



Bridge to Bridge on two wheels

Kent Street cycleway

The City's first completed cycleway route connects the Inner West to North Sydney, from the Anzac Bridge to the Harbour Bridge. The 2.6km route consists of separated cycleways along Union Street in Pyrmont and King and Kent Streets in the CBD. It is part of a comprehensive cycle network to make cycling in city traffic safer for all road users. For more information visit sydneycycleways.net

85 playgrounds...

Our two newest playgrounds have been opened in Charles Kernan Reserve, Darlington and Ethel Turner Park, Paddington taking the total number of playgrounds in the LGA to 85. We worked with local residents to establish a communal food garden in Charles Kernan Reserve and created a playground with exciting new equipment and facilities for children up to 12 years. At Ethel Turner Park we reused sandstone that was uncovered during construction and installed a new nature play area, swing set, slides and a new shade pergola. For more information on the City's park improvements visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/development



Ethel Turner Park



Charles Kernan Reserve



Charlie's Garden, Charles Kernan Reserve

And community gardens

Community gardens give city residents, particularly children, a chance to get their hands dirty, watch things grow, and learn about nutrition and healthy eating. New community gardens have been established in James Street Reserve in Redfern and Charles Kernan Reserve in Darlington - taking the total number of City sponsored community gardens in the LGA to 15. Further community gardens will be established in Wattle Lane Park, Ultimo and in Kensington Street, Chippendale where there will be an educational workshop for the community.



Sydney New Year's Eve

The City of Sydney is planning a spectacular celebration for 2010 Sydney New Year's Eve. The Family Fireworks at 9pm give children a chance to join the celebrations and the Lord Mayor's Picnic for disadvantaged children and children with a disability, their families and carers is an important part of the night and will again take place in the Royal Botanic Gardens. More than 1.5 million people are expected to join the celebrations to welcome in the New Year. For information on events, public transport, vantage points, access and restrictions visit sydneynewyearseve.com

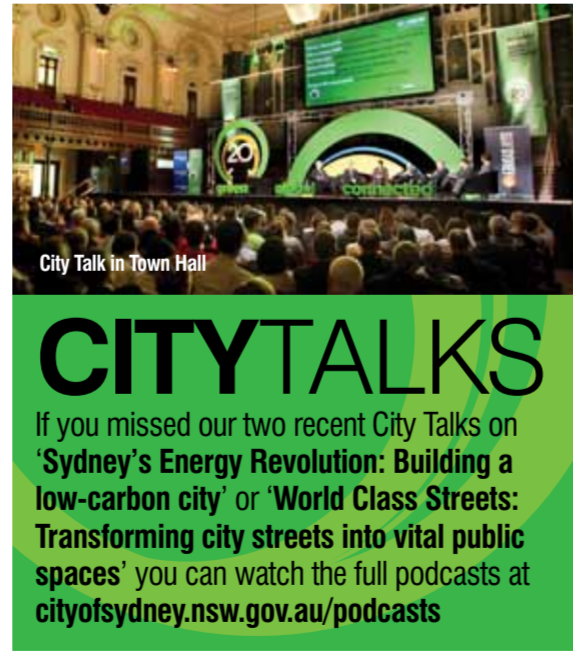
2009 Sydney New Year's Eve Lord Mayor's picnic



Celebrating the Year of the Rabbit

The 2011 Chinese New Year Twilight Parade will have more than 2500 participants, including 250 performers from Hubei province in central China. The generous participation each year of different Chinese Provinces revitalises our celebrations and increases our knowledge and interest in Chinese culture. The Parade will be shorter in duration this year making it easier for families and children. With more than 100,000 people expected to celebrate at the Parade on 6 February and the Festival, from 28 January - 13 February, it is the largest celebration of the Lunar New Year outside of Asia. For more information visit sydneychinesenewyear.com.au

2010 Sydney's Chinese New Year 'Year of the Tiger' celebrations



City Talk in Town Hall

CITY TALKS

If you missed our two recent City Talks on 'Sydney's Energy Revolution: Building a low-carbon city' or 'World Class Streets: Transforming city streets into vital public spaces' you can watch the full podcasts at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/podcasts



2010 Festival First Night photo by Prudence Upton

Sydney Festival

Sydney Festival First Night on Saturday 8 January will again enliven the streets of Sydney with free music, dance and performance in parks, laneways and public spaces. Sydney Festival 2011, 8 - 30 January, will stage an exciting program of music, theatre and art, and will include a range of children's activities. The City of Sydney is a proud supporter of Sydney Festival contributing \$2 million in cash and value-in-kind. For information visit sydneyfestival.org.au

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Sydney Park

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Christmas is a particularly special time for children. There are now more than 6450 children under five living in the City of Sydney, which is a 26 per cent increase in the last five years. There is also almost the same number again between five and 14 years of age. Our response is to provide more and better recreational facilities for our young people ensuring that our communities living at increasingly higher densities have access to open space. We recently completed our 85th playground in the LGA with new playgrounds at Victoria Park, Charles

Kernan Reserve, Ethel Turner Park, Redfern Park and Orphan School Creek. Work continues on new playgrounds at Lillian Fowler Reserve and Prince Alfred Park.

We believe our children and communities deserve the best and our park and play facilities are popular and have received multiple awards including recent national awards for Pirrama Park and Paddington Reservoir Gardens.

As in previous years family festivities held in our parks and squares feature strongly in our Christmas program.

The popular Martin Place concert and tree lighting will be broadcast live on big screens in Hyde Park and in the revitalised Pitt Street Mall. New Christmas trees will sparkle in Union Square, Pyrmont and in Pitt Street Mall.

Free family concerts will be held in Beare Park, Elizabeth Bay; Alexandria

Park, Alexandria; Turruwul Park, Rosebery; and Ward Park, Surry Hills.

Significant precincts in our city and villages will be decorated using energy efficient LED lighting, and major streets will be hung with banners featuring native Australian birds and flora.

Sydney Town Hall, St Mary's Cathedral and the Hyde Park Barracks will be illuminated by changing coloured light projections.

On behalf of the City of Sydney, Councillors and staff, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and sustainable New Year.

Clover Moore

Clover Moore MP Lord Mayor



Sydney Park

Celebrating the joy of Christmas in our beautiful green spaces

Visit the City's Christmas website for more information on events and celebrations this festive season sydneychristmas.com.au



Our charity sponsor



City of Sydney is happy to announce Doggie Rescue as our 2010 Christmas charity partner. DoggieRescue.com is a NO-kill animal rescue charity that works hard to rescue dogs from death row and successfully re-home them with permanent and loving owners. Tens of thousands of dogs are abandoned every year in NSW and sadly 20 per cent of those, many of which are puppies, are dumped during the Christmas period. You can support DoggieRescue.com by donating at the City's Christmas Concerts or visit doggierescue.com

Our sponsors

The City of Sydney thanks our 2010 Christmas sponsors:



Other celebrations

The City of Sydney supports community organisations celebrating Christmas in the city. Meals on Wheels will deliver hundreds of hampers, helping bring Christmas cheer 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, 3:00pm
29 Hugo Street, Redfern
Details call 9288 5713

KGV Recreation Centre Free Christmas Party
Friday 10 December, 4:00pm
Cumberland Street, The Rocks
Details call 9244 3600

Eternity Christian Church Free Christmas Lunch
Thursday 23 December, 10:00am
Booler Centre, Lambert Street
Camperdown.
Details call 9550 1552

Wayside Chapel Free Christmas Day Street Party
Saturday 25 December, 11:00am
Hughes Street, Kings Cross
Details call 9358 6577

Seniors Christmas Lights Tour
Monday 6 December
Tuesday 7 December
Monday 13 December
Tuesday 14 December
From 5:30pm for members of our over-55s community centres.
Details call 9265 9333

St Michael's Anglican Church Free Christmas Breakfast
Saturday 25 December, 8:00am
Corner Flinders & Albion Streets
Surry Hills
Details call 0414 969 841

A Sydney Christmas

Christmas Concerts

Thursday 18 November, 6:00 – 8:30pm

The City's Christmas celebrations begin in Martin Place with a Christmas concert and tree lighting ceremony. Celebrations extend into Hyde Park and Pitt St Mall where you can watch the concert on a big screen. Enjoy free entertainment, carols and a visit from Santa.



Martin Place

Australian Girls Choir

Taylor Square

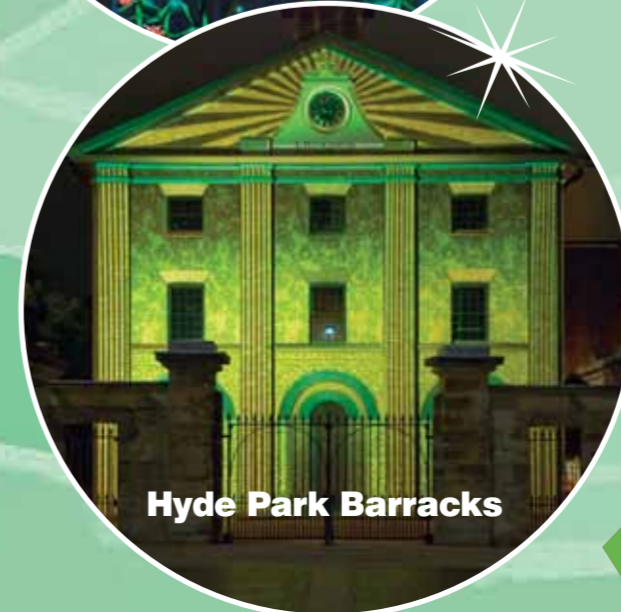


Hyde Park

St Mary's Cathedral



Hyde Park Barracks



Village concerts

Pack a picnic and celebrate the spirit of Christmas at our free family village concerts.

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Beare Park

Ithaca Road, Elizabeth Bay, Saturday 27 November 6:30 – 8:30pm
Featuring: Justine Clarke, Skatcats and a performance by Johnny G and the E Types.

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Turruwul Park

Rothschild Avenue, Rosebery, Sunday 28 November 6:30 – 8:30pm
Featuring: Justine Clarke, Skatcats and a performance by Son Veneno.

3

Alexandria Park

Buckland Street, Alexandria, Saturday 4 December, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Featuring: Justine Clarke, Outrageous Miss Fortune and a performance by The Bakery.

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Ward Park

Devonshire Street, Surry Hills, Sunday 5 December 6:30 – 8:30pm
Featuring: Justine Clarke, Outrageous Miss Fortune and a performance by Danny and the Cosmic Tremors.

Sparkle in the city

Sydney Town Hall will have changing light projections which can be seen from 18 November – 25 December, seven days a week from 8:30pm – 1:00am. The Hyde Park Barracks and St Mary's Cathedral will also be illuminated with coloured projections.

Six new Christmas trees will adorn Pitt Street Mall and trees will sparkle in Martin Place, Hyde Park, Taylor Square, Union Square, Kings Cross and at Town Hall House, Customs House and St Mary's Cathedral forecourt. Christmas banners will hang on major city streets and Glebe Point Road's street poles will be decorated. In partnership with EnergyAustralia, the electricity used to light up the City of Sydney's Christmas decorations will be matched with 100 per cent accredited GreenPower. For more information on decorations, events and activities this festive season visit sydneychristmas.com.au

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