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By Mamdouh  
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## Issues raised in 2022

Flipping through the pages of the past year we can see:

\*A lot of accidents happened during this year and it is quite clear that young people's driving is a major cause of the road fatalities and accidents on our roads. Why? Because they see driving as a fun activity and not as a responsibility. They all think it won't happen to them but it could happen to anybody.

I believe the government should find more effective ways to control the young people's driving. These drivers need to be educated about driving before even getting a licence.

\*The United States and most European countries have taken it upon themselves to be the best in the power game but in the areas that they have gained power, others have lost. In order to continue their industries growth, large factories are set up without regard to carbon emissions programs which will have highly negative impact on the environment. These impacts include natural disasters, storms, floods, fires and temperature rises. There have been many studies conducted on the impacts of carbon emissions and in these studies it has been found that the world's temperature could rise four degrees Celsius by the sixties of this century. This will lead to billions of dollars being spent in order to contain the high seas elevations.

The climate changes agreement will take effect after the world's biggest emitters ratified the deal more quickly than expected.

Words are important but actions are what matter.

\*Malala Yousafzai said:

Let us remember, "One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world."

It is wise to not neglect the importance of education in the development of society as a whole and most advanced countries have realised this. This has encouraged Australian government to support educational programs through government grants to schools and universities.

\*The most important needs for people are housing, food and health.

It's been a year of uncertainty for the real estate market with interest rate hikes causing prices to fall across the nation.

Many people are worried about what will happen when her fixed rate ends in January.

Some of them took on a home loan of more than \$1.5 million in Sydney, with a deposit of 10 per cent.

They are among almost 40 per cent of Australians with mortgages who have locked in ultra-low fixed rates and will roll off them as soon as next year, and potentially face a world of financial pain.

Most of people had been saving for a deposit for years and finally broke into the Sydney property market at the end of 2019.

According to the ABC, vegetable costs have increased by 6.1 per cent, while the costs of beef and veal have gone up by 8.1 per cent. The price of petrol has risen by a whopping 32.3 per cent.

As the cost of living keeps rising, more people are forced to grab a second job or sell their property.

\*The Meaning of Christmas

It's that time of the year again, where family and friends join together in celebration of Jesus Christ's birth. Many people think that the meaning of Christmas is only setting up the Christmas tree, and finding the perfect gifts for the people who give meaning to your life, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail and email, but no, that is not the meaning of Christmas.

Yet, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of peace, love and happiness. You see, Christmas is when God gave a child to our mother Mary, who would hold this child in her womb and he was to grow up to do great things in the future. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all were able to experience the excitement of knowing about this great event.

Speaking of the festive season, I hope that all have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends; I also hope that this New Year is full of great happiness for all.



By Natalie Sukkarieh



## Christmas

*It is that time of the year,  
for Christmas cheer.*

*Celebrating all thing red  
and green, let me introduce  
the scene.*

*Sitting around the tree, all  
kids filled with glee.*

*Oh no, here comes the  
grinch, I think it's time to  
flee.*

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*Why does the grinch ruin  
Christmas you might ask?  
Well that's a question for  
the past.*

*It's a shame he missed out,  
but don't pout  
He will soon know what it's  
all about!*

\*\*\*

*Celebrating the birth of  
Jesus Christ,  
Christmas gives the year a  
little bit of spice!*

*It is a reminder to  
appreciate and share with  
others,  
Like the love between sisters  
and brothers!*

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*So to everyone enjoying this  
magical time of the year,  
Be happy and share some  
cheers!*



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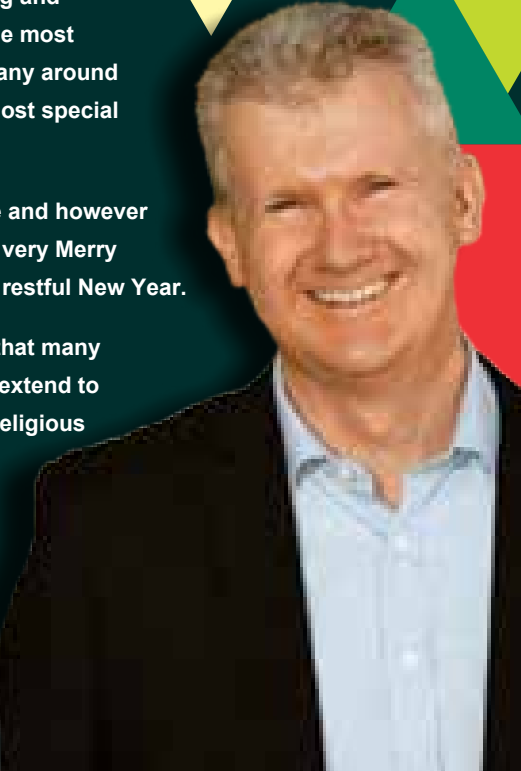
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Christmas is about sharing and celebrating with the people most important to us and for many around the world it's one of the most special times of the year.

So to those who celebrate and however you spend it, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and restful New Year.

I do so in the same spirit that many residents so thoughtfully extend to our diverse, cultural and religious events also celebrated throughout the year.

**- Tony Burke MP**



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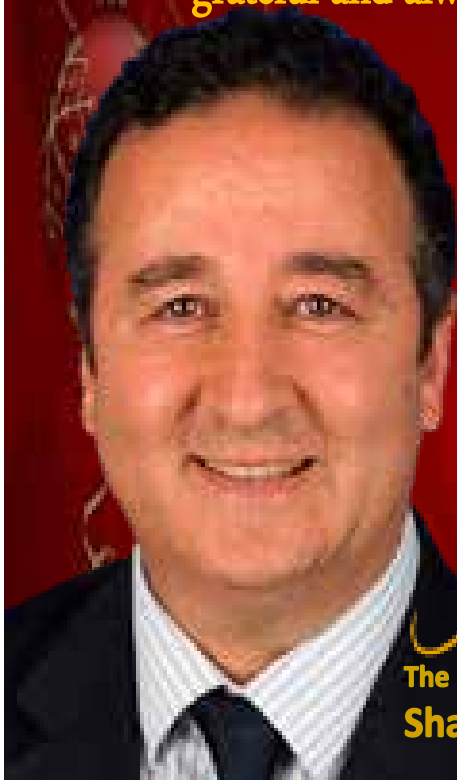
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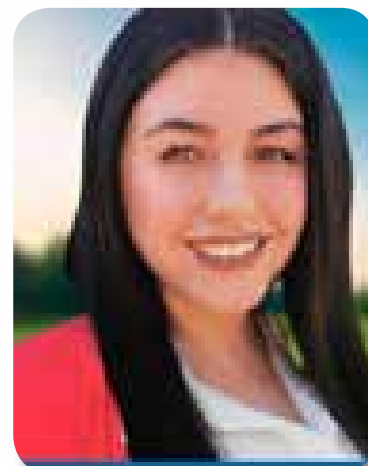
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and privilege at having served you. I am  
grateful and always indebted to you for  
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I wish you and  
your families a  
Merry Christmas  
and a happy, safe,  
and prosperous  
New Year.



**The Hon.  
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I wish  
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Internet has field day with  
bizarre detail in  
**Kim Kardashian**  
post



Fans accused Kim Kardashian of a Photoshop fail.

Two things seem to happen every time Kim Kardashian makes a social media post these days. Firstly, fans ask her when she is going to boycott Balenciaga, the fashion brand recently embroiled in controversy over an advertising campaign showing children holding fluffy toys dressed in bondage gear.

Secondly, they seem to notice a Photoshop fail in each and every photo.

In her most recent post, Kardashian wears a rolled-up sleeveless top and track pants.

But her followers weren't focusing on her outfit or even her long blonde locks - this time they were focusing on her belly button.

"Anyone notice her belly button is photoshopped into her pants?" one follower queried.

"That's what I thought lol," another noted.

"Why is it hanging over her pants?" wrote a third.

"That belly button just laying on her britches!" one follower exclaimed.

"It's the belly button over the jeans for me! How she train it to hold her jeans up like that?" said another.

It's not the first time Kardashian has been dragged for an apparent Photoshop fail.

In a post showing off her skimpy Skims range, the reality star and entrepreneur was accused of going a little heavy on the editing tools to alter the shape of her legs.

"Like we all know they photoshop to high heavens but this??? Don't insult my intelligence," one person wrote.

**Celine Dion**  
has revealed her shock health diagnosis. So what exactly is  
Stiff Person Syndrome?

Singer Celine Dion has opened up about her health problems, revealing she has a disorder called Stiff Person Syndrome.

In a video posted to her Instagram page on December 8, Dion explained she had recently been diagnosed with the disorder.

"We now know this is what's been causing all of the spasms that I've been having," the 54-year-old said.

"Unfortunately, these spasms affect every aspect of my daily life, sometimes causing difficulties when I walk and not allowing me to use my vocal cords to sing the way I'm used to.

"I'm working hard with my sports medicine therapist every day to build back my strength and my ability to perform again, but I have to admit it's been a struggle."

What is Stiff Person Syndrome?

Researchers have described Stiff Person Syndrome as a neurological disorder which also has the features of an autoimmune disease.

It causes muscle stiffness in a person's torso and limbs, and also a heightened sensitivity to noise, touch, and stress.

These factors can set off painful muscle spasms.

The disorder is considered to be very rare, affecting one or two people in a million, with women more likely to have the disorder than men.

It's a "very serious condition," Desimir Mijatovic, a pain medicine specialist with the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, told TODAY.com.

"People can have difficulty with movement and



Celine Dion seen on the streets of Lower Manhattan on March 7, 2020 in New York City.

difficulty with living their lives."

Mijatovic said there are many muscles involved in singing, especially in front of a large audience.

"Those muscles are prone to spasm, or tightening up, and I'm sure it can affect the way that she sings and performs," Mijatovic said.

"If those muscles aren't working properly, that can make it very difficult."

Scott Newsome, director of the Stiff Person Syndrome Centre at Johns Hopkins Medicine in the US, called it "a devastating disease."

**Jeff Bezos' girlfriend Lauren Sanchez celebrates early 53rd birthday with 'hottest 25th birthday' cake**

Jeff Bezos' girlfriend Lauren

Sanchez poked fun at her age as she celebrated her

'hottest 25th birthday' with her gal pals, including Kim Kardashian and Kris Jenner.

The Black Ops Aviation founder, who turns 53 on December 19, joined more

than a dozen of her friends in Malibu, California, for a luncheon in her honor

before heading to SoFi Stadium to watch the Los Angeles Rams play the Las Vegas Raiders.

Sanchez posted photos from her early birthday party on

both her Instagram feed and Stories, including her helicopter cake — a tribute to both her piloting skills and aerial filming company.



The former news anchor showed off her toned stomach in a cropped royal blue satin blazer that was worn over a black lace bustier and a matching pencil skirt

## Prince William and King Charles 'will NOT engage in tit-for-tat battle with Meghan and Prince Harry



*While the Royal Family have not commented on the Netflix series, royal insiders said they have been particularly upset by the show's criticism of the late Queen Elizabeth*

Prince William and King Charles will not engage in a 'tit-for-tat' battle with Prince Harry and Meghan following their Netflix series, an insider has said.

The £100 million documentary Harry & Meghan has been dubbed a 'circus' by Palace sources, who claim both the King and heir will continue to keep a 'dignified silence'.

It follows fears from friends that the Prince of Wales is unlikely to ever make up with estranged brother.

The Prince is understood to have not yet

watched the first three episodes of the bombshell documentary, but is expected to do so at some point.

The King was seen at Wrexham Football Club yesterday, meeting its owner Ryan Reynolds and US actor Rob McElhenney, with Prince William expected to speak to the five winners of his Earthshot Prize after he hosted the awards in Boston last week.

And senior royals are all expected to attend the Princess of Wales' Together at Christmas carol service at Westminster Abbey.

## Judith Lucy's shock personal announcement: 'I just can't do it anymore'

Well-known Australian entertainer Judith Lucy has announced she's giving up the thing that made her a household name: her career in stand-up comedy.

The 54-year-old comedy icon announced she would be no longer be doing stand-up after realising she just "wasn't very happy."

Lucy has been a stalwart of the Australian comedy scene for more than 30 years, but in a piece written for the ABC, she admitted the COVID pandemic made her take stock of her life.

"I came to understand that the angst I was experiencing due to the pandemic was not that different to how I felt most of the time," she wrote.

"For years I'd beaten myself up about the habits I'd used to numb myself, whether it was drinking, smoking, dope or watching hours of mindless TV.

"But I'd never asked myself why I did those things.

"The answer was to cope with the anxiety of my job.

"I could turn off for a few hours and then get up and do it all again.

"I came to view living like this as normal."

Lucy said she went "completely crazy" during lockdown - and then realised she'd had enough of that part of her life.

"No-one was holding a gun to my head," she wrote, referring to her long stand-up career.

"But it's taken me nearly 35 years to realise that I can just ... stop."

The comedian admitted that making the decision hadn't been easy, because comedy had given her "friends, community, travel, adventures, sex, a public profile and let's not forget, money."

But she added that she was looking forward to living her life in a way that didn't involve "dying to get to the end of something, or doing whatever it takes to turn off."

Lucy noted that she wasn't completely retiring and would continue to write and perform - just not in a stand-up capacity.

But she added an important disclaimer.

"If I'm unemployed in a couple of years then everything you've just read is completely untrue," she wrote.

In her final episode of the Judith Lucy - Overwhelmed and Living podcast, she said she realised being a stand-up comedian probably wasn't quite as difficult as many other jobs.

"I know, it's not like I'm working in an Amazon factory, I should just get over myself," she said.

"But I've lurched from one job, show, gig, to the next, and I just don't want to live like that anymore."

Fans flocked to Lucy's Instagram page in the wake of her announcement to wish her well for the next phase of her life.

Bluey voice actress  
**Melanie Zanetti**  
says parents tell her the  
animated series has 'changed  
their lives'



*Melanie Zanetti (pictured) says that the children's series Bluey has changed the lives of parents*

Melanie Zanetti says that the children's series Bluey has changed the lives of parents.

The Australian actress, who has played Bluey's mum Chilli since 2018, explained that the two standout moments revolve around a time out for tired parents and the infamous 'tactical wee'.

'I have heard parents say that there is an episode where Chilli is just like "I need 20 minutes"', the 37-year-old told 7Life.

'Parents tell me that this episode has really helped their conversations with their children.'

She said parents also love that the show encourages having a 'tactical wee' which means going to the bathroom 'just in case'.

'The advice changed their lives. Brilliant, I love it,' she said.

The star went on to say that mothers and fathers even tell her that the series helps them better communicate with their children.

'I've heard dads say that the show has taught them how to engage with their kids and how to talk to them about important issues.

'It has changed their lives' Melanie added.





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On behalf of the City of Canterbury Bankstown, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay safe and enjoy this time with your family and friends. May 2023 bring you the greatest of happiness, health and success.

*Khal Asfour*

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CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

On behalf of Cumberland Council, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

I hope the New Year brings you happiness, peace and success.

- Mayor Lisa Lake -

Visit our website to view Council's operational hours over the festive season.



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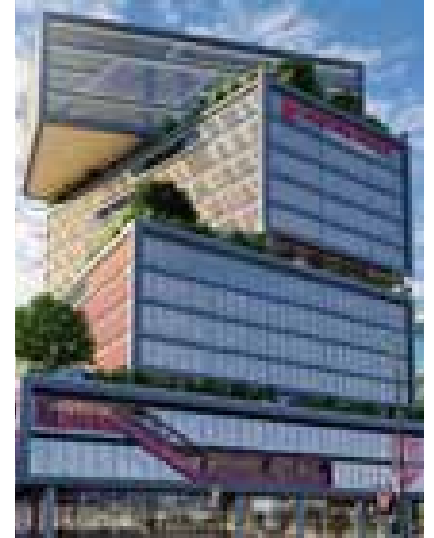
## New Bankstown City campus spearheads economic growth, higher education opportunities and knowledge jobs for south-west Sydney

Western Sydney University has showcased its new \$340 million high-rise Bankstown City campus with an official celebration attended by Federal Minister for Education, the Hon Jason Clare MP ahead of the campus commencing teaching in early 2023.

Developed in partnership with Walker Corporation, the University's newest vertical campus will drive economic growth and open higher education and employment opportunities for Australia's fastest-growing region.

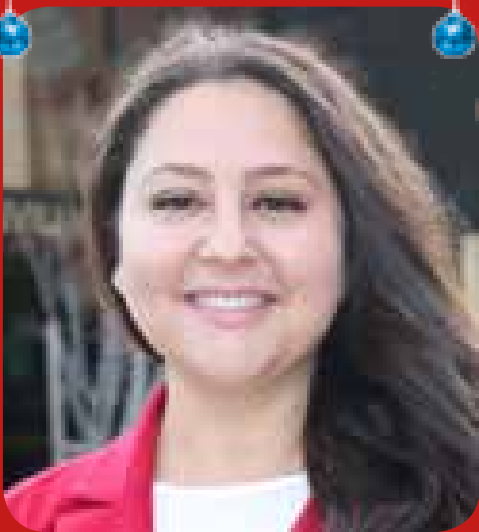
With capacity for up to 10,000 students and 1,000 staff, the Bankstown City campus will deliver approximately \$140 million a year in additional economic uplift to Canterbury-Bankstown and Western Sydney. It has been awarded a 6-Star Green Star design rating, representing 'World Leadership' in environmentally sustainable building practices.

Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Barney Glover AO, said the Bankstown City campus is a significant achievement that delivers positive outcomes for the whole community. Federal Minister for Education, the Hon Jason Clare MP said: "This used to be a council car park. Now it will be a university campus home to 10,000 students. This is the sort of change I want to see more of in Western Sydney."



Bankstown City campus is part of the University's 'Western Growth' strategy – an ambitious program that is co-creating cities

and transformative educational infrastructure across Western Sydney, in partnership with industry and government.



**Clr Ola Hamed**

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**عضو بلدية كامبرلاند علا حامد**

تتمنى للجميع ميلاد مجيد وعام سعيد  
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CUMBERLAND  
CITY COUNCIL



**Clr Joe Awada**

**يتمنى**

**السيد جو عواضة للجميع  
ميلاداً مجيداً وعاماً سعيداً**

I would like to wish everyone  
a Wonderful Christmas  
and Happy New year



Serving Our Community



## PHIVE is Parramatta's new community, cultural and civic hub

**The City of Parramatta Council and the Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Cr Donna Davis invited the World Observer Media to explore Parramatta's newest community, cultural and civic hub, PHIVE, 5 Parramatta square.**

The Lord Mayoral Cr Davis spoke about the 5 Parramatta Square and Congrats the past & present staff and councillors and project partners who contributed to delivering PHIVE, the new civic centre, winner of Project of the Year and Community Project at Boomtown! 2022 Property & Infrastructure Awards.

She also added that: "PHIVE is Parramatta's new community, cultural and civic hub, located in the heart of Parramatta's CBD.

It's a space to learn, be inspired and explore something new. A space to connect with the community, and find local services. A space to meet, collaborate and do business. And a space to immerse yourself in cultural experiences or enjoy a bite to eat.

PHIVE is an architectural icon, with a bold design by award-winning French architect Manuelle Gautrand, in partnership with Australian architecture firms Lacoste + Stevenson and DesignInc. It's a truly smart building, with sustainability credentials allowing it to be net zero carbon from day one.

Parramatta is Sydney's thriving Central City; home to a rich Indigenous history, a rapidly growing population, and a diverse mosaic of residents. Sitting at 5 Parramatta Square, PHIVE is a central part of the vibrant, emerging Parramatta Square precinct, with cafes, restaurants, shopping and incredible public art. Over six levels, PHIVE is a destination for community, culture and services, including:

The brand new City of Parramatta Library, with an extensive book collection, digital resources, dedicated Children's Library, and study areas.

Flexible spaces available for hire by businesses and the community, including Active Wellness Studios, Smart Tech Labs, Meeting rooms, Sound Recording Studios, and Maker Spaces. All featuring the latest in technology.

An exciting program of events and exhibitions.

Community hub and creative spaces for gathering, creating, studying and connecting.

City of Parramatta customer contact centre and visitor services.

The new City of Parramatta Council Chambers, Parramatta's central seat of governance.

Our café will soon be open with dine-in, grab-and-go and click-and-collect options.

Seamlessly connecting with the original heritage-listed Parramatta Town Hall, PHIVE boasts the striking design and state-of-the-art facilities of a world-class community hub, while drawing in the area's rich history.

From day to night, PHIVE is for locals and visitors to enjoy with a space for everyone, designed with sustainability, accessibility and inclusiveness at its core.

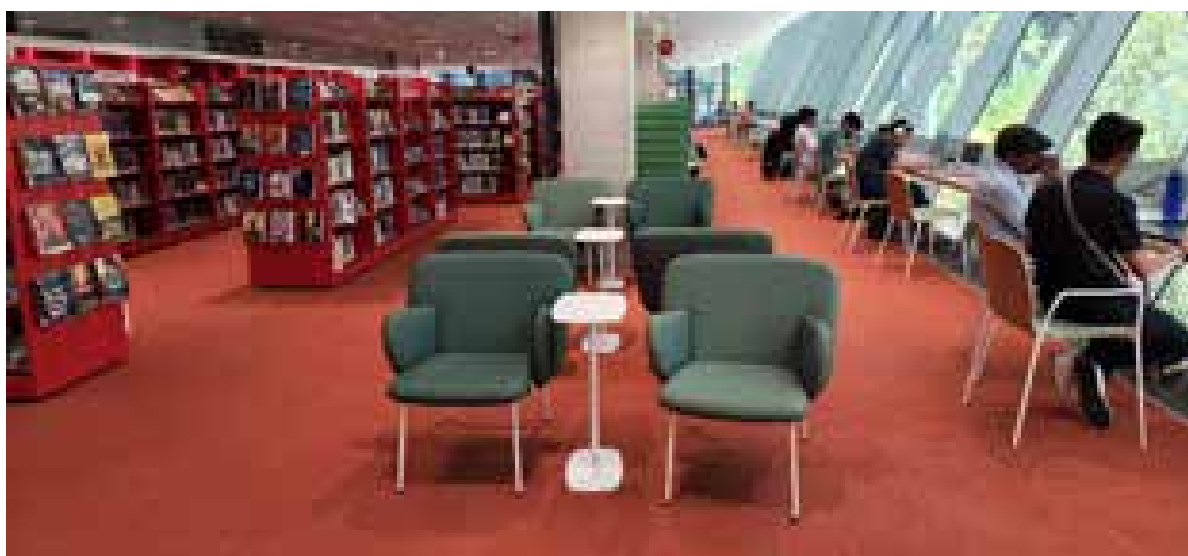
Find somewhere to learn, create and explore.

Find culture and coffee.

Find a place to meet and do business.

Find local services at your fingertips.

Find community."





# Tony Burke Christmas BBQ and Wiley Park Christmas Carols



Everyone celebrates and joins in for each other's festivals. Last Sunday, it was Wiley Park Christmas Carols and people of every faith gathered to share the

peace and joy of Christmas. Minister Tony Burke MP was there after he hosted a great Christmas BBQ for the community.





# Argentina win incredible World Cup final in shootout penalties

**Lionel Messi finally achieved his World Cup dream as Argentina won their third crown on penalties in one of the greatest finals in the tournament's history.**

Argentina won the shootout 4-2 after a spectacular game which developed into the much-anticipated confrontation between the 35-year-old maestro Messi and his France opposite number Kylian Mbappe.

France's own superstar scored a hat-trick - the first in a FIFA World Cup final since 1966 - but still ended up on the losing side at Lusail Stadium. Messi looked to be securing the one major honour missing from his glittering collection in comfort as Argentina cruised into a two-goal lead.

This all changed when an explosive intervention from Mbappe, who scored two goals inside two minutes late on, turned this frantic, magnificent match for the ages on its head.

Messi had given Argentina the lead from the penalty spot in the 23rd minute following Ousmane Dembele's foul on Angel di Maria. It made him the first player in World Cup history to score in the group stage, last 16, quarter-final, semi-final and final of a single tournament.

He then contributed a delicate touch within a magnificent counter-attack that ended with Brighton's Alexis Mac Allister setting up Di Maria for the second 13 minutes later.

Argentina were untroubled until the closing stages, only for Mbappe to give France a lifeline from the penalty spot with nine minutes left - then restore equality with a magnificent volley moments later.

Messi bundled Argentina back in front in extra time, but Mbappe completed his treble from the spot two minutes from the end of a frantic, chaotic added spell.

And so it went to penalties, with the two greats opening the scoring. But Argentina and Aston Villa goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez saved from Kingsley Coman, before Aurelian Tchouameni missed, leaving Gonzalo Montiel to win the World Cup.

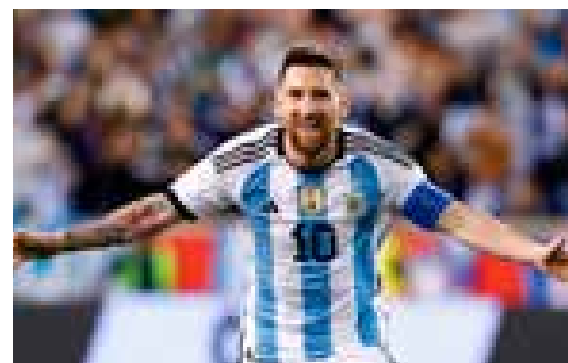
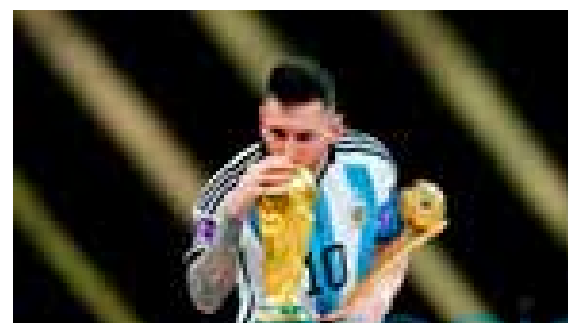
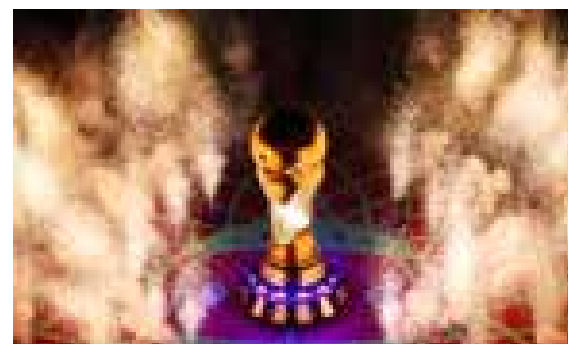
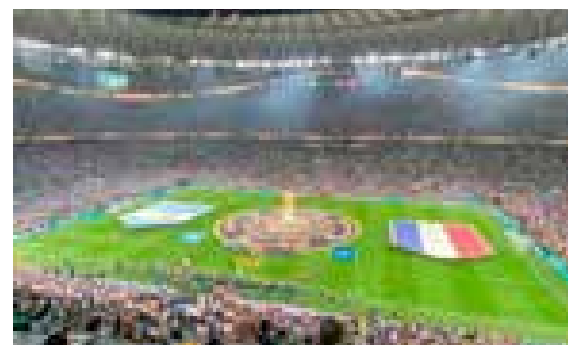
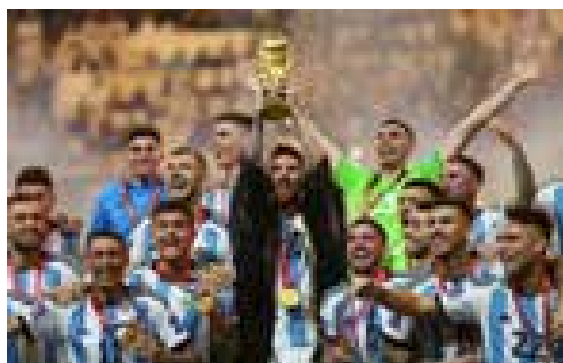
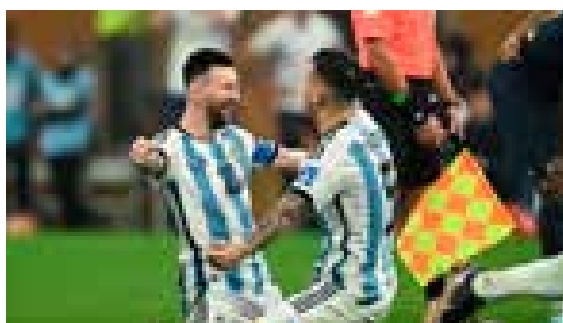
Messi, a World Cup winner at last, collapsed to his knees in the centre circle and was engulfed by jubilant Argentina team-mates.

## Tearful Messi reaches peak

Messi stood at the pinnacle of his career as Argentina closed out time in the World Cup final, only for great rival Mbappe to threaten to knock him off and leave him in despair.

Instead, this World Cup - which will now have Messi's name attached to it forever, along with a final that will rank alongside the greats - gave the iconic Argentine the conclusion he wanted.

Messi was imperious for 80 minutes in his final World Cup game as Argentina exerted complete control over a strangely laboured France, scoring his penalty with ease before contributing crucially to a second goal which was a team



creation of beauty finished off by Di Maria. And then came Mbappe. And then came France. In an atmosphere of disbelief among the massed ranks of Argentina fans who were starting to celebrate victory, Lionel Scaloni's team had to lift themselves once more from the double blow inflicted by Mbappe.

Inevitably it was Messi who gave them hope again, showing he was happy to do the dirty work by turning home a scrambled finish in the box in the second period of extra time - only for Mbappe to answer again.

But Argentina prevailed on penalties and Messi was the centre of attention when Montiel sent the decisive penalty past France keeper Hugo Lloris.

Amid wild scenes of celebration, Messi fell to his knees in tears and raised his arms to the skies, before disappearing beneath a mountain of

team-mates.

Messi then took to the microphone to address Argentina's jubilant fans, his Holy Grail reached, another piece of evidence assembled in the argument that would have many declare him the game's greatest player.

## Mbappe the history-maker in defeat

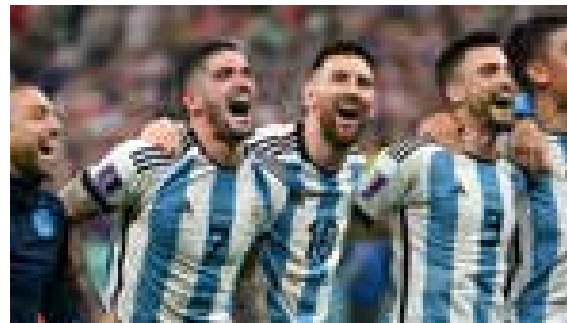
Mbappe cemented his status as one of the game's modern greats with only the second hat-trick in a World Cup final, following Sir Geoff Hurst's when England beat West Germany in 1966. But the 23-year-old still suffered the pain of defeat. Mbappe was as anonymous as most of his team for the first 80 minutes, ill-served amid an unfathomably poor France display - which they put in despite seeking to become the first side to retain the trophy since Brazil did so 60 years ago, and only the third ever after Italy won in 1934 and 1938.



Manager Didier Deschamps even made two substitutions before half-time, replacing Olivier Giroud and Dembele with Marcus Thuram and Randal Kolo Muani.

And yet it was Mbappe who revived France in those sensational seconds when they went from looking like timid losers to potential winners, then getting his third from the spot after Messi had put Argentina back in front.

In a stunning period of extra time during which both sides exchanged chances, France could have



won but for a superb last-gasp save by Martinez with his outstretched boot from Muani.

Instead, Mbappe will find history no consolation



as he was embraced by his team-mates and French President Emmanuel Macron at the end of this enthralling spectacle.

## Croatia claim World Cup third place in 2 - 1 win against Morocco

Croatia has ended their World Cup campaign with the pride of claiming third place in a 2-1 win against Morocco, which marked the end of a journey but also promised a bright future.

Croatia, who were runners-up in 2018, prevailed with goals by Josko Gvardiol and Mislav Orsic to end their World Cup on a high as Luka Modric possibly bid farewell to the soccer extravaganza.

Croatia beat Brazil in the quarter-finals, but for coach Zlatko Dalic, Saturday's bronze-medal game was the highlight of the tournament.

"In any case, the last match we played. If you remember, I had said if we had lost, it would have been a disaster," Dalic said. He also paid tribute to former Serbia midfielder Sinisa Mihajlovic after his death on Friday.

"It was a difficult, great match. I want to extend my congratulations to Morocco, they put up a great fight until the last minute, despite the fatigue," he said.

"They can be proud, they remind me of us four years ago. We're among the best teams in the world."

Croatia can now look forward to the future with confidence.

"It's the end of a cycle for us, the end of a journey. Tonight's match and the win is the moment of the tournament for us," Dalic said.

"Yes this is the last World Cup for some of my players today due to their age.

"But we have young players in the team and it is great for Croatia.

"We have many of the players on the bench, too."

Dalic, however, is still counting on his old



guard for the Nations League and the Euro 2024 qualifiers.

"We would not have been that far without our older players," he said.

"We have a great future, Croatia has nothing to fear. Is it the end of an era for a generation?

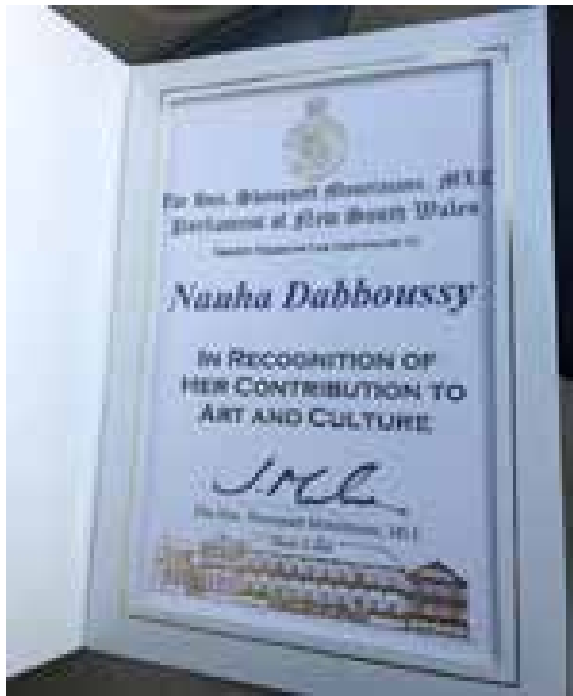
"Well, we still have the Nations League and the Euro qualifiers. All I know is that Croatia have a bright future."

Croatia qualified for the Nations League final four, to be played in June with Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.



## Shaoquett Moselmane open a local Art exhibition in Banksia

On 16 December 2022 the Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane officially opened a local Art exhibition in Banksia in the Middle of Rockdale Area of Bayside Council. Nouha Dabboussi, a local dedicated artist running her own art gallery for the past 13 years attracted a large crowd of art lovers to the official opening of another set of art works. Mr Moselmane presented her with a certificate of recognition for her work in art and culture.



## The Villawood Hub end of year Xmas celebrations,



Bankstown Police brought Santa Clause to the Xmas party safely an afternoon full of entertainment, food ,music , craft & happy smiles . Santa gave all the children there presents because the were good all year. Thank you to all that made this Xmas event happens & the volunteers .