

# SYDNEY CITY NEWS

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city of villages

## PLANTING TREES FOR A GREEN CITY



**The work to green our City involves not only sustainable development, but also the physical greening of our urban environment.**

Our green spaces filter the air we breathe, reduce stormwater runoff and pollution, shade our houses and streets, and improve amenity and wellbeing.

And they're an important tool against **climate change**. Trees reduce cooling costs in summer and deciduous trees allow winter sun to cut electricity on heating and lights. Some trees, including natives, take in far greater levels of carbon dioxide.

The draft **Greening Sydney Plan**, on exhibition until 30 September, details our vision for a greener city, both on public and private land. **Our urban canopy**

now covers 15.5 per cent of the city—by 2030, we want it to be almost a quarter of the city.

In the past five years, we planted **7492 street trees**, with a target of 600 this year. Our **Street Tree Master Plan** is being updated, based on a survey of 29,140 street trees, new planting opportunities and public input. We propose 13 new tree species that are hardy enough for our tough urban conditions, including 10 natives.

Our \$1.2 million program to **green local streets** last year landscaped 8,334 square metres of street gardens. The City won an industry award for our '**raingardens**', which filter stormwater and reduce pollution entering our waterways.

A new **landscape code** will encourage landscaping in new developments, and

we are working with the University of NSW on piloting **green walls and roofs**. Our urban ecology plan will promote a green network to provide habitat for native wildlife.

And I invite you to help green our City. The new **Ultimo Community Garden** is our 16th, with two more planned for Redfern and Woolloomooloo, and a City Farm for Sydney Park in Alexandria. With the community we recently planted **4000 trees and shrubs** in Sydney Park for National Tree Day.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP

## Retrofitting the city

**Overhauling the energy and water performance of our major buildings is expected to save the City \$1.3 million a year.**

The \$6.9 million project will retrofit 46 buildings, including Town Hall House, the Woolworths building, pool centres and libraries, significantly reducing our costs. In fact, the project will pay for itself within six years.

It will also cut 7000 tonnes of carbon emissions a year. That will take the City's overall emissions reductions from 6.8 per cent to 19.9 per cent – well on the way to our target of cutting 70 per cent of emissions by 2030 (on 2006 levels).

This follows a historic deal with the owners of nearly 60 per cent of Sydney's CBD office space to form the Better Buildings Partnership, which aims to develop energy, water and waste systems to improve environmental performance across the city.

# Good news for woolloomooloo

## Park improvements, public art and new services are helping revitalise Woolloomooloo.

**Walla Mulla Park** has new lights, park furniture, green walls and a green roof. Retaining walls have been removed or lowered to improve visibility and access for emergency vehicles.

**Bourke Street Park** has a new toilet block, paving, furniture and exercise equipment, as well as a secure space for a future community garden.

And the **murals** on the viaduct pylons, which celebrate a massive campaign to save the area from

redevelopment in the 1970s, are being repainted.

In a significant step to address **inner city homelessness**, a new State and Federal Government initiative 'Platform 70' provides seventy rough sleepers in Woolloomooloo a chance to move into homes of their own. The City's winter homeless street count found 118 sleeping rough in the Woolloomooloo area between the State Library and Kings Cross.

Since February, **Way2Home**, a homeless outreach service supported by the City, has also helped over 50 rough sleepers move into long-term housing or other supported accommodation.

# What do you think?

## How well do the City's services work for you?

We want to make sure we give you the best possible programs and services. You should have received a survey (if not, you can do the survey online) with questions about our health services, community and cultural activities, your access to goods and services, safety, apartment living, transport and connection to the community. It's confidential and entirely voluntary – let us know how we're doing.

**Closing date has been extended to 23 September.**

[cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/AboutSydney/CityResearch/HouseholdAndResidentialSurveys](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/AboutSydney/CityResearch/HouseholdAndResidentialSurveys)

# Barangaroo review rebuilds trust

**The NSW Government has completed an independent review of Barangaroo and its report endorses many of the City's recommendations.**

The review backed our call to reduce the **bulk of the office blocks**, improve public **consultation**, review the **hotel location**, increase **affordable housing** and ensure **sustainability**. It confirmed independent research commissioned by the City that **new public transport** is vital to cater for the expected increase in demand.

The City of Sydney will continue working to secure a world-class redevelopment for this important CBD site, with new foreshore parks and walkways, and much-needed office accommodation, housing, shops and cultural venues.

Council has endorsed Kerry Clare, Principal of Clare Design, as its nominee on the Barangaroo Delivery Authority Board. Her alternate is Michael Harrison, Director of Architectus and former City of Sydney Director City Strategy and Design.

# Awards celebrate local businesses

**Sydneysiders have cast a record 67,000 votes for 640 entries in the 2011 City of Sydney Business Awards.**

Close to half the businesses nominated are first-time nominees – suggesting that despite the gloomy global financial outlook, Sydney's small business sector is thriving. More than 10 per cent of nominated businesses qualified for ANZ's Fast Starter Award, which celebrates fast-growing businesses with an annual turnover of more than \$5 million. The strength of Sydney's small bar scene was recognised and this year's awards also reflect Sydney's unprecedented bike boom. The winners will be announced in September. [sydneybusinessawards.com.au](http://sydneybusinessawards.com.au)

ART &  
ABOUT  
SYDNEY

GOING  
PUBLIC

What if... you joined us to  
celebrate Art & About Sydney's  
10th birthday?

The **Banner Gallery** will line the City's streets with 100 responses to 'What If', while stories of **everyday acts of kindness** will fuel a new work from acclaimed British artist Michael Landy for the 24th Kaldor Public Art Project presented for Art & About Sydney.

Amateur and professional snappers have vied for Hyde Park's blockbuster photography show, **Sydney Life**, for a decade – this year it's matched by a new addition, Little Sydney Lives – a photography competition for 3-11 year olds. Sydney artists Liane Rossler and Heidi Dokullil will set up a **Happy Talk in Sandringham Gardens**, Hyde Park, giving people a temporary new space to weave, knit and craft the hours away.

Powerhouse Museum and Art & About  
Sydney present Tsunami by Janet Echelman.

23 September – 23 October  
throughout the CBD  
[www.artandabout.com.au](http://www.artandabout.com.au)

WHAT IF?

SYDNEY'S ANNUAL PUBLIC ART FESTIVAL ART & ABOUT SYDNEY RETURNS

FRIDAY  
NIGHT LIVE

Art & About Sydney Launch  
FREE EVENT  
Friday 23 September  
5.00 – 9.00pm Martin Place

Join us for the art party of the year, starting in Martin Place with performances from Paul Mac, Paris Wells, Ben Walsh, Women of Soul and FourPlay. There's also a bar, food and the announcement of this year's Sydney Life winner.

Visit the Art Gallery of NSW, the State Library, the Australian Museum, the Powerhouse Museum, Customs House and the Museum of Sydney, which will all **open their doors until late**.

Bring your bike, take a walking tour or catch one of our free buses to discover some of this year's Art & About installations.

UNGUARDED  
MOMENTS

What if... we had a new way  
of telling Sydney's stories?

Millers Point, one of Sydney's oldest villages, becomes the canvas in this year's Village Art Project – **Unguarded Moments** – as archival video footage is projected onto the area's buildings in a series of stunning projections.

Take this opportunity to walk among the faded, forgotten faces of the Sydney docks, as their stories and history are retold in startling life on the walls.

[artandabout.com.au](http://artandabout.com.au)  
[unguardedmoments.com.au](http://unguardedmoments.com.au)



## Sydney Rides Festival

Bringing together Sydney's biggest cycling events – get your two wheels spinning  
[sydneyridesfestival.net](http://sydneyridesfestival.net)  
Oct 8 – 16



## Sydney Fringe Festival

Alternative arts and culture with over 300 events in three weeks  
[thesydneyfringe.com.au](http://thesydneyfringe.com.au)  
Sept 9 – Oct 2

# FEELING FESTIVE?



## Sydney Childrens Festival

Australia's largest arts-based festival for kids – it's all about participation  
[sydneychildrensfestival.com](http://sydneychildrensfestival.com)  
Sept 26 – Oct 8



## Sydney Crave Food Festival

Hundreds of food activities across October, our biggest food month, has something for everyone – including the night noodle markets in Hyde Park North.  
[cravesydney.com](http://cravesydney.com)  
Oct 1-31



## Making change

Thought provoking speeches from Brett Solomon (Access Now) and Anna Rose (Australian Youth Climate Coalition) started our latest City Talk, followed by an inspiring panel on motivating and organising communities with Darryl Nichols (Garage Sale Trail), Simon Sheikh (Get Up!), Amanda Tattersall (Sydney Alliance) and John Dee (Do Something).

Watch it at: [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/podcasts/citytalks](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/podcasts/citytalks)

## Word up

Food bloggers, digital futurists, teen diarists, romance writers and architectural essayists – whatever your take on the written word, you will find it at our libraries.

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