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State of the City Report Back Day

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REPORTING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY



CITY OF SYDNEY

When developing our long-term strategic plan, Sustainable Sydney 2030, we wanted to understand what our residents, businesses and visitors wanted Sydney to be like in the future.

It was the start of the most extensive consultations the City had ever undertaken. We commissioned research and spent a year talking and listening to our diverse communities.

The result was an extraordinary consensus about priorities particularly tackling climate change, cutting traffic congestion and reconnecting Sydney to its harbour and surrounding villages.

We summed up your aspirations in the words **green, global and connected** and we established 10 strategic directions with key projects.

We are now **delivering** and we have reported back to you every year since we launched the plan.

I recently hosted our **2011 report back day** with separate sessions for business and city communities. Around 1000 people heard firsthand how we are tracking against our goals, with more viewing the podcast at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

I am pleased to report we are **exceeding our targets** on a range of projects. This issue of Sydney City News includes more detail about our progress on the 10 strategic directions.

The work we are doing as part of **Sustainable Sydney 2030** is attracting attention around the world.

It proves that you can have a well planned and well governed city supporting a diverse community, a strong economy and world-class living standards and be environmentally responsible.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to create the city we need for our future.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP

Early action on late night plans

Jurassic Lounge, the Australian Museum

We've asked businesses, residents and government what kind of night life they want.

Good transport, more activities and late night dining are priorities and we are trialling ideas such as late night ambassadors and the introduction of food trucks.

Later this month, we'll release a discussion paper on Sydney's night time economy. As well as giving you the latest research, it will outline priorities for action and invite community feedback.

Check sydneyyoursay.com.au for updates.

To keep up-to-date with all Sydney events sign up to our What's On newsletter at whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au



Competitive & innovative

Sydney City generates a quarter of the state's economic activity – we are building on that by investing in infrastructure and relationships with business, cultural and creative sectors.

- **The draft City Plan** - updated planning controls to protect our villages while providing for long-term growth, is nearing completion.
- **The 2011 Business Awards** attracted record votes and our **Retail Advisory Panel**, **business forums** and our annual **Sydney-China Business Forum** are driving investment.
- **Pitt Street Mall** - received a world class renewal for the 65,000 daily shoppers.
- The City is spending almost \$30 million to make **Prince Alfred Park, Pool** and the **Coronation Centre** more inviting and sustainable.
- **Vogue Fashion Night Out**, Sydney Festival, Sydney New Years Eve, musicals and other events attract millions of people and promote business.

Vogue Fashion Night Out



Environmental leader

The City's green infrastructure plan, energy, water and waste, is nearly complete. A world first, it will guide reducing our emissions 70 per cent by 2030 (on 2007 levels) and provide half the City's non-drinking water from a recycled water network.

- **City building retrofits** have reduced CO2 emissions by 18 per cent, and the **Buildings Partnership** commits private buildings to make more than 60 per cent of their space more sustainable.
- Work on a **local cooling, heating (trigeneration) network** is in the final stages of negotiation.
- Council's **2014 waste target** to reduce waste from landfill has already been met.
- In **Sydney Park** we are already saving 100,000 litres of water and helping protect biodiversity with water harvesting.

Sustainable Sydney 2030

– tackling climate change, cutting traffic congestion, and reconnecting Sydney to its harbour and surrounding villages.

Here's a summary of what we've achieved in the past year.



Liveable city

Throughout the city centre, we are improving the streets and parks, and investing in cultural programs.

- **\$180 million** has been allocated to **public domain work on George Street**, in conjunction with State Government light rail, to make it inviting for visitors, workers and business.
- Sydney's **small bar scene** is booming with over **40 small bars** open since the City's campaign for liquor reform and we are developing our first broad-based **late night economy policy**.



Local community & economic

Sydney's historic neighbourhoods are thriving. The City's working to ensure you have most facilities, services and amenities you need within walking or riding distance.

- **Hundreds of local projects** resulted from a public consultation in 2006 and 2007. Next year, our **village planning** will give you an opportunity again to guide the development of your area.
- The new **village partnership** will support local economies, with the first partnership in **Sydney Business Chamber Green Square**.
- **A new community facility** in the City Centre. Council bought the historic **Wentworth** a library link and one stop s

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Sydney Park wetlands



Integrated transport

Congestion costs Sydney \$4.6 billion and that is forecast to rise to \$8 billion by 2020 if things stay the same.

- The City is working with the State Government to improve bus reliability and promote an inner-Sydney **light rail network**.
- The access fee at **Green Square train station** was removed after City advocacy, leading to a 50 per cent increase in patronage.
- Land for the Green Square **public transport corridor** was bought by the City, with work ongoing to secure the whole corridor.



Kimber Lane, Chinatown

Michael Bloomberg – Mayor of New York City:
 “What the City of Sydney is doing through its Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan is exactly what every global city that is seriously contemplating its future is doing.”



Ban Ki-Moon – Secretary-General of the United Nations:
 “Look no further than Sydney initiative to reduce emissions by 20 per cent over the next 20 years – but they can also inspire others.”

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Affordable housing

We need to maintain public and social housing, while adding another 8000 low cost homes by 2030, so vital lower income workers such as police, nurses and cleaners can afford to live and work in our city.

- The City negotiated space for around **50 affordable housing units at Harold Park**, in addition to existing planning controls that will deliver 300 affordable housing units at **Green Square**.
- With the **only local government homelessness unit in Australia**, the City's advocacy has helped achieve state and federal funding, including **Platform 70** which will help 70 rough sleepers off the streets of Woolloomooloo.
- **100 new affordable housing units** are planned after the sale of part of the former South Sydney Hospital site at Zetland to a community housing provider.



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Launch of Barani/Barrabugu (Yesterday/Tomorrow)

Walking & cycling

Eighty-five per cent of people come to Sydney by public transport, bike or on foot. We're investing in infrastructure and education programs to make walking and riding safe, practical and attractive for short trips.

- In the CBD, **pedestrian waiting times** at traffic lights are getting shorter and **40 km/hr zones** will soon be in place, following work with the State Government.
- **10 km of a 55 km bike network** is complete, including links along Bourke Street, Kent Street and College Street. Independent counts show thousands using the network.
- The City's **StreetShare education program** is encouraging safer road use and greater respect between drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.
- **A city to explore** with street gardens, new shared zones and art in laneways which include Kimber Lane, Factory Street, Little Hay Street, Barrack Lane.

Sustainable development

The stunning and sustainable libraries, pools, parks and community centres built by the City are a big part of what makes Sydney such a desirable place to live.

- That's \$350 million committed to **community facilities, infrastructure and public space** at Green Square, Australia's largest low carbon development.
- The City's **tree canopy** will expand by 50 per cent by 2030, with **7000 street trees planted** in the past five years, improved **parks**, a proposed **City Farm**, and support for **community, verge and rooftop gardens**.
- The new **Waterloo Youth Facility**, which will be roofed over with a green canopy, will join City projects like Surry Hills Library, Pirrama Park and Paddington Reservoir Gardens which have won more than 40 national and international awards for outstanding design.

Waterloo Youth Facility

Secretary General of the United Nations: "Right here in Australia, the Sustainable Development Goals will reduce carbon emissions in this city by 70 per cent by 2030. These actions are vital on their own and will inspire progress in the global negotiations."



Cllover Moore
– Lord Mayor of Sydney:
"We consulted, we researched, we committed and now we're delivering."

City Talk

Creative culture

Building a uniquely Sydney spirit of creativity by creating affordable places for artists, and new ways of looking at our streets, laneways and public spaces.

The **Accommodation grants program** supports cultural organisations in 16 buildings, while **Partnerships** help attract world premiere musicals like **Strictly Ballroom** and **An Officer and a Gentleman**.

Artists of interest have been invited for **creative pop-ups** in several Oxford Street properties to give artists affordable space in the inner city. **Partnerships** worked with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory panel mapping 255 significant sites connected to our first peoples' history. **Barani/Barani** (**Yesterday/Tomorrow**) is an 84 page report on significant Aboriginal sites and events created with Sydney City.



Governance & partnerships

A well planned and well governed city will support a diverse community, strong economy and world-class living standards—while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

- The City's projected income is **\$460 million** and operating expenditure is set at **\$355 million** this year. The **surplus is invested** to secure long-term infrastructure projects.
- An **agreement to work with the State Government** is being developed for joint projects such as light rail, Barangaroo, Green Square and the late night economy.
- To encourage thinking on the critical issues facing Sydney, we hosted **77 public talks** this year, including City Talks, design excellence forums, community meetings, consultations and briefings.



Sydney celebrates bike boom!

More people are getting on bikes in Sydney than ever before, with nearly three thousand people and hundreds of organisations signing up to be a part of the 2011 Sydney Rides Challenge.

Businesses including AMP, Qantas, Commonwealth Bank, the Westpac Group, Westfield, the Reserve Bank of Australia, BT Financial Group, Deloitte, Hilton Sydney, Fairfax Media and Google all signed up to take part as

well as many smaller businesses. The Challenge was all about friendly rivalry and getting people who either had never ridden or who hadn't been on a bike for a while to find out what they've been missing.

City of Sydney Business Awards 2011

And the winner is...

A retro-inspired boutique that's changed the face of Australian children's fashion took out the coveted Business of the Year prize in this year's Awards.

Oobi Baby and Kids was launched in 2003 by 1950s fashion devotee Alex Riggs, to create a new style of clothing that pushes the boundaries of children's wear.

Other winners included CBD coffee favourite 'two black sheep' which won the Small Business of the Year award, innovative online business Ecrusing.travel that won the ANZ Fast Starter Award, and The Park Regis City Centre that won the Lord Mayor's Sustainability Award.

This year's Awards were the biggest and best, with 640 businesses nominated and almost 67,000 votes cast across 22 categories.



The Lord Mayor with Terry Deane and Alex Riggs from Oobi Baby and Kids - Business of the Year, City of Sydney Business Awards 2011

How the carbon price will affect you

There's a lot of noise about the Federal Government's carbon price, which makes it hard to work out what it all means.

We've invited small and big business leaders, policy makers and the experts to explain how a price on carbon works and how it affects you. Come join us at the Lower Town Hall on November 9 and ask the experts for the facts. Tickets are free but essential and are available from the City's Angel Place Box Office on 8256 2222 or www.cityrecitalhall.com

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CityTalks 2011

The art of city making

How imagination and creativity play their part

Charles Landry has inspired people to change the way they think about cities around the world.

He's a passionate defender of the role imagination and creativity play in the development of cities and invigorating local economies. He'll be joined by a panel of our leading creative thinkers to discuss how Sydney can unlock and marshal the creative energy in our community.

The State Theatre 2 November 6 - 7:30pm.
www.ticketmaster.com.au



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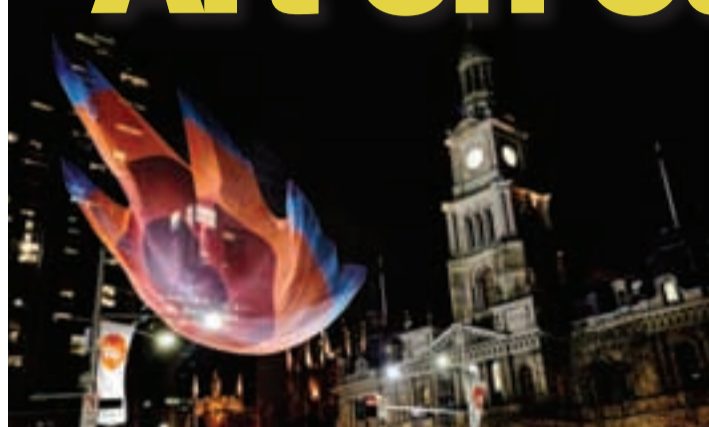
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Art on our streets



The annual Sydney Art & About Festival celebrated its 10th birthday in style. The month-long festival enriched Sydney's streets and open spaces with funky art, intriguing installations and pop-up bands. International and Australian artists have also transformed seven laneways, showing how creative ideas can turn these once boring lanes into intriguing and inviting places. The City's Laneway Art program will run until early next year. www.artandabout.com.au

Vacant spaces for artists and creatives

We want to give artists and creative people opportunities for affordable studio or retail space in the City.

If you have a great idea or project, we are offering short-term leases for two retail shops and 14 office suites along Oxford Street. Expressions of Interest close on 9 November. For more information go to: www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Business/TendersEOIQuotes/CurrentListing.asp



Deckchairs are back

Due to popular demand, the City has brought back its candy striped deckchairs to encourage people to mingle and relax in the outdoors. For the next six months, you'll be able to eat lunch, read a book, use free WiFi (search for 'SydneyCityWiFi' - in Sydney Square only) or chat to a friend on one of the 100 deck chairs in Barrack Street, Wynyard or Sydney Square, Town Hall.

Smart Green Apartments

Three out of four residents in the City of Sydney live in apartments which use 40% of the City's drinking water, 10% of its energy and generate 50% of its residential waste.

The City is trialling a new program to help residents in apartments save thousands of dollars in electricity and water bills, buffer them from rising prices and help reduce the city's carbon footprint.

The Smart Green Apartments program offers sustainability assessments for individual buildings with cost-effective ideas on how to improve energy and water efficiency, provide recycling infrastructure and reduce household waste.

To find out more about the program and whether your building is eligible, visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment/GreenVillages/GreenApartments.asp