

CITY POLICY AND ADVOCACY UPDATES



Broadway light rail
Artist impression: spackman mossop michaelis

Strand Arcade
Image: Katherine Griffiths

NEW PLAN FOR SYDNEY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Growing employment by 200,000 jobs by 2036, extending transport connections, transitioning to net zero and creating a diverse, 24-hour economy are all part of our new 10-year plan to keep Sydney at the forefront of the Australian and global economy. The City of Sydney's Economic Development Strategy 2025–2035 extends the City's work to support an innovative, sustainable, inclusive economy. The Strategy includes more than \$540 million directly invested in economic development outcomes, as well as \$100 million in public domain works to support an extended light rail from Broadway and Parramatta Road through to Central and on to Green Square. This strategy will contribute significantly to ensuring Sydney remains the leading innovation and knowledge-based economy in the nation, renowned for its creativity and productivity, with an economy that is robust, resilient, innovative and dynamic. **Consultation feedback on the draft Strategy is currently being reviewed and incorporated for Council's consideration.**

SHARE BIKE REGULATION NEEDED

Share bikes can play an important role in our transport mix, but currently, there are too many on our crowded footpaths. The City of Sydney has no direct power over the provision, regulation, or management of bike share schemes. Additionally, operators do not need permission to operate in our area, or park their bikes on our footpaths and other public spaces. While the City has developed voluntary guidelines and we are working with operators on parking zone trials, without a permit system, penalties can't be imposed on operators. **Transport for NSW is currently developing options for regulating share bikes, and Council has called on the Government to introduce a permit system to cap the number of operators and bikes available and ensure better behaviour.**



Shared bikes
Image: Chris Southwood



Forest Lodge
Image: Adam Hollingworth

OUTDOOR ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS REDUCED

Councils are asked to designate and signpost alcohol free areas to give police the power to confiscate alcohol and prevent antisocial behaviour. No fines are associated with the offence. When restrictions were set to expire at the end of last year, Council commissioned a review and community consultation to determine future action. The review indicated challenges in obtaining robust or reliable evidence to show that alcohol restrictions are effective in preventing anti-social behaviour and that police do have the ability to deal with antisocial behaviour under other law enforcement powers. However, in some areas, there was strong community feedback that the restrictions make people feel safer. We took this into account when determining restrictions, and have cut the number of areas from 428 to 218. **We will monitor the impacts and respond appropriately.**

AND FABULOUS EVENTS IN OUR CITY THIS SUMMER!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AHEAD

Join the Lord Mayor on her annual sleigh ride through the city with Santa and an 80-piece marching band. Visit the iconic Martin Place Christmas tree and sing along with our choirs, have your photo taken with Santa and treat yourself to an ice cream. Enjoy wandering our city streets this festive season. From markets to roving performers, our streets sparkle at Christmas time. Our much-loved concerts will return to Alexandria, Glebe, Pyrmont, Rosebery, Rushcutters Bay and Surry Hills. **Find out more: sydneychristmas.com.au**



Surry Hills Christmas Concert
Image: Katherine Griffiths

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG

Most vantage points for New Year's Eve are free. There will be large crowds, so make sure you plan ahead and arrive early. This year's celebrations begin with a smoking ceremony on the harbour, before projections light up the pylons of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. 9pm features our Calling Country fireworks: a celebration of sky, land and sea, presented by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists through music, dance and illustration. At midnight prepare to be dazzled by the world's best fireworks. It's going to be an amazing night for all. **Be prepared as there are road closures, diversions and parking restrictions in place to help people get around safely. Visit sydneynewyearsve.com to plan your night.**



New Year's Eve fireworks
Image: Morris McLennan

USHERING IN THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

Sydney Lunar Festival runs from 29 January to 16 February, celebrating the Year of the Snake. The snake symbolises wisdom, intuition and the transformative power of shape shifting. Sydney Lunar Festival gets bigger every year and has become the largest celebration of the Lunar New Year outside Asia. You can enjoy food markets, traditional and contemporary dance, dragon boat races and more than 80 partner events. **For information visit sydneylunarfestival.com**



Lunar New Year
Artist- Simone Chau. Image: Katherine Griffiths

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NEW CITY COUNCIL ELECTED

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Declaration of the poll
Image: Phoebe Pratt

RESULT OF 2024 ELECTION DECLARED

At the NSW Local Government Election in September, I was re-elected as Lord Mayor alongside three members of my team: Robert Kok, Adam Worling and Jess Miller.

We are grateful for your trust in us to continue the work to ensure our City is the best place to live, work in and visit.

We have been elected to serve alongside: Zann Maxwell and Mitch Wilson (ALP); Lyndon Gannon (LIB); Sylvie Ellsmore and Matthew Thompson (GRN); and Yvonne Weldon (YWI).

I look forward to working with all elected Councillors, regardless of their political background or affiliation.

A collaborative approach ensures we will be able to continue work on our shared priorities and ensure stable management of Council business.

During my previous terms on Council most motions were passed unanimously, and I'm very hopeful that a collaborative environment will continue.

At our first meeting, we elected Zann Maxwell Deputy Lord Mayor, and shared leadership of committees and advisory panels among all other Councillors.

Despite the breadth of political spectrum on Council and a sometimes-bruising election campaign, it's clear we all share the desire for an economically, culturally, environmentally and socially sustainable city.

All Councillors have voiced a commitment to addressing housing challenges, breathing new life into our nighttime economy and supporting our community with world-class infrastructure and services.

I'm hopeful we can work together to achieve these aims and ensure the City of Sydney continues to thrive.

Projects planned for this term include:

- Progressing our \$2.2 billion infrastructure program
- Meeting the State Government's new housing targets while continuing to contribute to the delivery of more affordable homes than any other council
- Addressing accelerating climate change, and pursuing our ambitious emissions reduction and tree canopy targets
- Completing the renewal and revitalisation of Oxford Street and Chinatown
- Returning 20 hectares of Moore Park Golf Course and Wentworth Park

Greyhound Track to public parkland
– Completing important connections in the bike network

– Introducing Special Entertainment Precinct status to our late-night trading areas

– Securing new affordable cultural space by establishing a Creative Land Trust

– Progressing our 9km harbour walk celebrating First Nations culture and heritage

– Securing mass transit to Green Square.

Importantly, we will work to achieve a high standard of service delivery and keep our residential rates among the lowest in Sydney.

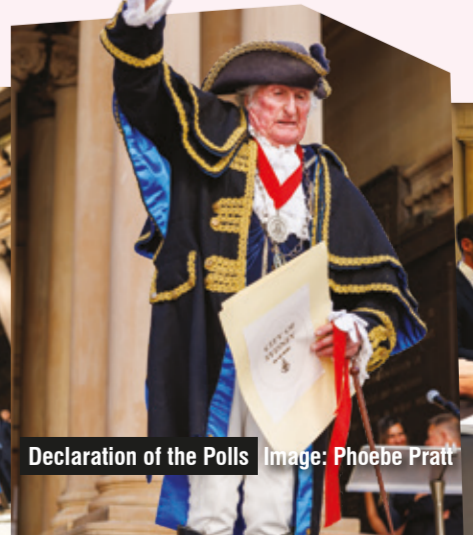
The issues exacerbated by Covid, as well as recent global trends and cost of living pressures, make our work challenging and more critical than ever.

I am energised to meet the challenges facing our City, and I'm excited to take our work to the next level.

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney
Clover Moore AO



Smoking Ceremony
Image: Nick Langley



Declaration of the Polls
Image: Phoebe Pratt



Extraordinary Council Meeting
Image: Nick Langley

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Consistent sound financial management has enabled the City to provide and expand quality city services and forward plan a \$2.2 billion investment in award-winning infrastructure, community facilities, beautiful parks and joyful playgrounds, new transport options and sustainability measures.

PROJECTS RECENTLY UPDATED



Woolloomooloo Playground Images: Nick Langley

WOOLLOOMOOLOO PLAYGROUND

The upgraded Woolloomooloo Playground features a giant spinning hamster wheel specifically requested by local kids, new shading, a climbing net and slides, swings, a multi-user see-saw, springer, monkey bars, a rock-climbing structure and nature play. We retained the lawn and created better connections between the playground and barbecue, with more seating, landscaping, lighting and paths. The basketball and tennis courts have been recoated and repainted.



MCKEE STREET RESERVE

We have completed our improvements to this much-loved park in Ultimo, including softfall and a shade sail for the upgraded playground, a swing and merry-go-round, a play structure for toddlers, a slide, deck platform and climbing wall. We built an open, paved plaza with more seating, tables and a barbecue and upgraded lighting. These are practical and aesthetic improvements that will make it better for play, rest and relaxation.



PERRY PARK MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS FIELD

In 2021 we delivered a \$15 million upgrade of Perry Park with four indoor sports courts. We have now completed a further \$11 million transformation, including a new outdoor synthetic pitch that meets FIFA requirements and can also accommodate team training for sports such as touch football, Oztag, rugby league and union, and hockey. Improvements include new park lighting, fencing and some parking, as well as sportsfield lighting further boosting playable hours. The new amenities pavilion provides accessible toilets, change rooms with showers, storage areas and covered areas for spectators. We have also provided an open lawn area for passive recreation.



PYRMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our multi-million dollar refurbishment of the Pyrmont Community Centre is nearly complete. The project refurbished the 1890s heritage building and built a new two-storey building next door.

The new works include a 60 square metre community room with a lift for better accessibility, and an expanded gym, accessed via a new entry foyer. There will be modern amenities on the ground and first floors, and the existing main hall, community room and library link have been upgraded, with improved outside school hours care facilities and play equipment.

Site inspection with city staff, Vaughan Hudy of Belmadar and Andrew Short of Welsh Major Image: Nick Langley

COMING SOON



Victoria Park Pool Image: Katherine Griffiths

FUTURE-PROOFING OUR POOLS

Tackling climate change remains a top priority for the City, and transitioning away from ageing gas pool heating systems is an important way we're cutting emissions. We are making these upgrades during essential maintenance. Victoria Park Pool was temporarily closed until mid-October to make the move to 100% renewable electricity. We also resurfaced the toddler pool, improved the air conditioning and upgraded the customer service counter. Andrew (Boy) Charlton will remain closed until next year as it requires significant works on the pool's concrete and steel structure and re-tiling the pools.

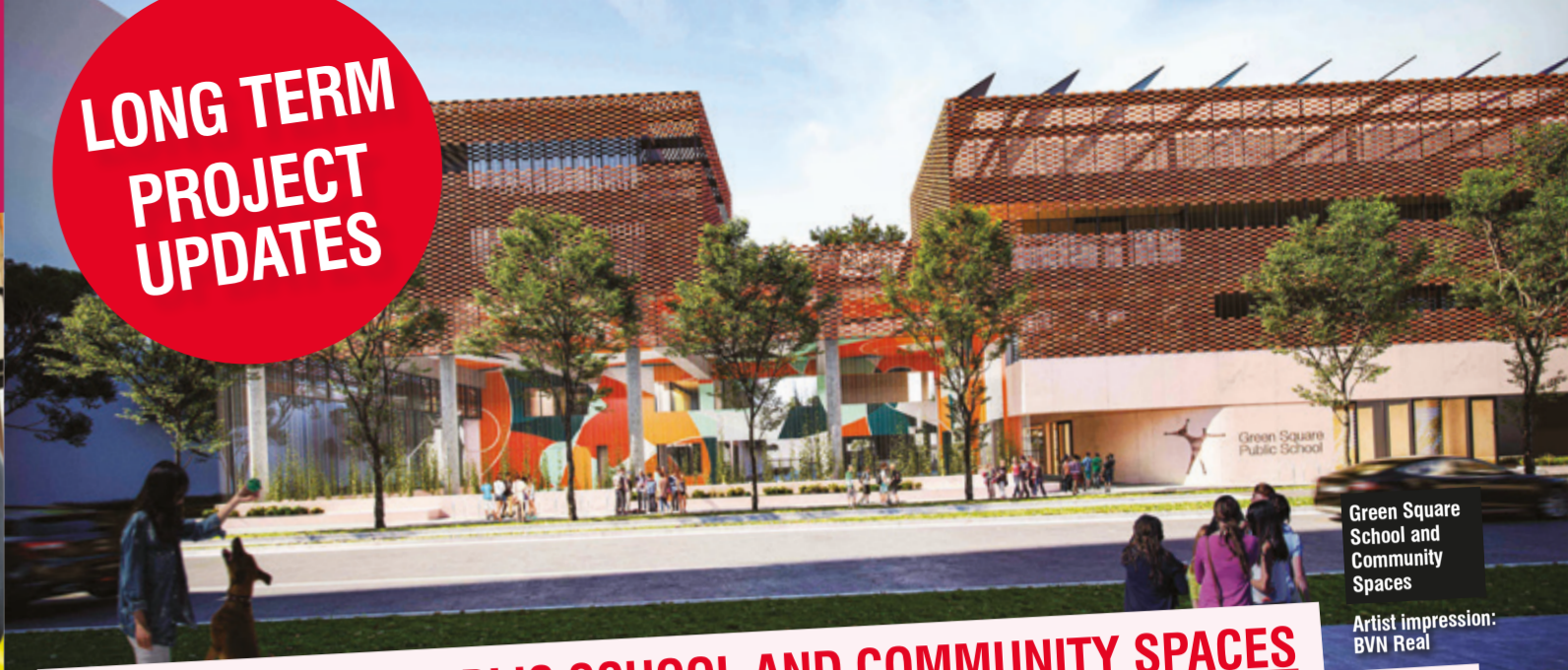


BASKETBALL STADIUM ROOF UPGRADE

The entire Alexandria Basketball Stadium roof is in urgent need of replacement due to severe structural damage that causes substantial leaks during heavy rain. While this isn't the City's building, Council committed \$250,000 to fund the roof works as the stadium is a critical public asset that services our local sport and recreation infrastructure targets.

Stadium roof, soon to be replaced Image: City of Sydney Basketball Association

LONG TERM PROJECT UPDATES



GREEN SQUARE PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SPACES

The Green Square School project was recently "topped out", a milestone that represents the highest point in construction. The site will open next year and provide contemporary educational facilities for 600 students as well as essential community spaces. The site facilities include a large hall with a removable stage, a flexible large event room with a sprung timber floor, a multipurpose sports court, and a courtyard. Two additional community spaces that can seat 80 people at tables, with separate accesses from Zetland Avenue, will be available to hire for meetings, classes and other activities.

Green Square School and Community Spaces Artist Impression: BVN Real



CHINATOWN RENEWAL

We have a \$44 million plan to renew the historic Chinatown precinct, which includes a full upgrade of Dixon Street, grants for community-led cultural events, and we have appointed a new City staff coordinator for local business and community collaboration. The work to restore the iconic Chinatown Ceremonial Gates has begun, and we recently asked businesses for expressions of interest to fund "Chef's Gallery" upgrades, relocating food preparation to shopfront windows and bringing the theatre of food preparation to Dixon Street. Individual restaurants and businesses can receive up to \$60,000 in matched funding for renovations that help create an immersive experience for visitors including repair or installation of kitchen preparation windows, renovation of signs and neon lighting.

Proposed revitalisation of all Chinatown precincts Artist Impressions ASPECT Studios



YANANURALA HARBOUR WALK

Yananurala is our new 9km harbour foreshore walk celebrating Indigenous culture and heritage, curated by Emily McDaniel. We recently revealed designs for the first artistic project along the walk. Yuwaalaraay designer Lucy Simpson's installations depict clusters of mud flat oyster forms, once prevalent in the harbour, and will sit at water's edge locations like Yurong (Mrs Macquarie's Point), the Woolloomooloo bay foreshore, Cockle Bay and the headland at Barangaroo. These locations highlight relationships with other key sites across waterways and in the distance. Audio will enhance the experience of being on Country, bringing to life the rich narratives of the harbour, and cultural and social heritage of the sites.

Yuwaalaraay designer Lucy Simpson's oyster installations Artist Impression: Doug and Wolf