

What changes do you want to see to help your community to build back better?

Some things to think about: What opportunities for positive change have you seen during the Covid-19 pandemic which you would like to see continued or built on? What do you think that your community could do to be better prepared for future challenges?

CLOSED. The visioning activity has now concluded. Click to see all the submitted ideas.

<p>15 December, 2020 leslie_rogan says:</p> <p>"Not so much a positive but negative - the disjointed aspect of the cities most vulnerable-homelessness, those with psychosocial disabilities"</p> <p>0</p>	<p>8 December, 2020 Penny says:</p> <p>"Permanent themed walking tracks in the council area to encourage greater knowledge of flora and fauna and environmental issues with families"</p> <p>1</p>	<p>30 November, 2020 thebigvw says:</p> <p>"Its been great to see so many kids out in nature on bikes. We need a good bike 'pump track' in Northmead -off the road, free! healthy! fun! "</p> <p>1</p>	<p>29 November, 2020 BarbJen says:</p> <p>"Encouragement to grow edible plants on verges (nature strips) as most ate just bare grass!"</p> <p>2</p>
<p>29 November, 2020 BarbJen says:</p> <p>"A real way of getting connected with neighbours that is ongoing and is friendly, supportive, constructive. NOT just via digital media!"</p> <p>1</p>	<p>29 November, 2020 rebecca_hannah says:</p> <p>"Move with rebuilding the aquatic centre. Saves lives and excellent for recreation. "</p> <p>3</p>	<p>28 November, 2020 Paul says:</p> <p>"Community gardens. I see grandparents wandering around now the grandchildren have grown up and many have vege gardens at home?"</p> <p>1</p>	<p>27 November, 2020 Paris says:</p> <p>"A Sunday family picnic every week by the river with light entertainment like bongo drums, the flamenco, or the silent snake pamagirri dance "</p> <p>1</p>
<p>27 November, 2020 Alex says:</p> <p>"A Sunday family picnic every week by the river with light entertainment like bongo drums, the flamenco, or the silent snake pamagirri dance "</p> <p>0</p>	<p>25 November, 2020 Jacki says:</p> <p>"Regular clean up days engaging local communities (pick up rubbish along parks, creeks, streets). Community gardens. Tree planting in verges."</p> <p>3</p>	<p>20 November, 2020 Amy says:</p> <p>"Developers are interested in \$. Can you please step up and take responsibility for real community facilities in newer areas. We pay rates too"</p> <p>2</p>	<p>20 November, 2020 Amy says:</p> <p>"Create a real community at wentworth point. You are allowing the ecology and community to be destroyed by overdevelopment. "</p> <p>2</p>
<p>20 November, 2020 Amy says:</p> <p>"Safe rd crossings for hill rd & Bennelong pwy wentworth point + lights for their intersection + upgrade to B Pwy bridge."</p> <p>2</p>	<p>20 November, 2020 BazSav says:</p> <p>"An aquatic centre with diving towers, no better way to help the community burn off those Covid calories. Pool, Pool, Pool, Pool, Pool, Pool"</p> <p>3</p>	<p>20 November, 2020 Kevin says:</p> <p>"During the lockdowns everyone seemed well mannered , let's get a education program out there and remind people to be nice to each other"</p> <p>2</p>	<p>18 November, 2020 Jennifer says:</p> <p>"It is so criminal that you have not done a community pool for the hundred of thousands that live in this area. Get it done. "</p> <p>2</p>
<p>9 November, 2020 lucinda_coates says:</p> <p>"How about a community garden in Epping?"</p> <p>2</p>	<p>9 November, 2020 lucinda_coates says:</p> <p>"Retain what green spaces we have and create more! So we can freely enjoy the outdoors in a variety of ways."</p> <p>5</p>	<p>5 November, 2020 Onya says:</p> <p>"Our local Catholic Church has built a stronger community, coming together to offer love and a helping hand to those who are struggling."</p> <p>2</p>	<p>5 November, 2020 Onya says:</p> <p>"Churches are centres of help and support for people in need."</p> <p>2</p>
<p>5 November, 2020 Maria says:</p> <p>"It's a small thing, but we've been ordering food from local restaurants to try to support them. "</p> <p>3</p>	<p>3 November, 2020 Stefan says:</p> <p>"Telopea Neighbourhood Team puts on Tea in the Park Sunday from 11-1300, nature walks during the week, Friday 1830 art night bi-weekly "</p> <p>3</p>		

How are you and your community building back better already?

Some things to think about: How have the impacts of Covid-19 changed or reinforced what you think is most important in your community? Who did you turn to or where did you go for information and support? Have you noticed anything new happening in your neighbourhood?

15 contributions

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Teloepa SaCC Project continued to deliver programs electronically for 0-5y

Posted by Pip 2 years ago

Teloepa 'Schools as Community Centres' Project (SaCC), located in the grounds of Teloepa Public School, continued to deliver Supported Playgroups and Sing Rhyme and Story Time early literacy sessions via Zoom. While the concept to engage and maintain educational outcomes for children in the prior to school age range using this medium was daunting I can certainly say as a team we succeeded! The commitment of parents to support their children from the home front coupled with the written program...

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Connected community

Posted by Wombat 2 years ago

more outdoor community events at George Kendall and Halvorsen parks. Eg outdoor cinema, BBQ social with kids activities, classes eg gardening, local history.

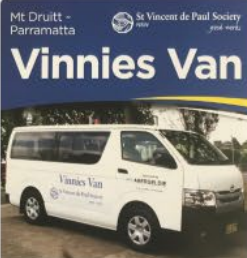
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Planning for children recreation

Posted by Maoca 2 years ago

When council approves a high rise development, they should specify to the developer to have provided interesting and safe kids playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment.

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"The Vinnies Van provided me with a meal, companionship and a helping hand when I needed it the most."
- Vinnies Van Patron

Vinnies kept working with those in need during COVID.

Posted by Vinnies 2 years ago

The impact of COVID-19 restrictions certainly had an impact on the various Vinnies services, however our Members, Staff and Volunteers continued to provide a hand up to community members, even if it was delivered in a much varied format. Instead of...

2 Likes

Important to me...

Posted by AlexO 3 years ago

COVID has made me think about how important having open green spaces within walking distance to me is.

0 Likes



Special volunteer in extraordinary times

Posted by Deep Singh 2 years ago

Turbans 4 Australia a non charity organisation has organised multiple grocery distribution drive in various parts of Parramatta. People who were impacted financially due to covid-19 lockdowns were given these grocery hampers. During one such drive...

4 Likes



Hope Connect stayed OPEN

Posted by Steph 2 years ago

Hope Connect were able to remain open throughout the lockdown and beyond, to provide support to families and individuals in the Teloepa and surrounding area. We provided food and vouchers, with Parramatta Council increasing pantry donations, thru...

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Back to nature

Posted by Annie m 3 years ago

Personally I'm really enjoying some of the new spaces that have been developed in Parramatta around the city centre. I think we need to focus on preserving the history the culture and what's great about Parramatta and really get some usable space with alot of us living in highrise the outdoor areas like along the river. The park. Looking forward to the return of more community events in the years to come. Id love to see a Christmas festival next year!

3 Likes

Live celebration and entertainment

Posted by Liz 3 years ago

Prior to COVID there were some but decreasing opportunities to go and watch live music and other entertainment in small venues. Noise restrictions and an increase on apartment living in the CBD and prior business / entertainment districts had meant many venues either promoted eating or gambling. It can be seen now how important sensory experiences like being able to listen to, interact, dance, move with music and other art is essential for a community. That area's that are loud and calling...

2 Likes

An Even Greater Parramatta

Posted by Marina 2 years ago

What I discovered during Covid, vividly, in a new way was the realities of the elderly being displaced, family's rediscovering what adversity is, refugees, students, young people in a whirlwind. Some for the better and some for the worse. I learnt fear, generosity, tenacity and desperation in such a short time, in such a new way. What I realized was how much disconnect we still have, the diversity in Parramatta is a wonderful attribute for our city. I would like to see a community spirit that...

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Zooming at Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors

Posted by Margaret Moxon life 2 years ago

A substantial proportion of our membership (aged 55-92) is now experienced Zoomers. The Committee decided to increase our general monthly meeting of members to fortnightly to maintain social contact during the lockdown and later since many of our members are reluctant to meet face to face. Participants include active volunteers such as peer trainers, assistant trainers, techos and office assistance as well as general members. Some of us have learnt facilitation and sharing techniques which...

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Schools

Posted by Carmen 2 years ago

Could we please have schools that would accommodate the children and growing families in the area? High schools and Primary. Most schools are over capacity, lack space and cause chaos on the roads during pick up and drop off.

2 Likes

Edible gardening - sharing the love, safely

Posted by Lucinda 3 years ago

I joined a Facebook group, "Crop Swap Sydney", and this actually encouraged me to really consider and use things like regular prunings from my garden - not just for the compost, which is a perfectly good use for them but, where appropriate, to make cuttings and share/ swap them. In this way I was able to swap, on an individual, controlled basis, with other locals - e.g. dragonfruit cuttings and arrowroot plants for eggs and lemons - things my garden does not yet produce much of. It was also a...

3 Likes

Community Sharing

Posted by ChrisP 3 years ago

A few really good things are happening in Forest Park at Epping. Someone has placed one of those book boxes at one of the entrances to the park so we can leave, or take or share a book. We already had a herb garden there which is maintained by some volunteers for the benefit of all. There also seem to be at least two groups of people gathering to do exercises together on an informal basis and an increasing number of families and individuals seem to be making this beautiful park a gathering...

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North Rocks Educators Rainbow Trail!

Posted by AlexO 3 years ago

Image provided by the North Rocks Child Care Centre educators who started a rainbow trail along their front fence. Children from the centre and community members got involved to create a wonderful display to lift spirits during these tough times...

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