



# PARRAMATTA



## LORD MAYOR'S MESSAGE CR ANDREW WILSON

### Invictus Games

What an inspirational week. On Wednesday afternoon I went to Sydney Olympic Park to meet some of the Invictus Games' athletes. Around 100 people were there – including athletes from Australia, Britain and Jordan – and I addressed the gathering welcoming them to our City. It is an honour to host a number of the Invictus events in the Parramatta LGA. I thanked the military present for their significant sacrifices in protecting their countries. In return, it is vital we support them, and I'm looking forward to cheering them on during the Games.



Lord Mayor Cr Andrew Wilson with Invictus Games athletes, Don Tait OAM former president of Castle Hill RSL sub-branch on behalf of Minister David Elliot, Cr Bill Tyrrell, Cr Bob Dwyer and Mrs Jenny Dwyer at Sydney Olympic Park.

On Friday, Invictus came to Parramatta. Excitement grew across the City while I waited to greet the Lightning Bolt II Convoy when it arrived in Centenary Square. The convoy comprised more than 13 vehicles and 33 people who had visited four states in 17 days. It was a privilege to meet this stirring procession of veteran bikers, military personnel and first responders who had travelled across Queensland, ACT, NSW and Victoria before finishing in Parramatta.

They received a warm welcome – in fact, they said arriving in Parramatta was the highlight of their road trip. The Band of the 1st/15th Royal NSW Lancers played some toe-tapping tunes. I addressed the crowd, along with Invictus Games graduates, while dignitaries included Returned Servicemen, members of the Veterans Motorcycle Club Sydney Chapter and former Lord Mayor Alan Hyam. We raised the flags at Town Hall and then enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea. It was a great event, and I met some incredibly inspirational people.



Lord Mayor greeting Veterans Motorcycle Club Sydney Chapter to Parramatta as part of the Lightning Bolt Convoy on Friday.

### New River Swimming Spots

This week also saw the launch of the Draft Parramatta River Masterplan. I am proud that the City of Parramatta Council is part of the Parramatta River Catchment Group, which announced three new river swimming spots on Thursday. By 2025, these swimming areas will open at Putney Park, Mellwaine Park in Rhodes East and Concord's Bayview Park. They join four current river swimming sites including Lake Parramatta. 'Ten Steps to a Living River' is the cornerstone of the Masterplan which aims to improve river health and the foreshore areas for everyone to enjoy. The draft Masterplan is on display until 29 November 2018. Provide feedback at [www.ourlivingriver.com.au](http://www.ourlivingriver.com.au)

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