

SYDNEYCITYNEWS

CHRISTMAS 2011



CHRISTMAS IN OUR CITY...

Christmas is a special time in Sydney.

Throughout the city centre and villages, our colourful floral displays, 28 different Christmas trees and brightly patterned banners will bring Sydney's streets alive.

Our giant 21-metre Christmas tree in Martin Place will be lit with 58,000 energy efficient LED lights and new Christmas images will be projected onto the Town Hall every night from November 24.

Christmas concerts in the heart of the city at Martin Place and Hyde Park will be matched with four village concerts in Rushcutters Bay, Surry Hills, Alexandria and Rosebery in late November and early December.

The City of Sydney assists many community organisations and vulnerable

groups and provides opportunities for you to share Christmas with other people in your community.

Free neighbourhood Christmas celebrations will be held in our childcare, youth, community and Over 55 centres.

Meals on Wheels will deliver hundreds of hampers, bringing Christmas cheer to people with a disability, the aged and their carers.

The City spends nearly \$16 million a year providing support to people in our local communities and we are the only council with a dedicated homelessness unit.

While these services are vital, often it's the small things that really make a difference. A smile when walking past someone, taking the time to start a conversation or just spending time with an elderly neighbour.

This Christmas, I ask that you reach out to isolated people in your neighbourhood to share with them the gift of belonging to a community.

We are lucky to count many wonderful charity groups in Sydney and our 2011 Christmas charity partner is the Australian Children's Music Foundation which helps bring hope and joy to disadvantaged children through music. Please see inside for information on how you can support their work.

On behalf of the City of Sydney, Councillors and staff, I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and sustainable New Year.

Clover Moore MP Lord Mayor

CITY OF SYDNEY



VISIT THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS FESTIVE SEASON

SYDNEYCHRISTMAS.COM.AU

VILLAGE CONCERTS

Christmas fun isn't just for central Sydney! Pack a picnic or enjoy a sausage sizzle and celebrate the spirit of Christmas at our free family village concerts, including:



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RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK

Waratah Street, Rushcutters Bay
Saturday 26 November
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Featuring: MC Rhys Muldoon, Swing Patrol, Lah-Lah's BIG Live Band, a performance by swing band The Velvet Set, and a visit from Santa!



TURRUWUL PARK

Corner of Primrose and Hayes Roads, Rosebery
Sunday 27 November
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Featuring: MC Rhys Muldoon, Swing Patrol, Lah-Lah's BIG Live Band, live music from Afro-Latin group Son Veneno, and a visit from Santa!



ALEXANDRIA PARK

Buckland Street, Alexandria
Saturday 3 December
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Featuring: MC Rhys Muldoon, Justine Clarke, Swing Patrol, a performance by Motown songstresses Women of Soul, and a visit from Santa!



WARD PARK

Devonshire Street, Surry Hills
Sunday 4 December
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Featuring: MC Rhys Muldoon, Justine Clarke, Swing Patrol, a performance by blues and rockabilly band The Hollywood Hombres, and a visit from Santa!

For all the information on Christmas in the City, including events, retail, exciting competitions, and much more, visit:

SYDNEYCHRISTMAS.COM.AU

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

in Place

Friday 24 November, 6pm – 8.30pm

Our Christmas celebration in Martin Place features entertainment for all the family. Hosted by Rhys Muldoon, you will be entertained by special celebrity guest Guy Sebastian, The Smurfs, Playschool's Jay Laga'aia, and the City's BIG Live Band. The Australian Girls Choir will be in the crowd up before Santa makes his grand entrance in a sleigh way from the North Pole!

The concert will finish with the lighting of the City's iconic Christmas tree and an amazing fireworks display!



Hyde Park North

Thursday 24 November, 6pm – 8.30pm

If you'd prefer to relax in the leafy surrounds of Hyde Park with a picnic, **Christmas on the Green** is for you! Be entertained by host Justine Clarke, sing along to carols performed by the VOX, Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, see Dora the Explorer, bop along as Swing Patrol performs swing lessons live on stage and cheer the evening's special guest, Santa.



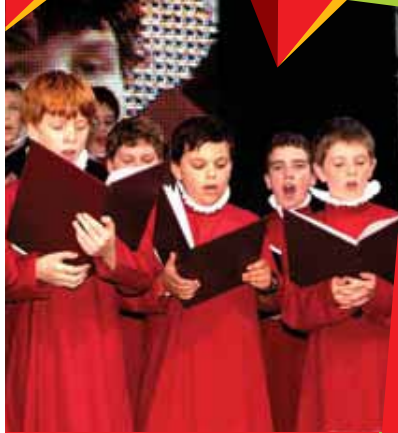
SYDNEY CHRISTMAS

SPARKLE IN THE CITY

Christmas in Sydney this year is bigger and better than ever with 28 Christmas trees and thousands of sparkling lights.

This year the City unveiled a new Christmas tree – a sparkling star – which will appear on banners lining our streets. New light displays will be unveiled at Sydney Town Hall from 24 November to 27 December, seven days a week, 8.30pm – 1am.

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ROLS THE CITY

Monday 24 November, 8 – 10pm
City Street Mall

During Christmas can often feel
rushed so to lighten the mood,
choirs will perform carols
City Street Mall.



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Christmas design –
more than 1200
projections will illuminate
until 25 December,

OTHER CELEBRATIONS

The City of Sydney will spread some added cheer to those in need across the City. Meals on Wheels will deliver hundreds of hampers to people with a disability, the aged and their carers. Other celebrations in the city include:

**Redfern Community Centre
Free Christmas Party**
Wednesday 8 December, 3pm
29 Hugo Street, Redfern
9288 5713

**Christmas at Sydney Town Hall
Grand Organ recital**
Tuesday 20 December,
8pm – 9.30pm
483 George Street, Sydney
www.cityrecitalhall.com

**KGV Recreation Centre
Free Christmas Party**
Friday 9 December, 4pm – 7.30pm
Cumberland Street, The Rocks
RSVP – Thursday 1 December
(for catering) 9244 3600

Seniors Christmas Lights Tour
Monday 12 December, Wednesday 14
December, Monday 19 December and
Wednesday 21 December
From 5.30pm for members of our
Over 55s community centres.
9265 9333

And also....

**Wayside Chapel
Free Christmas Day Street Party**
Saturday 25 December, 11am
Hughes Street, Kings Cross
9358 6577

**St Michael's Anglican Church
Free Christmas Breakfast**
Saturday 25 December, 8am
Corner Flinders and Albion Streets,
Surry Hills
0414 969 841

OUR CHARITY PARTNER

Christmas is a special time for children, so it's appropriate
our charity partner in 2011 is the **Australian Children's
Music Foundation**. The ACMF brings hope and joy to disadvantaged
children through music. Studies have shown that students who are
involved in music do well in many subjects, including literacy and
numeracy, and have improved confidence and self esteem. We hope
you can support this wonderful initiative by donating to Foundation
volunteers at the City's concerts or by visiting www.acmf.com.au

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Your invaluable support is greatly appreciated!

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Our Late Night Economy is worth **\$15 billion**



The City has released for public comment a new **Late Night Economy Discussion Paper**.

Australia's first cost benefit analysis into the late night economy showed that more than \$15 billion a year is pumped into the local economy. Five times more is spent on food and entertainment than alcohol. Our research confirmed George Street near the cinema strip is Sydney's busiest spot at night. Some 7,600 people were counted in the hour after midnight on 11 December, 2010. These figures are comparable with morning and lunchtime peaks in Pitt Street and Martin Place. It highlights that services and infrastructure hasn't kept pace with the growth of the city's nightlife. The results from our consultation show people want more transport late at night and more variety – later opening hours for stores, museums and libraries, more outdoor venues, better lighting and for good quality food to be available after 10pm. Our Discussion Paper pulls together the feedback we've received so far, our extensive research, and suggestions about putting those ideas into action so we can help get the balance right for everyone – residents, visitors and workers. To have your say visit www.sydneyoursay.com.au



Village Planning **we need your input**

We invite you to be involved in planning the next stage in the future of your local street, neighbourhood and village.

In 2005/06 we developed our Local Action Plans in consultation with you to honour our City of Villages commitment and the majority of projects identified in those plans are underway or complete. In 2007, we developed our long-term plan for the whole city – Sustainable Sydney 2030 to make our city environmentally, economically, socially and culturally sustainable. We now want to update our village plans with the Sustainable Sydney 2030 principles and we would like your feedback. Visit www.2030inyourvillage.com.au and follow the prompts to have your say. Next year the City will hold a series of community workshops to guide future city action.

Major clean-up marks start of **Green Square**



Remediation works will soon begin on the former South Sydney Hospital site in Zetland.

The works will be carried out by a team of specialists preparing the site for its new life as the new civic heart of Green Square. A new community hall, theatrette, multi-purpose spaces and meeting rooms, community shed, artists' studios, workshops and a low carbon local energy plant are all planned to be built on the site. 100 new affordable housing dwellings are also planned after the City agreed to sell some of the land to City West. Detailed designs and a development application for the new community facilities will be placed on public exhibition mid next year.

City and state address street car sales

Potts Point locals have had to put up with backpackers using Victoria Street as a car sales yard.

As State MP for Sydney, the Lord Mayor successfully convinced the Government to change the law making it illegal for backpackers to sell their vehicles on problem streets. To ensure the problem doesn't shift to other streets, the City has opened a new car market for backpackers in the Kings Cross carpark. The car market will be free for the first three months. The City is also spending more than \$1 million to green Victoria Street to improve the amenity of the area.



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE SUMMER IN SYDNEY AND NO ONE DOES SUMMER LIKE WE DO.

CITY EVENTS

Sydney New Year's Eve

Sydney New Year's Eve 2010



Australian-born, internationally renowned designer Marc Newson is the new creative director of Sydney's New Year's Eve.

Claim your spot early so you don't miss any of the excitement including the 9pm Family Fireworks display, the Harbour of Light Parade and the midnight fireworks. For information on events, public transport, vantage points, access and restrictions visit www.sydneynewyourseve.com

Sydney Festival



Sydney Festival 2010

Every January, Sydney Festival takes over the streets and parks of central Sydney with music, dance and visual arts.

The Festival opens each year with the unique Festival First Night and in 2012 this free event will be held on Saturday 7 January. Inclusive programming, a range of free events and accessible pricing policies means Sydney Festival is open to all. For information visit www.sydneyfestival.org.au



A LEGO wonderland

Children and adults alike will be delighted by New York artist Nathan Sawaya's incredible large-scale LEGO exhibition, Art of the Brick, which arrives in Sydney just in time for the school holidays.

Using hundreds of thousands of LEGO bricks, the exhibition has amazed millions of people around the world. Open from 10am-5pm from 12 December to February 5 at the Lower Town Hall. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults and \$12.50 for kids. Visit www.artofthebrick.com.au to book.

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Hear The Dragon Roar...

... when we celebrate the Lunar New Year in the biggest Chinese New Year celebration outside Asia.

The festival includes events, markets, tours and entertainment with the popular Twilight Parade a highlight on 29 January.

Visit www.sydneychinesenewyear.com for full event details.



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