic interactive workshop, where kids can bring their imagination to life. Recommended ages: 6+

11:30 am

Big Sand Film Screening
Captivating sci-fi universe virtual adventure, presented by Sally Coleman, former Triple J host

12:30 pm

Filmmaking 101
Basics of filmmaking Curiously West Film Club, for aspiring directors of all ages, presented by Addy Fong and Diego Murillo. Recommended ages: 8+

1:30 pm

Creating Cool Characters
Unleash your inner superhero in this character drawing workshop, with graphic artist Darren Gallagher. Recommended ages: 8+

2:30 pm

Workshops

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Textiles Workshop where you create artworks inspired by flowers and plants by Gul Collective

Arts Workshop by Parramatta Artists' Studios



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