

## 2007 Local Action Plan CITY SOUTH

*“The small village vibe,  
the friendly atmosphere,  
the quietness of the streets,  
tucked away, yet so close  
to the City.”*

- The Community Voice

The villages of Alexandria,  
parts of St Peters, Beaconsfield,  
Rosebery and Zetland and the  
Green Square precinct

*city of villages*

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# THE VISION

## DELIVERING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

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*“We have access to the city  
and events and a friendly  
atmosphere and peacefulness.”*

- Community voice

In 2005 the City established the Local Action Plan strategy to work with local communities to identify priorities for each area and develop an agreed action plan to implement them.

The Local Action Plan aims to make a difference through community partnerships, creative problem solving, targeted services and adequate funding. We hope that the identified actions will preserve what you love about your neighbourhood and address the problems you identified.

This project grew out of Council’s Strategic Plan, adopted last year as a roadmap for our vision of Sydney as a prosperous, vibrant and liveable City. That plan set City-wide priorities for quality public domain, open space, facilities, urban environment, transport, sustainability, social equity and City leadership.

The Strategic Plan also committed us to work with all our local communities to identify, promote and enhance the distinctive character of our unique City of Villages.

To make this ambitious project manageable, we mapped out eight zones across the City. These zones are simply administrative—their boundaries are flexible and we know that there are overlaps. The City has now prepared the Local Action Plan for the City South zone, covering Green Square, Alexandria, St Peters, Zetland, Rosebery and Beaconsfield. It has been developed following extensive consultation since January 2006 through community surveys and studies, plus discussion with resident focus groups, Councillors and many other interested people.

Local Action Plans are also complete for all areas of the City. Where work can be done within our current 2006/07 Budget, we will get started immediately.

There is still a lot of work to be done, but we are well on our way. Thank you for your involvement so far, and I look forward to a continued partnership to complete and implement the Action Plan.



**Clover Moore MP**  
Lord Mayor of Sydney

## **LOCAL ACTIONS DELIVERING A CITY WIDE STRATEGY FOR SYDNEY**

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The City of Sydney's Strategic Plan 2006-2009 sets out an agreed agenda for the longer term direction of the City and the broad parameters within which Council operates. The plan is structured around seven key focus areas that encompass all of Council's activities and responsibilities. They are:

<b>1. Quality Urban Environment</b>	Improving residential amenity and sustainable growth
<b>2. City Economy</b>	Contributing to prosperity at a local and global level
<b>3. Environmental leadership</b>	Working towards long term sustainability
<b>4. Community and social equity</b>	Supporting diversity, character and vitality
<b>5. Transport and accessibility</b>	Improving public transport, parking and traffic
<b>6. Improved public domain and facilities</b>	Providing quality streetscapes and parks
<b>7. Leadership and governance</b>	Providing open, accountable, inclusive and transparent governance

Copies of the Strategic Plan can be found on the City of Sydney website at the following address:  
[www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council/FormsPoliciesPublication/StrategicPlan.asp](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council/FormsPoliciesPublication/StrategicPlan.asp).

Council is now taking its strategic plans and goals to the neighbourhood level, through the Local Action Plans. The final plan has been developed for each of the interrelated consultation zones within the City of Sydney Local Government Area, acting as a local framework for the delivery of the City-wide strategy.

Go to the following City of Sydney website address for more details and street map:  
[www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/laps](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/laps).

## **ONGOING CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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Community suggestions from the Local Action Plans that develop into specific projects will require further consultation on detail on a project by project basis. As projects develop, further community forums in 2007 will outline opportunities for community involvement in Local Action Plan initiatives. The City's grants program will also provide opportunities to assist in a range of areas.

As part of the regular Community Forums, opportunities for community involvement in Local Action Plan initiatives will be outlined and feedback will be sought on progress in every zone.

### **Have Your Say**

The City looks forward to your continued involvement in the City South Local Action Plan. Contributions and comments can be sent by post to Duncan Mitchell, Project Manager, GPO Box 1591 Sydney 2001, or email to [LAPS@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:LAPS@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

## HOW YOU SEE YOUR COMMUNITY

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*“Alexandria Park – the Morton Bay fig trees, community sporting fields, the Regent Street heritage facades all with the mix of people and cultures. The unique nature of reclaiming industrial land for the community. “*

Alexandria Community Voice.

Sydney's south is a place with history and energy, a community adapting to a new industrial inner urban lifestyle. It has a core population of longstanding residents coupled with more children and young people. The area's traditional custodians are the people of the Gadigal clan of the Eora Nation, and its multicultural roots are well entrenched.

**Alexandria and St Peters** offer tree-lined streets, tended gardens, rows of terraces and cottages that are valued for themselves; and for their proximity to the CBD and lively local centres at Erskineville village, Newtown, Surry Hills and Danks Street.

The industrial history and character of the area, of which the community is proud, will continue to influence the character and lifestyle.

The area was identified in the State Government's Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney as part of a "global arc", vital to the City's and Australia's economy and future. The intimacy of Alexandria Park and the open expanse of Sydney Park provide gathering space for recreation, running the dog and places for children and young people to feel a sense of freedom.

Tucked between the airport and the City, these quiet suburbs of early 20<sup>th</sup> century houses - traditionally the homes of workers in the local factories and warehouses - now sit within one of the City's few industrial enterprise zones. While some factories and warehouses are making way for new residential development, the south west will continue to feature industry and enterprise as dominant activities.

There is a strong gay and lesbian community, linked to the vibrant GLBT movement around Newtown.

**Rosebery** features rows of distinctive Californian bungalows, many still with their quarter acre blocks. Residents value their near-suburban lifestyle with immediate proximity to vibrant inner City areas and the CBD. Residents point to the flocks of rainbow lorikeets that swirl through local backyards and enduring rows of terrace houses as other favoured aspects of the area. The Greek community has long and strong links in the area.

**Green Square, Zetland and Beaconsfield** are diverse communities of new and old, undergoing significant change. They retain a strong employment focus, with a significant working population. Indigenous families maintain an association with the area. Green Square is at the heart of a major urban renewal program, with the creation of a town centre destined to provide a new centre for the entire area. Zetland residents are proud of the district's industrial history and expect it to continue to influence the character and lifestyle, while accepting there are opportunities to benefit from new facilities and services to cater for a growing community. People value their family-friendly back yards, the heritage of their houses and quiet streets and want those qualities, along with the industrial character, retained. Young families and professionals moving into the area appreciate the galleries, food merchants and cafes that have sprung up among the factory outlets, car yards, warehouses, commercial laundries and offices. Beaconsfield has carved out a distinctive identity amidst its mix of quiet charm, terrace houses and some industry.

*“I truly hope the vision for  
Green Square comes alive  
and sooner than later.  
It’s a joy to live 10 minutes  
from the City and still benefit  
from community based living.”*

- Green Square Community Voice

*“Sydney Park as a green area to walk through in what is historically and still is an industrial area.”*

- St. Peters Community Voices

## **CITY SOUTH IN FOCUS**

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### **SNAPSHOT OF ALEXANDRIA AND ST PETERS**

#### **Population 4,218 and growing**

The traditional custodians of City South are the Gadigal people who continue to maintain a strong connection with the area.

The 2001 census data shows the City South communities of Alexandria and St Peters are home to a significant working population. It is known as the CBD to Airport Corridor, as it connects the CBD with the southern industrial areas that surround the airport.

In the five years to 2001 there was a dramatic increase in population compared to neighbouring Redfern and Waterloo. The population of the South West increased by 38.6 per cent and also has a working population of 20,343.

These figures are expected to change dramatically again in the 2006 census. The increase by 2006 is estimated to be 39.4 per cent compared to 20.4 per cent for neighbouring Redfern and Waterloo, while from 2006 to 2010 the increase will be around 19 per cent.

In Alexandria and St Peters over half the households are family households. Almost half of the households are home to married or de facto couples.

City South precinct has an older inner City population with the highest median age of any area in the City of Sydney - six years higher than the City's median age. In spite of this 67.9 per cent of the population are between the ages of 20 years and 34 years.

Unlike neighbouring Redfern and Waterloo where there are more women than men, in Alexandria there are significantly more men than women with a ration of 53:47.

#### **Family households**

More than half the households are families.

#### **An educated community**

The Alexandria and St Peters communities are an educated population, with a higher level of education than the average for metropolitan Sydney, but generally consistent with the average for the City of Sydney. About 69 per cent of the population have completed Year 12 and about 11.7 per cent are attending a tertiary institution.

The number of residents with Bachelor or higher degrees is 29.7 per cent compared to 16 per cent in metropolitan Sydney.

*“The beautiful parks, especially Alexandria Park, the mature trees and the birds, and the fruit bats flying over at night.”*

- Community voice

### **High Employment**

The unemployment rate in City South is the lowest in the City of Sydney. It is significantly lower than the metropolitan average. Manufacturing is recorded as the second highest industry by occupation, indicating that many residents may work locally or in industries that may have existed locally.

### **High use of public transport**

While the figures suggest that many residents in the area may work locally, the figures for those who walk to work are next to the lowest in the local government area, although double the average for metropolitan Sydney. Almost one in five people do not own a car, suggesting high demand for public transport.

### **Residential Development opportunities**

Residential development opportunities in the area are declining. The large industrial and employment generating uses of City South, in close proximity to the Port, Airport and transportation routes, are important to the economy, to Sydney and to Australia, and are unlikely to change use to residential.

### **Parks and places for recreation**

City South has a large open space for recreation in Sydney Park, which the City of Sydney will continue to improve and upgrade. The community also has a network of smaller parks and playgrounds and pockets of mature canopied street trees.

Figures area based on the 2001 Census. 2006  
Figures for City South are an aggregate of  
Alexandria and St Peters. 2006 Census figures are  
expected to confirm the latest trends

*“Proximity to everything –  
10 minutes to the City, beach,  
airport- a safe working class  
atmosphere that can be described  
as green, not concrete.”*

- Rosebery Community Voices

## **SNAPSHOT OF GREEN SQUARE, ROSEBERY, BEACONSFIELD AND ZETLAND**

### **Population 4,218 and growing**

The traditional custodians of the City of Sydney are the Gadigal people.

The development of Greens Square will mean the area will experience a significant growth in residential population in the next 10 years.

In the 5 years to 2001 there was a 52 per cent increase in population. The increase from 2001 to 2006 is estimated to be 98.1 per cent and from 2006 to 2010 to be a further 72 per cent, making this the most rapidly expanding residential population in metropolitan Sydney.

While the area has the potential to become one of the most densely populated areas in the City, based on present trends, the likely population density will be close to Forest Lodge or Glebe.

A feature of the area is that in 2001 it had more residents under the age of 15 than other areas in the City, pointing to needs for facilities for sport and recreation for young people.

Just under half the population of the south east precinct of City South is married.

With the significant growth of the area all age groups in the area have experienced a dramatic population increase. Both young and old are moving to south of the City. The population of 75 to 79 year olds and 15 to 24 year olds nearly doubled in the five years to 2001.

The South is a multi-cultural area with just over half the population born in Australia. The second largest overseas born population is from Greece. This is unique in the City of Sydney which has mostly UK born people in the second largest population group and in some areas, Chinese and Indonesian.

More than 1 in 7 people are Greek speaking and 1 in 10 Chinese speaking. There are fewer Indigenous people than in other areas of the City.

The South is an older inner City population with the highest median age of any area in the City of Sydney - six years higher than the City's median age. In spite of this 67.9 per cent of the population is aged between 20 years and 34 years.

### **Family households**

There are more family-oriented households in City South's east precinct than in other parts of the City of Sydney.

### **An educated community**

City South's east precinct is an educated population, generally consistent with the average for the City of Sydney. About 59 per cent of the population have completed Year 12 and about 12.5 per cent are attending a tertiary institution. The number of residents with Bachelor or higher degrees is 19.1 per cent compared to 16 per cent for metropolitan Sydney.

*“The atmosphere and identity of Rosebery and the business and employment opportunities within the suburb.”*

- Community voice

### **High Employment**

The unemployment rate in City South’s east precinct suburbs is comparatively low with many families being new unit owners the unemployment figures are correspondingly the lowest in the City of Sydney. The Index of Disadvantage suggests the area has a slightly higher proportion of people with low incomes, unskilled occupations and no educational qualifications relative to the metropolitan area.

### **High cycling and car use along with low use of public transport**

The residents of this area have the highest rate of car use for travelling to work in the City of Sydney. This figure is slightly less than the metropolitan Sydney average and highlights the urgent need to provide more effective and affordable public transport to the area.

Cycling figures are among the highest for the local government area.

Car ownership figures in City South east precinct reflect similar patterns of ownership for the whole metropolitan area where a significant proportion of households have more than one car.

### **Residential Development opportunities**

Development opportunities in the area are high and projected to increase significantly, based on the Green Square urban renewal project. However, the large industrial and employment generating uses of the South area, in close proximity to the Port, Airport and transportation routes, are important to the economy to Sydney and to Australia, and will be maintained in the area as a vital economic zone.

### **Parks and places for recreation**

Open space for recreation in the South is high but will come under pressure as the area develops. Upgrading and adding to the facilities of the area will be required with the continuing residential population growth that is forecast. The community also has a network of smaller parks and playgrounds and pockets of mature canopied street trees.

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## IN CONVERSATION WITH THE COMMUNITIES OF CITY SOUTH

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*“Good healthy demographics –  
no one type of resident.”*

- Community voice

During 2006 the City of Sydney Council set out to have a “conversation” with the local community to identify the hopes, ideals and needs of the local residents and businesses of the South West and South East.

During the discussions, the City identified the strong links between the West and East areas and has brought these zones together in one draft Local Action Plan.

The consultation included focus groups, a householder survey and review of community group strategic plans. It resulted in many comments and suggestions and has enabled the community to articulate a collective vision to Council for identity, growth and revitalisation of the City South area.

Council will deliver in a number of ways.

- Directly through its legislative policy and planning powers
- Directly as a service provider
- Collaboratively through community partnerships
- As an advocate for the community
- Through cooperation with State and Federal Governments, and the private sector.

Through a City-wide household survey, Council gathered information on a range of questions identifying the neighbourhood’s unique qualities deserving of protection and enhancement, suggested improvements and recreation needs.

The significant qualities valued by the communities of Alexandria and St Peters in the householder survey and consultation were “proximity to the City”; “friendly neighbourhood”; “historic atmosphere”; “industrial buildings” “colourful cross section of society” “community spirit” and “mature trees and parks”.

The significant qualities valued by the communities of Green Square, Zetland, Rosebery and Beaconsfield in the householder survey and consultation were “proximity to the City and airport”; “friendly neighbours”; “single storey worker’s cottages and row houses”; “industrial warehouses and factory character” “community spirit” and “trees and parks”.

## SHARED COMMUNITY VALUES

As a result of Council’s review of the material gathered in the consultation process, shared community values have been developed as a framework for the long-term revitalisation of City South. Below is a snapshot of the values and aspirations and some suggested ideas reflecting them.

*“I know the majority of people in my street to at least say hello to, if not by name... nearly everyone says hello.”*

- The Community Voice

Shared Values	Actions
<p><b>Embrace the “social mix”</b>  <i>“There is a residual sense of community - in part an echo of an earlier era when most of the people of the area knew each other.”</i>  <i>“The mix of people and cultures – a visit to the local supermarket is never boring.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve places for people to meet and engage in community life</li> <li>• Planned program of local events – such as the Greek Food Festival, Rosebery Festival and Danks Street artists’ market</li> </ul>
<p><b>Celebrate workers’ cottages and historic industrial character</b>  <i>“Rosebery was built as a garden suburb and it is important that it be maintained.”</i>  <i>“I like the mixed usage character of warehouses and industry. Very cute old workers cottages give a nice landscape.”</i>  <i>It is historically and still is an industrial area”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the industrial character remains and that old warehouses are kept and converted to new uses</li> <li>• Retain the heritage landmarks like the brick kiln at Sydney Park</li> <li>• Identify and promote other historic places as a walking tour</li> <li>• Mentmore Film Studio and Woollahra Incinerator are industrial heritage landmarks of interest.</li> </ul>
<p><b>People before cars and trucks</b>  <i>“Like to see ongoing encouragement of public transport”</i>  <i>“ Reduce the speed limit of Botany Road to 50 kph”</i>  <i>“Tame the trucks on Botany Road” “</i>  <i>“Access to regular public transport outside business hours, especially on the weekend”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve pedestrian and cycling connections across the south to recreation and shopping areas</li> <li>• Improve bus services and community transport services, including light rail</li> <li>• Local speed limits, truck controls and streetscape upgrades for major roads</li> <li>• Community-based walking tours of the south and its attractions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Leafy streets, parks and reserves</b>  <i>“Alexandria Park, has large trees surrounding it, offers peace, quiet and a pleasing secured outlook in the middle of the city</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community recreation and facilities improvements</li> <li>• Street tree-planting program</li> <li>• Adopt your street/laneway</li> <li>• Expand and improve parklands, including native tree plantings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Friendly neighbours</b>  <i>“The small community feel is great.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community to have a say in local projects</li> <li>• Create community information exchange</li> <li>• Programs and facilities for young people</li> </ul>

## SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITIES OF CITY SOUTH

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Here are some of your local community's suggested projects for community building and revitalising the villages of Alexandria and St Peters, Green Square, Rosebery, Beaconsfield and Zetland.

### **Priority projects: pathways and access to improved recreational facilities.**

Council consultation with the communities of City South identified open space as the most valuable aspect of the area. Residents also expressed a distinct desire to enhance access and links between the parks, recreation facilities and major destinations.

To turn that desire into reality the City will investigate, plan and build a growing network of pathways as well as enhance existing routes. Over a four year period the City will commence a series of projects to establish clearer and more sustained travel routes to Sydney Park, Perry Park, Erskineville Oval, Redfern Park, Waterloo Skate Park and youth centre, Redfern Community Centre, Alexandria Basketball Stadium, Victoria Park, Prince Alfred Park and ES Marks Athletic Track, as well as to the facilities provided by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.

The network of safe walking and cycling paths will improve the neighbourhood by providing separation from the heavy transport of the roadways of the industrial south. It will link places for sport, leisure and recreation as well as provide better links to Central Station, Broadway and the CBD.

There will be a concentration on safety and amenity, with an accent on planting trees and installing new lighting, seating and more pedestrian and cycle-friendly crossings along this network.

The network will be designed in parallel with medium to longer term links that will be formed as part of the Green Square urban development and its major destination points such as the Southern Area Pool and Leisure Centre.

The City is planning to deliver this leisure centre – which will cater for all ages as a place for meeting friends, family and neighbours, for fitness, relaxation and therapy – in the medium term.

The network will also be designed in consideration of the longer term Alexandra Canal Connections project that has been under consideration for some time. The City believes the Canal Connections project - which envisions cycle and walking paths linking the surrounding communities to the new Aquatic Leisure Centre and beyond - can be produced in stages over an 8 to 10 year period.

Progressive changes will include safe, accessible, well lit pedestrian and cycle links, possibly public art to reflect the industrial history of the area, tree planting, park improvements and the establishment of park and waterside cafés.

*“Peaceful, pretty wide streets;  
I feel very safe in Rosebery”*

- The Community Voice

*“Weekends are quiet here  
because the industrial work places  
are all closed.”*

- The Community Voice

## Other Projects Suggested By Your Community

Many ideas and suggestions came from the community and Council is responding with suggested projects reflecting your values and aspirations.

- **Perry Park, Maddox Street, Alexandria Sports Park** – unlocking the full potential of Perry Park as an active sports area with expanded facilities.
- **Erskineville Park, multi- purpose use** – further work to create a regional recreation precinct with circuit tracks and sports facilities, as well as places for barbeques and passive recreation.
- **A tree planting program for the streets of the suburbs of the south** – continuing the theme of natural planting of eucalypts, hill figs, paper barks and melaleucas.
- **Lighting the parks** – improved amenity, safety and maintenance for neighbourhood parks.
- **Community cultural program in the parks** – a festival celebrating the diversity of local culture, middle eastern and Greek culture and a regular fresh food farmers’ market.
- **Industrial heritage as public art** – a project to identify landmark industrial buildings and sites for adaptive re-use, public lighting or improvements such as external painting to create distinctive industrial markers.
- **Botany Road improvements project** – urban design improvements including tree planting, improved access, parking review and better pedestrian crossings.
- **City South – Green Square precinct community information exchange** - improved access to community services information. What’s on? Where is it? Where to find services? Install community notice boards as a way to promote community events and arts, sport and cultural programs.
- **Green Square safe streets program** – improved safe access pedestrian crossing and traffic management at a series of local hotspots including Rosebery/Epson Street round about, the Green Square Station at Botany Road, the intersection of Primrose and Hayes streets, Beaconsfield Street/William and Collins Street.

## Short, Medium and Long Term Schedule

The tables below provide a snapshot of the priority list of requests received from the community and how and when the City aims to undertake the various projects.

The timelines are:

- Short Term – now to 2008
- Medium Term – 2008 to 2009
- Longer Term – 2010 and beyond

## THE PLAN

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
1	<b>A new pool and leisure centre at Green Square</b>	<p>Deliver an integrated major project – the Southern Area Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Green Square, creating a hub for Green Square and the south. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– New pools</li> <li>– A community centre with meeting rooms</li> <li>– Facilities and programs for young people</li> <li>– Sports courts and sports fields</li> <li>– A place to build the identity of Green Square as a progressive, moving ahead, inner urban community</li> <li>– Access for a diverse range of people in the community</li> <li>– A building demonstrating high quality design and sustainability</li> <li>– Reinstatement of the natural water course and natural planting as a setting</li> </ul>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Medium term</p>	<p>Council is considering options for the development of a pool as part of a leisure precinct at Green Square.</p> <p>Many people asked for these facilities in the household survey.</p> <p>The Social Plan highlights the need for a hydrotherapy pool to support the facility at the Prince of Wales Hospital.</p> <p>The centre would be a major step in establishing the Green Square vision, providing a catalyst for development.</p>

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
2	<b>Improve pathways and cycle paths to connect sporting, recreation, education and shopping areas</b>	<p>Create a partnership stakeholder group to assist in the short to long term delivery of a network of pathways connecting hubs of the South</p> <p>Deliver a number of sub projects, including;</p> <p>Undertaking an urban design study to identify critical connections and sites</p> <p>A lighting, paving, street trees and landscaping strategy for the pathways project</p> <p>Integrate all relevant Council strategies including, cycling, pedestrian and disability access</p> <p>Work with business organisations to develop a strategy to promote the new links and existing park sports facilities</p> <p>Exploring opportunities for creating or optimising local meeting places such as cafes in the parks</p> <p>Signage to provide way-finding and to “brand” the pathways</p> <p>Tree planting and public art strategy celebrating industrial heritage and landmarks</p> <p>Creating stakeholder links with a community involvement as well as land owners and decision makers to develop, promote and deliver the project</p>	Long term	<p>An opportunity exists to expand the use of existing parks and facilities in the South by improving access through a network of walking and cycling trails, providing links from the City, throughout the South and to Botany Bay.</p> <p>The project will seek to celebrate and re-enforce the industrial character and native trees characteristic to the area.</p> <p>Traffic management changes such as exploring clear way restrictions, traffic calming and improved pedestrian crossings will require investigation and support from the State Government and the RTA.</p> <p>The pedestrian access from Alexandria to the University of Sydney will need the support of the Redfern-Waterloo Authority. Cultural events and social needs will be planned in line with of the City of Sydney Cultural Plan and Social Plan.</p> <p>The Canal Connections project envisions cycle and walking links along Alexandra Canal and connections to cycle paths across the area. To be produced in stages over a 10 year period.</p>
3	<b>Revitalise Perry Park for community events and as a sports hub</b>	<p>Undertake a Plan of Management and urban design study to investigate a possible sports field for soccer, possible additional children’s sports facilities, a running circuit, potential for expanded Alexandria basketball stadium, subject to negotiation with the State who have ownership of the park area.</p>	Underway Short to Medium term	<p>Perry Park now houses a basketball stadium but has the potential to be a neighbourhood park to meet the needs of the community for school and community sports competitions.</p> <p>In addition it will be developed to provide an outdoor sports park for local workers.</p> <p>A link exists from Perry Park along Sheas Creek Channel to the head of the Alexandra Canal and proposed Woolsheds Reach Park, before continuing past the stand of historic woolsheds at Bourke Road.</p>

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
4	<b>Improve Harry Noble Park and Erskineville Oval</b>	<p>Develop a new master plan, urban design study and implementation strategy to upgrade Erskineville Oval. Additional facilities could include a new sports fitness circuit, improved passive recreation facilities, children's bike circuit and tree planting.</p> <p>Long term connections to be planned for the Macquarie Goodman's Ashmore Estate residential redevelopment.</p> <p>Removal of visual clutter at Erskineville Oval to improve and re enforce the accessibility of the oval for casual use.</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Long term</p>	<p>Work is now progressing on oval improvements. The grandstand changing rooms and training facilities for South's Juniors have been improved. The pitch has improved drainage and a new turf surface. Harry Noble Reserve is to be improved with new paths.</p> <p>Council recognises Harry Noble Reserve is a well loved and used park for children's recreation and "walking the dog."</p> <p>Council will investigate improvements to enhance casual recreation such as exercise stations and a walking circuit.</p>
5	<b>A street tree planting program for the streets of Alexandria and St Peters, and remove untidy street planting</b>	<p>Implement an area-wide tree planting program to green the streets.</p> <p>Upgrade landscaping in traffic islands, planter boxes and public domain garden beds as part of streetscape upgrades in the area.</p> <p>Plant native species – eucalypts, hill figs, paper barks and melaleucas - in accordance with the City's adopted Street Tree Master Plan.</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>Underway</p>	<p>743 new street trees were planted across the City in 2005. Double this number of trees were planted in the 2006, with close to 1770 planted.</p> <p>Major streetscape planting projects are continuing with traffic island and footpath verge plantings.</p>

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6	<b>Develop the existing brand potential for Alexandria and St Peters as a neighbourhood with industrial character</b>	<p>Council will work with the community to support and build the cultural identity of Alexandria and Waterloo as the neighbourhoods of the key economic industrial zone of the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney's Global Arc.</p> <p>Undertake a branding and signage project to symbolise and celebrate unique identity of the area as part of the pathways and connections project.</p> <p>Identify key landmark industrial sites and buildings for lighting and painting to highlight the buildings.</p> <p>Work with new galleries in Danks Street to establish and promote opportunities to celebrate the area's industrial past and future.</p> <p>Explore opportunities for painting or lighting land mark and industrial heritage buildings – following the approach taken with the Miller's Storage Warehouse on McEvoy Street</p>	Medium term	City is planning a Branding and Public Art Strategy focussing on celebrating the important role of the area and its industrial architecture, factories and warehouses.
7	<b>Encourage cafes in Perry Park and at Erskineville Oval</b>	Undertake urban design studies of the parks.	Short term Underway	Consider as part of the park's Plans of Management.
8	<b>Develop walking trails with features like public art and cultural and heritage information on route</b>	<p>Promote heritage grants scheme.</p> <p>Consult with building owners and community.</p> <p>Develop area wide project of community based walking tours as a community event.</p>	Short term Underway	Planning for this project to begin with direct community involvement and to focus on a program that tells the stories of the people and the place. Project could build on the model project known as "Marking Time" undertaken by the Redfern Community Centre.
9	<b>Protect and celebrate important landmark industrial heritage buildings</b>	Develop as part of public art program and heritage lighting program.	Short term Underway	<p>Council introduced a new heritage grants program in 2006.</p> <p>Council to work with the community on programs and projects to celebrate and identify heritage landmarks of the South.</p>

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10	<b>Improve Botany Road and plant more trees</b>	<p>Deliver improvements to upgrade the amenity of Botany Road.</p> <p>Undertake an urban design study of Botany Road to deliver improvements including tree planting, traffic calming and buffers, kerbside and footpath improvements, pedestrian access and crossing review, parking and clearway management..</p>	<p>Short to Medium term</p>	<p>Council's Local Area Traffic Management Plan will consider steps for traffic calming in relation to the urban design study of Botany Road.</p> <p>Council will work with the RTA and the state on delivering improvements to Botany Road.</p>
11	<b>Improve the lighting of footpaths so it is safe to walk in Alexandria and St Peters</b>	<p>Implement Council's Exterior Lighting Strategy and Safe City Strategy after identification of areas of need.</p>	<p>Short to Medium term</p> <p>Underway</p>	<p>Sydney Lights - a program of installing safety lighting along thoroughfares and in shopping precincts - is now underway in the LGA. Council will work with the local community and police to identify hotspots that need improved lighting.</p>
12	<b>Slow down traffic, improve footpaths and crossings throughout Alexandria, St Peters, Rosebery and Zetland</b>	<p>Implement Council's Local Area Traffic Management Plan.</p> <p>Develop and implement a more intense program for improving roads, footpaths and pedestrian crossings.</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>Underway</p>	<p>Council is now delivering a \$20 million program to repair and replace footpath and road pavements across the City.</p> <p>Zetland Traffic study has been undertaken</p> <p>Council is advocating to RTA to lower traffic speeds in trouble spots.</p>
13	<b>Establish more bicycle paths and pedestrian paths to Central Station, Sydney University and the CBD from Green Square</b>	<p>Implement as part of the City's Cycle Strategy.</p> <p>Advocate to the Redfern-Waterloo Authority for these vital links.</p> <p>Review as part of Local Area Traffic Management Plan and Pedestrian Strategy.</p> <p>Council to work with the RTA and the RWA to seek links across Australian Technology Park.</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing on McEvoy Street near Botany Road to be investigated.</p>	<p>Short to Medium term</p> <p>Underway</p>	<p>Council has endorsed the City's Draft Cycle Strategy for public exhibition. The strategy sets out the City's commitment to improve cycling over the next 10 years.</p> <p>City supports improved pedestrian connections from Green Square across through the Alexandria Canal network, through Alexandria to the Australian Technology Park and on to Sydney University, Broadway, central Station and the CBD.</p>

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14	<b>Safer and quieter streets across the area</b>	<p>Implement strategies to quieten residential streets as part of local area traffic management planning.</p> <p>Council with the RTA to investigate strategies for traffic calming for Loveridge Street, Power Avenue and Brennan Street, now used to bypass main roads and lights.</p> <p>Deliver improved pedestrian crossings along Botany Road and at the Rosebery/Epsom roundabout.</p> <p>Investigate strategies for traffic calming at Primrose/Hayes intersection and Beaconsfield Street and William and Collins Streets, which are now used to bypass main roads and lights.</p>	Medium to Long term	<p>Council will consult with local residents about quieter neighbourhood streets.</p> <p>Council has advocated to the RTA and the speed on Erskineville Road has been lowered to 50 KPH and Copeland Street is being narrowed to slow traffic.</p>
15	<b>Improve street cleaning in Alexandria and St Peters</b>	<p>Council to maintain and monitor improved standards of cleaning.</p> <p>Promote rapid response hotline</p>	Short to Medium term	Council has reviewed cleaning and has introduced improvements and a rapid response across the LGA. Council will encourage the community to support this through community education and by seeking the co-operation of owners, residents and businesses.
16	<b>Remove unwanted graffiti</b>	Promote Council's rapid graffiti removal service.	Short term Underway	Increased community participation in reporting can help the City to provide prompt service.
17	<b>Minimise neighbourhood noise</b>	Establish and enforce new controls to reduce noise levels from commercial garbage collection and short term accommodation.	Short to Medium term Underway	<p>On 15 May 2006 , Council passed a resolution aimed at better preventing short term accommodation in residential units.</p> <p>Council has initiated a policy to control the hours of commercial garbage collection.</p>
18	<b>Improve the lighting of footpaths for safe pedestrian activity in Green Square, Rosebery and Zetland.</b>	<p>Implement Council's Exterior Lighting Strategy and Safe City Strategy after identification of areas of need</p> <p>Council to review lighting in the precinct.</p>	Short to Medium term Underway	A program of installing safety lighting along thoroughfares and in shopping precincts is now underway in the LGA.

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19	<b>Residential parking permits</b>	<p>Monitor requests for parking and identify and resolve problem areas.</p> <p>Develop community transport strategies to address area needs.</p>	Short to Medium term	<p>Requests for improved parking have declined over the past 12 months.</p> <p>Council extended short stay from 2 to 4 hours and increased the number of longer term parking places.</p> <p>New development in Green Square includes appropriate levels of parking encouraging low car use and Council will continue to support this.</p>
20	<b>Improve public transport services and introduce shuttle buses</b>	<p>Provide community transport services to assist people in moving across the city and for accessing health and other essential services.</p> <p>Advocate to the RTA for more 308 bus services at peak times.</p>	Underway Long term	<p>The City plays its part in providing transport infrastructure and advocates strongly for State and Federal governments to fulfil their responsibilities. The vital role of public transport, walking and cycling is promoted in Council's Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The City continues to advocate strongly for the introduction of light rail.</p> <p>Council is aware that fares operating for the Green Square Station are too expensive and not part of the standard system.</p>
21	<b>Improve community safety</b>	<p>Implement Safe City Strategy</p> <p>Pursue safe design through public realm design improvements.</p> <p>Meet regularly with local police to monitor safety issues</p> <p>Promote safe behaviour.</p> <p>Implement Sydney Lights</p>	Short, Medium and Long term	<p>Communication between the community, police and Council is critical to ensure safety problems are identified and addressed. Recommendations in the Redfern- and Waterloo Community Safety Plan are being implemented for Regent Street and adjacent local areas used by the residents of Alexandria and St . Peters.</p> <p>Council continues to work with the local police and community to identify critical issues and implement a range of strategies for improving community safety.</p>
22	<b>Skate park for young people</b>	<p>New skate facilities at Prince Alfred Park, Sydney Park, Redfern Park and Waterloo Park are being provided.</p>	Short to Medium term Underway	<p>Council is implementing a series of skate parks through South Sydney to meet a range of skaters needs.</p> <p>Waterloo Skate Park, opened earlier in the year, has proven very popular with enthusiasts.</p> <p>A "learner's" skate park will be built in Sydney Park.</p>

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23	<b>Native street tree planting program for the local streets</b>	<p>Continue Street Tree Planting Program to green the streets of the South.</p> <p>Develop planting themes to reinforce the character of the area using species local to the area that will attract native birds.</p> <p>Upgrade landscaping in traffic islands, planter boxes and public domain garden beds as part of streetscape upgrades in the area.</p>	Short to Medium term	<p>The City has consulted the community on tree species selection and has subsequently adopted a Street Tree Master plan of the entire LGA.</p> <p>743 new street trees were planted across the City in 2005, with suburbs west of the CBD as one of the priority areas.</p> <p>The 2006 program has more than doubled the number of trees planted with 1,770 trees planted, mainly in the southern area of the City this year.</p> <p>Tree planting and species selection is in accordance with the City's adopted Street Tree Master Plan.</p>
24	<b>Revitalise Sydney Park</b>	<p>Council is committed to a major upgrade of facilities in the 44 hectare Sydney Park as a major regional park.</p> <p>Improvements will include:</p> <p>Upgrading the kiosk</p> <p>New skate board areas</p> <p>A playground for all children, including those with disabilities.</p> <p>Managed off leash areas for dogs</p> <p>Toilets and other community facilities.</p>	Short term	<p>The Master Plan for Sydney Park's revitalisation was adopted by Council in March 2006. A Plan of Management has also been completed and staged improvements to the park are in progress. Work is progressing in consultation with the community and stakeholders. Council plans to use the park as a place for community cultural events for the surrounding communities.</p>
25	<b>Refreshing and revitalisation of Turruwul Park</b>	<p>Improve Turruwul Park by upgrading the oval and park, tree planting and facilities.</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Medium term</p>	<p>Council has approved a range of improvements to Turruwul Park to take place in 2007, and will consult the community about further improvements to Turruwul Park in line with the recommendations of the City's Open Space and Recreation Needs Study.</p>

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26	<b>A new community garden</b>	<p>The City is reviewing the network of community gardens to develop a long term plan and ensure balanced provision across the City.</p> <p>Inform the community about existing community gardens.</p> <p>Increase participation in the community garden category of the City of Sydney's annual garden awards.</p> <p>Investigate a community garden with olive trees and celebrating Mediterranean food in the neighbouring Rosebery and Beaconsfield areas.</p>	Short to Medium term	<p>Council will investigate extending the network of community gardens and parks in the South. A Russian garden and The Luncheon Club Garden are part of the community garden scheme in Redfern.</p> <p>A children's garden is being investigated for the Redfern area.</p>
27	<b>Support responsible pet ownership</b>	<p>Promote equitable and harmonious access to public parks for all.</p> <p>Implement Council's companion Animals Policy once adopted.</p> <p>Install signage program for good manners and management of dogs to ensure clean streets and parks.</p>	Short term Underway	<p>Council has initiated the Companion Animals Policy. This policy promotes responsible pet ownership, particularly in relation to being in control at all times and picking-up of waste, as well as education to the general community about the benefits of pet ownership, including substantial national health savings..</p>
28	<b>Volunteer help for people in need</b>	<p>Liaise with local service providers to seek their partnership in meeting the community need for volunteer help.</p> <p>Promote Council's existing services to the community.</p> <p>Support volunteer services through proving grants.</p>	Short to Medium term	<p>An community service project to generate casual jobs is underway at Waterloo.</p> <p>Council will work with the Department of Housing to identify the needs of the aged for volunteer assistance. The City of Sydney Social Plan adopted in June 2006 has strategies to identify and meet the needs of the community for volunteers and volunteering.</p>

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29	<b>Provide more information and support on healthy, active lifestyles for older people.</b>	<p>Provide information and support on healthy aging and lifestyle through community centres.</p> <p>Provide access to centres for computer training classes, such as Technology Centrea at Waterloo.</p> <p>Provide community bus to transport older people to technology centres and hydrotherapy.</p>	Short to Medium term	<p>Council and other service agencies will work to promote community health education.</p> <p>Council will continue to assess community needs for hydrotherapy when planning the new aquatic centres in Ultimo and Green Square.</p> <p>The City of Sydney Social Plan adopted by Council in June 2006 recommends a number of strategies to support access to technology for the older people in the community.</p>
30	<b>Improve community information exchange for people of Alexandria and St Peters, Rosebery, Zetland, Beaconsfield and Greens Square</b>	<p>Investigate and implement a Community Information Exchange for the City South.</p> <p>Council to set up community noticeboards</p> <p>Investigate new media opportunities and providing wi-fi at community centres</p>	Short to Medium term	This project will be developed as part of a City-wide project to support community building by helping people in the community connect with each other, access local information and promote the City South area..
31	<b>Enable neighbourhood street parties</b>	Streamline and simplify Council's approvals process for street parties.	Medium term	Council to determine policy and checklist for determining approvals for neighbourhood street parties
32	<b>More recreational facilities such as running tracks gym, tennis courts and sports grounds</b>	<p>Identify gaps in community recreation facilities and develop an implementation plan.</p> <p>Identify needs for after-hours services and activities for young people.</p>	<p>Short to Medium term</p> <p>Underway</p>	The City has completed a City-wide Open Space and Recreation Needs Study to identify gaps and projects. As a result, sports facilities improvements are planned for a number of existing and new parks in the South.

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33	<b>Support for the homeless</b>	Continue to provide a range of services and to work with a variety of support groups.	Short term Underway	<p>The City of Sydney has the only dedicated homelessness unit in Australian local government.</p> <p>The City's Homelessness Unit provides a State-wide telephone information and referral service for people who are homeless (Homeless Persons Information Centre).</p> <p>The City also provides a homelessness brokerage program, under contract to the YWCA and, with the Department of Housing, jointly funds a street outreach and support service (I-CHOSS).</p>
34	<b>Arts and crafts classes</b>	<p>Implement the City of Sydney Social Plan.</p> <p>Council provides grants to community groups to meet community need for recreation and gathering.</p> <p>Promote community based activities to the community.</p>	Short term Underway	<p>Recommendations and strategies in the Social Plan to meet community services needs are being implemented City-wide.</p>
35	<b>Involve young people in community decision-making</b>	<p>Continue to establish and support area-based Youth Advisory Committees in local areas and events-based planning committees for special events.</p> <p>Promote membership of the City of Sydney Youth Interagency.</p>	Short term	<p>The City has developed Youth Advisory Committees in local areas to provide young people with the opportunity to express their views on, and contribute to the development of the local community.</p> <p>The City has events-based planning committees for young people's involvement in special events such as Youth Week.</p> <p>Youth interagency enables young people to provide suggestion for programs and school holiday activities.</p> <p>Council could consider a website for young people in the City of Sydney. This could be based on Brisbane City Council's Visible Ink. This provides a forum, information for young people and issues exploration.</p>

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36	<b>Programs and activities for young people</b>	Consider expanding Council's successful "Girlzone program" for girls 10 to 14 to the South.	Underway	Council funds a range of cultural programs for young people in nearby areas, including Earthdance and the Erskineville Youth Arts Intensive at Pact Youth Theatre. Erskineville Youth Program at the Joseph Sargent Centre offers a range of after school cultural programs twice weekly. Pine Street Centre in Chippendale provides a range of youth arts programs.
37	<b>Meeting the recreation needs of young people after hours</b>	Implement City-wide Youth Strategy.	Underway	A City-wide Youth Strategy has been completed and is being implemented.  Council has funded night basketball tournaments in Waterloo from 8 p.m. to midnight.  Through Council's role in the Youth interagency, the City Council supports school holiday programs and activities for young people.
38	<b>Use schools as activity centres out of school hours</b>	Advocate for use of schools such as Alexandria Park Community School Junior Campus for after school activities for children aged 5 to 15.	Underway	Council to play a role in co-coordinating playgroups and information for the community and parents of young children about childcare and activities for children and young people.  On the Move, a program for students transitioning from primary to secondary school, is held at Alexandria Park Community School Junior Campus. Council funds this event.  Council has marked the oval at the school for after school soccer.
39	<b>More shops, cinemas, entertainment and markets</b>	Council through the Green Square Development Control Plan is encouraging shops and services for the area as part of new private development.	Short to Long term	Council is committed to the long term development of Green Square as a vibrant inner City community with a strong economic base. The focus is on providing much needed community facilities.  The development of the aquatic and leisure facility will provide a catalyst to encourage further development in the Town Centre.

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40	A fresh food “farmer’s market” for Green Square	Investigate viable opportunities for markets in the south.	Medium	A City-wide review of street markets has been completed. The review looked at opportunities and the commercial viability for farmer’s markets and artists’ markets across City South.