

INFLUENCE

Newsletter of the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce



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Entries for the 27th Annual Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence are closing soon

Proudly hosted by the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce, the Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence is the premier business event in the Greater Western Sydney region. The awards platform recognises outstanding businesses by celebrating their success stories and profiling their achievements amongst the wider business community.

Entries for the 27th Annual Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence (WSABE) will be closing on the 17th July. All aspiring businesses and professionals are strongly encouraged to submit their entries via the online awards portal which can be accessed through the WSABE website at www.wsabe.com.au, before entries close.

Entering yourself, a colleague or your business for WSABE begins by completing an online submission via the awards portal. Rather than determining finalists and winners through voting, WSABE instead evaluates each submission through a judging panel of industry experts and leaders. This merit-based process ensures the highest possible degree of credibility, and gives the WSABE Awards an unequalled prestige in Greater Western Sydney.

WSABE is pleased to announce eighteen categories for 2017 that recognise excellence in areas from innovation and leadership through to sustainability and human resources. This year's WSABE will also be widening its recognition of outstanding businesses with the addition of two new

categories – An award for the Social Enterprise of the Year and for Excellence in Training, Skilling and Development. Winners will be announced at the annual awards gala evening, which will take place on Friday 15th September 2017 at WatervieW in Bicentennial Park in the presence of the **Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP**, Premier of NSW.

Key dates to mark in your calendar:

- 18th August: WSABE Finalist Event
- 15th September: WSABE Gala Dinner
- 1st November: WSABE Winners and Sponsors Event

We are excited to welcome back **Commonwealth Bank** as Principal Partner this year. **City of Parramatta Council** are our Major Sponsor for WSABE. Category Sponsors include **TAFE NSW, DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club, Westfield Parramatta, AAA City Removalist, Cooe** and **icare**. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the support that these businesses have committed to the WSABE program, as well as all other supporting partners.

The Parramatta Chamber of Commerce would like to extend their appreciation to all sponsors, partners and supporters of the 2017 WSABE program. If you would like to align your business with this prestigious event, please contact Romina Bousimon on romina@parramattachamber.com.au to discuss partnership opportunities.



New Members

Welcome this month's new members

City of Parramatta Council
 AF Commercial Lawyers
 Defence Reserves Support
 Modemedia

Upcoming Events

Business After 5	4 July	Sicilian Parramatta
Hospital Forum	5 July	12/100 George St, Parramatta
Business After 5	1 August	TAFE NSW
Business Before 9	17 August	UNE FutureCampus Parramatta
WSABE Gala Night	15 September	Waterview in Bicentennial Park

MEET A MEMBER: cooee Leanne Rogers

Leanne is one of our newest members, representing Cooee: an employment relations law firm tailored to SMEs.

Through their investment in revolutionary technology, Cooee provides businesses with unparalleled value. Their tailored subscription packages include vital employment documentation such as contracts and policies, along with award coverage advice and EPL insurance.

This is a must have for any growing business!

Leanne has a unique background, having lived in the UK, Oman and Cyprus prior to moving to Australia 12 years ago. She has lived on the Gold Coast and in Sydney. With her broad experience in media, marketing, teaching and law, she has proved valuable insight to the Cooee team.

Her career began in TV buying for Kellogg's, on behalf of a large media company, before jumping across to Nine Entertainment Co. In 2016, she returned to complete her final year of law school and taught an advertising class at Bond University. She currently holds a Bachelor of Communications (Business) and a Bachelor of Laws with Honours. She's also writing a book on self-awareness for millennials.

Leanne is looking forward to making the most of the opportunities provided by the Parramatta Chamber.



Get some eNRGy!

Contact Chamber office for more details about our business building eNRGy groups.

- eNGRy 1 Thursday 7.15am**
- eNGRy 2 Wednesday 7.15am**
- eNGRy 3 Tuesday 9.45am**
- eNGRy 4 Friday 9.45am**



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Setting the long-term vision for the City of Parramatta

City of Parramatta Council is asking the community to have their say in the development of its new 20-year Community Strategic Plan.

The Plan will help shape the City's future and is the most significant document that guides Council.

Council will start the consultation process with a community workshop on Saturday 22 July called 'The Big Conversation' and people can also complete an online survey to share their views and ideas.

"The community consultation we've been conducting over the past year, including for our new Vision and Priorities, and Operational Plan, will provide a strong foundation for the development of the draft Community Strategic Plan. It will be the first plan of its kind for the new City of Parramatta, incorporating areas from former councils," City of Parramatta Council Administrator Amanda Chadwick said.

"This is your plan and I strongly encourage everyone to share their ideas and aspirations for what they would like to see happen in their neighbourhoods and the local government area more broadly over the next 20 years.

"All other Council plans and strategies will be crafted to reflect and support this important guiding document. This is just the first step in creating a strategy to ensure the City of Parramatta achieves its full potential and maximises the unique opportunities that come from being Sydney's Central City."

In the past 12 months Council has consulted more than 12,000 members of the community on a range of plans and strategies to help inform the direction of the City of Parramatta.

Following community consultation, a Draft Community Strategic Plan will be presented to the incoming Council after the September elections. There will be additional opportunities for the community to comment on the draft as it continues to take shape later in the year.

To complete the survey visit <http://bit.ly/CommunityStrategicPlanSurvey>. To register for the workshop and for further information visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/yourparramatta. Registrations for 'The Big Conversation' can also be made through the Customer Contact Centre on 1300 617 058.



HeartKids
Invites you to attend the 2017
Tiny Tickers
Gala Dinner

WHEN
Saturday, 12 August 2017
6:30pm - 11:30pm
Grand Ballroom
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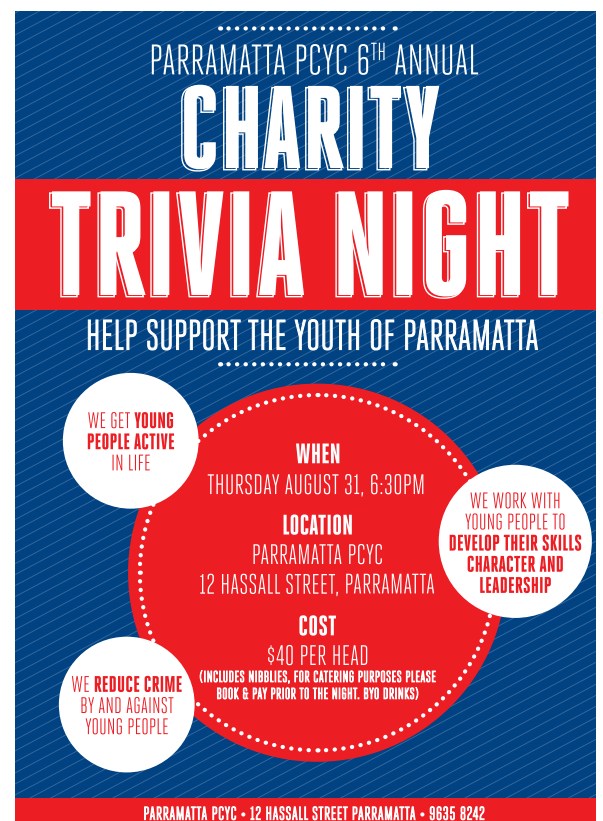
TICKETS
Early bird - \$150 per ticket
(ends 1 July)
Table of 10 - \$1400
Standard - \$160

DRESS
Cocktail/formal

TO BOOK
Visit heartkids.org.au or
rebecca.dean@heartkids.org.au
or phone 02 9460 7450

We hope you can celebrate with us as we raise much needed funds for children and their families affected by congenital (childhood) heart disease whilst enjoying a fantastic night of food, entertainment and silent and live auctions.

Partnership Opportunities



PARRAMATTA PCYC 6TH ANNUAL
CHARITY TRIVIA NIGHT
HELP SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF PARRAMATTA

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WHEN
THURSDAY AUGUST 31, 6:30PM

LOCATION
PARRAMATTA PCYC
12 HASSALL STREET, PARRAMATTA

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BUSINESS AFTER FIVE

May BAF @ Wenty Leagues

We ventured a little out of the CBD for May's 'Business After 5' event and it was well worth it. Our proud host was **Wenty Leagues Club** and they spoil 140 guests with great food, drinks and hospitality. Our President David Hill updated the crowd on the current initiatives of the Chamber as well as welcoming new members.

We got the opportunity to hear from Glenn Kovacs, CEO, as he shared insights on the clubs' preparation and plans to undergo its 5-year Master Plan redevelopment.

Once complete, **Wenty Leagues** will boast a larger carpark, increased seating capacity & more food and beverage outlets for everybody to enjoy. Along with a new, bigger and better indoor kids play area, as well as a new courtyard pavilion, the club will also be better equipped to host functions with the new corporate meeting and private function rooms that will be available for hire.

Wenty Leagues will solidify its position as the largest employer in the local area with the creation of over 100 new jobs across all areas, including chefs, food and beverage hosts, specialised function crew and customer service staff.

We are very excited to be a part of this exciting development and once again thank Glenn, Gina and the entire team at Wenty Leagues for hosting us.

Wenty Leagues is located at 50 Smith Street, Wentworthville. The club is renowned for excellent entertainment... check out upcoming shows and entertainment on www.wentyleagues.com.au. There are so many fantastic dining and facilities options to explore within the club with ample parking for your convenience.



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