

FROM 'HELLHOLE' TO 237 NEW INNER-CITY HOMES!



Artist's impression by BVN

The Central Sydney Planning Committee has unanimously approved the Development Application for the site of the former quarry known as 'Hellhole', and later Council depot, at Wattle and Fig streets, Pyrmont.

This site is well-located next to Blackwattle Bay and Wentworth Park and is served by the light rail, as well as being close to workplaces and educational facilities. It has taken six years of careful planning and negotiations between the City and the developer.

Significantly for locals, a 91-place childcare centre and an indoor recreation centre that includes two basketball courts will be transferred to the City as part of development negotiations, providing needed additional amenity to this growing area. The developers will also contribute \$2.5 million to our Affordable Housing fund and an infrastructure contribution of \$6.1 million.

This development of 237 new homes provides yet another impetus for the NSW Government to remove the greyhound racing from Wentworth Park. The former Government made a commitment to meet the additional open space requirements of the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy by returning it to public use when the Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association's lease expires in 2027. Sign the community petition bit.ly/StopRacingGreyhounds

TEN THOUSAND SUNS: SYDNEY BIENNALE CAPTIVATES

Until 10 June, the 24th Biennale of Sydney, titled Ten Thousand Suns, ignites its transformative power of art across locations including the Art Gallery of NSW, Artspace, Chau Chak Wing Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney Opera House, UNSW Galleries and the former White Bay Power Station. As a long-time sponsor, we have donated \$1.3 million to the development and presentation of the 24th bi-annual event, helping this festival remain free and accessible. Certainly the highlight of this Biennale is the re-opening of the heritage-listed White Bay Power Station for the first time in over a century. Soaring installations breathe new life into this industrial landmark, transforming it into a canvas for contemporary expression. Catch a bus around the corner from Town Hall straight to White Bay. Free family days cater for all ages. Find the full program at biennaleofsydney.art



Biennale art at White Bay Power Station

AND NEW WEEKLY MARKETS AT GREEN SQUARE

Opened late March by the Lord Mayor, every Saturday there are more than 50 stalls selling a range of delicious fresh produce, baked items, gourmet hot foods, fashion and gifts as well as live music and activities for kids. This is helping to foster community and provide new opportunities for small businesses, local organisations and performers. Green Square Plaza is already a vibrant meeting place with its award-winning library at one end and the Drying Green Park at the other. Run by Cambridge Markets, this new weekly event is giving the plaza another focus, and providing locals with a new source of affordable, quality fresh food. See whatson.sydney for details.



New Green Square Markets

GEORGE STREET HONOURED WITH MAJOR AWARD

The transformation of George Street, from a grimy street clogged with noisy, polluting buses to a tree and flower-lined boulevard with quiet and efficient light rail, has been recognised at the Australian Urban Design Awards with the Built Projects – City and Regional Scale award. These national awards recognise contemporary Australian urban design of the highest quality.

From Central Station to Circular Quay there is now more than 20,000 square metres of high-quality urban space with granite-paved footpaths, modern street furniture, new lighting, and interesting laneways. The boulevard is now home to high-grain businesses like Paspaley, Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Burberry, Ernst and Young and Salesforce to name a few, all proud to boast a George Street address.

Most importantly there are people everywhere – sitting or walking, shopping or sipping coffee, conversing with colleagues or friends. It is one of our City's finest achievements.



A transformed George Street

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A major award for the pedestrianisation of George Street! (see back page)

FIND YOUR ZEN IN THE CITY WITH FREE YOGA



180 George Street Daniel Boyd artwork and Sir David Adjaye community and cultural building

Our latest community space is at 180 George Street, around the corner from Circular Quay. You can attend tai-chi, yoga and pilates classes before work or during your lunch break in this beautiful building, designed by Sir David Adjaye. Classes run for one hour and must be booked ahead of time – visit whatson.sydney/180-george to secure your space!



...OR ENJOY A MEAL IN GEORGE STREET'S NEWEST LANEWAYS

Set between two of the city's most iconic streets, George and Pitt, Sydney Place at 180 George Street is now a bustling network of cafes, bars, restaurants and boutiques. Grab a bite to eat, sit underneath the stunning soaring Daniel Boyd-designed canopy or meet friends for an after-work drink. The new public square and network of laneways was made possible through complex negotiations led by our Director of City Planning, Development & Transport, Graham Jahn, and his team. It involved land and buildings in multiple ownerships, including the City, and with different developers. The resulting public benefit has been the new plaza off George Street with the Daniel Boyd canopy, a new church-like community space designed by Sir David Adjaye, leading to a network of vibrant laneways connecting George and Pitt streets. Catch the light rail down the George Street boulevard, and enjoy these new, exciting spaces!



New laneway dining between George and Pitt streets

OUR PROGRESS ON CLIMATE ACTION...

In May I opened Sydney's first Climate Action Week which was organised by the Greenhouse Tech Hub and inspired by London and New York. The City is a major supporter of Greenhouse and Climate Action Week because action on climate change is our highest priority.

We want to push the commercialisation of innovative solutions to climate change; increase the success rates of climate tech startups with Australian intellectual property, and assist climate tech startups to reach overseas markets and attract investment. *This is good for the planet, good for people, and good for business.*

Cities generate about 75% of emissions, and for the first time in history, more than half the world's population live in cities, so reducing emissions from major emitters like office buildings, transport and street lights can significantly reduce emissions worldwide.

The City has successful long-term partnerships with building owners and tenants, resulting in massive reductions in emissions.

Our Better Buildings Partnership involving 55% of major commercial buildings across the city has achieved a 95% reduction in emissions.

CitySwitch is our partnership with office tenants that makes up 13% of office space in the city, and 66% have switched to renewable energy.

Our Sustainable Destinations Partnership, with Sydney's well-known cultural and entertainment venues like the Sydney Opera House and more than 53% of hotel rooms including the Hilton, has collectively reduced carbon emissions by 24%.

And our Smart Green Apartments program has delivered more than \$9 million in savings to Owners Corporations who are investing in efficiency improvements and renewables.

Transport is the second highest and fastest growing source of CO2, generating 20% of emissions pre-Covid. The City's commitment to light rail, cycleways and creating a city for walking reduces emissions, provides clean and efficient alternatives to driving, and improves productivity, the economy, and peoples' health.

The City initiated safe separated cycleways, which is a net zero transport choice, despite vociferous opposition. We have delivered 25 kilometres of safe, separated cycleways, so now 10,000 people safely ride to work in the city centre, the equivalent of 10 full trains or 166 full buses.

Street lighting is the largest source of electricity use for Councils. Almost 40% of our electricity is for street lighting.

In 2016, we were the first council in Australia to complete a large scale conversion of our 6,500 street lights to energy efficient LEDs. As a lead council, we partnered with Ausgrid to upgrade a further 10,500 Ausgrid lights to energy saving LED technology. This is the largest single carbon reduction project in the City's history and saves the City and Ausgrid \$2 million a year.

What's next?

We're aiming for net zero emissions in our City by 2035. On the road to achieving this, as a consent authority, we have mandated net zero building standards for new developments by 2026, and our bid to ban gas appliances in new developments is with the State Government for approval. We're electrifying our own operations and installing more EV chargers.

Clover Moore
Clover Moore AO
Lord Mayor of Sydney

PETS AT WORK!

I have long advocated for creating a pet-friendly city to support the integration of pets into our daily lives. We know pets bring many mental and physical health benefits as well as being good companions and much-loved members of our families. So it was a pleasure, along with Alex Greenwicz and Georgia Mitchell from Amazon, to open the tech giant's Australia's Dog Playground at their offices opposite Town Hall. This is an exciting initiative encouraging workers to bring their pets to the office, and I hope other companies will follow. Post-Covid, more flexible workplace options mandate inclusive policies that include welcoming pets into the workplace and allowing pets on public transport, like London and New York.



Daisy, Bessie and Maple at work with their handlers Alex, Clover and Georgia

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THE CITY'S ACTION TO LOWER EMISSIONS...

IN OUR OWN OPERATIONS:



Clover inspecting solar panels on the Sydney Town Hall roof

FIRST TO BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL

We were the first government in Australia to become carbon neutral. This was in 2007 and since July 2020, all of the City's operations have been powered by 100% renewable electricity.



Electric waste collection vehicle

GREENING OUR FLEET

We are transitioning our fleet cars from hybrid to electric. We also have a fully electric truck, three fully electric waste collection buggies and one full electric sweeper machine.

ACROSS THE CITY:



Starting the Oxford Street cycleway

OUR CYCLING REVOLUTION

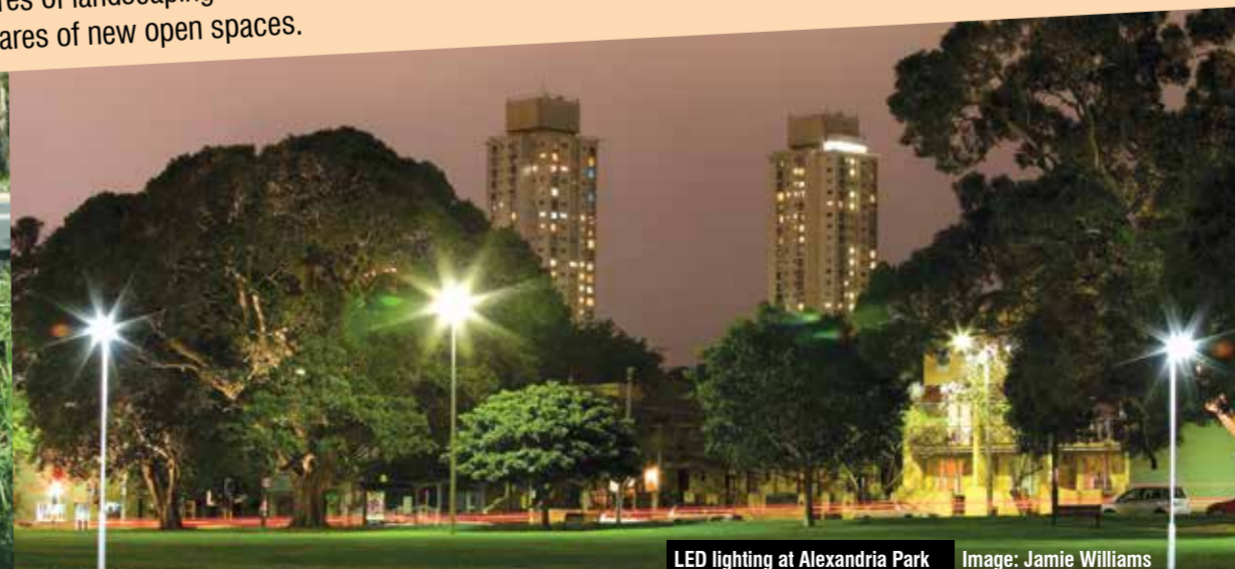
Since 2007 we have delivered 25 kilometres of safe, separated cycleways, 66 kilometres of shared paths and other supporting cycling infrastructure. So now more than 10,000 people can ride safely to work in the city centre, the equivalent of 10 full trains or 166 full buses.



Lyons Road, Camperdown

EXTENDING RECREATIONAL SPACES AND CRITICAL CARBON SINKS

We are the only city in the country to consistently increase our canopy cover over the past decade. We have planted 17,000 street trees and 145,000 metres of landscaping. And we have invested \$474 million to upgrade 143 parks and create 36 new parks, adding over 30.8 hectares of new open spaces.



LED lighting at Alexandria Park Image: Jamie Williams

CONVERTING LIGHTS TO LED

We have now converted all 17,000 of our city, park and street lights to LED. This has reduced electricity consumption by 6,750 megawatt hours and carbon emissions by 6,600 tonnes a year.

IN PARTNERSHIPS:

PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Better Buildings Partnership involves 55% commercial office space in the City of Sydney and has reduced stationary emissions intensity by 95% since 2006. CitySwitch is our partnership with office tenants – with 66% of them switching to renewable energy. And our Sustainable Destinations Partnership, with cultural and entertainment venues like the Sydney Opera House, as well as more than 53% of the local government area's hotels, has collectively reduced carbon emissions by 24% since 2018.

AND INTO THE FUTURE

We have set the ambitious target of net zero emissions LGA-wide by 2035. To help achieve this, last year we mandated net zero building standards so developers must improve the energy efficiency of new office buildings, hotels and retail developments, and achieve net zero from 2026.

We will further electrify our own operations, including our pools, fleet and EV charging opportunities.



Central Park, Broadway Image: David Clare

LORD MAYOR COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE AO



Clover opening Climate Action Week Sydney at Greenhouse

GREENHOUSE AT 180 GEORGE STREET

The City has enabled the establishment of 'Greenhouse', the biggest climate technology hub in Australasia, where innovators, investors, climate action groups, academics and researchers will collaborate on solutions to the world's most serious climate problems.

RECYCLING STORM WATER FOR OUR OWN USE ...

Stormwater is harvested from the Green Square trunk drain and purified in a treatment plant, saving up to 320 million litres of drinking water each year. We installed recycled water pipes in the city centre as part of the light rail project. This means recycled water can be supplied to one of the highest water using areas of our city in the future.

...AND TO GREEN OUR STREETS



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City water treatment plant at Green Square