

2006 Local Action Plan Community Forum Inner West

Camperdown, Chippendale, Darlington, Erskineville,
Eveleigh, Golden Grove, Macdonaldtown and Newtown.

“ The community spirit. Its proximity to the City, Broadway,
the swimming pool, the universities. Its unique style and
culture – there’s no other area like it. Diversity and vibrance...
architecture and trees... an urban island in the City. ”



INVITATION

**You are invited to attend a Community Forum
to discuss your area.**

Feedback will be provided on your community's ideas
and suggestions for improving the services, programs
and facilities within the villages of the Inner West zone.

Monday 25 September
6.00pm–7.00pm, Your issues and concerns
7.00pm–8.30pm, Draft Local Action Plan discussion
Community Hall (rear of Library),
8-10 Brown Street, Newtown

city of villages

Lord Mayor's introduction

2006 Local Action Plan, Inner West



I invite you to a public meeting for the Inner West area. In the first hour you will be able to directly discuss matters affecting your local community with Councillors, the CEO, senior Council officers and local police.

Last year, 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 nine 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 draft Local Action Plan for the Inner West zone, covering Camperdown, Chippendale, Darlington, Erskineville, Eveleigh, Golden Grove, Macdonaldtown and Newtown. It has been developed following extensive

consultation since January through community surveys and studies, plus discussion with resident focus groups, Councillors and many other interested people.

This brochure includes a summary of the draft Inner West Local Action Plan. The full draft is available from Council on request or from our website, www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

To ensure that your values, needs and ideas have been accurately transferred into this draft Plan, it is now available for further comment and input until 26 October.

Once Local Action Plans are complete for all areas of the City, Council will formally adopt the agreed actions into our programs and services. 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

HOW YOU SEE YOUR COMMUNITY

Inner West comprises Camperdown, Chippendale, Darlington, Erskineville, Eveleigh, Golden Grove, Macdonaldtown and Newtown

Camperdown – people appreciate the “heritage and modern architecture” of the area, characterised by a range of old warehouse buildings, terraces and modern apartment buildings. Camperdown enjoys close proximity to the City, a range of services and medical facilities, access to buses, parks and open spaces and easy access to Newtown and Glebe and University of Sydney.

Chippendale – is “close to everything”, work in the City, Chinatown, shops, restaurants, buses and trains. Locals find it “lively and accessible”. Like the Inner West as a whole, Chippendale is home to

a diversity of people and places. Locals enjoy access to Broadway Shopping Centre, Victoria Park and the swimming pool. Heritage buildings line the local streets along side working and converted warehouses. It's a community with a “conservation attitude”, set for more evolution with the development of the Carlton and United Brewery site.

Darlington, Eveleigh, Golden Grove and Macdonaldtown – these four small villages of quiet, tree-lined streets are close to Newtown, Glebe and the City. The local population is diverse but feels a strong sense of community, enjoying the character of its weatherboard housing, local shops and small galleries.

Erskineville – people love the village atmosphere, which has been described by locals as a “small country town minutes to the City and coast”. Erskineville Road, with its friendly “community vibe,” is at the heart of the

village. The “village feel” is reinforced by an abundance of trees, parkland, public transport and proximity to the City centre and Newtown.

Newtown – this diverse, young and vibrant community has undergone a number of transformations since 1862 when it began life as a bourgeois suburb. By the 1900s it was working class, by the 1950s a migrant hub laying the foundations for its contemporary cosmopolitan feel. The 1970s saw more change with Newtown attracting a young, educated, politically and environmentally active population. For decades King Street has been a student mecca and an increasing magnet for gay, lesbian and transgender venues, shops and organisations. Locals say Newtown is “close to everything” and enjoy “its diversity of people” and leafy streets, parks and university buildings and grounds.





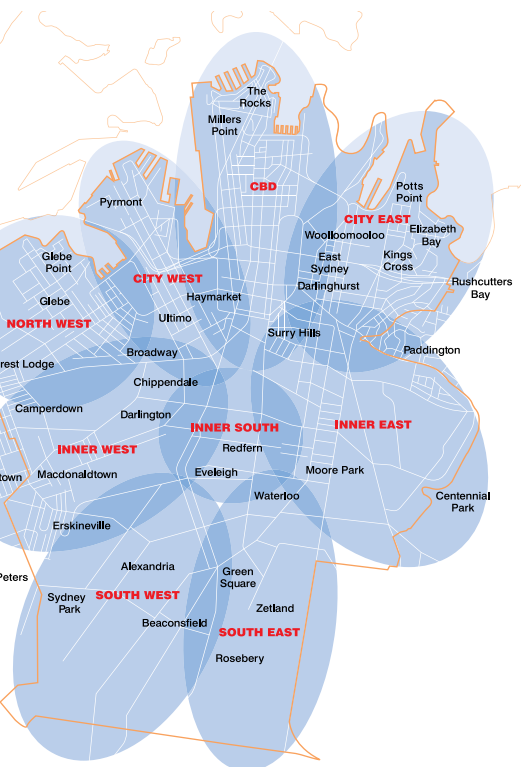
IN CONVERSATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Through a City-wide household survey, focus groups, submissions and workshops, Council gathered information on a range of questions identifying the neighbourhood's unique qualities for protection and enhancement, suggested improvements and recreation needs.

The significant qualities valued by the Inner West community in the householder survey and consultation are "social diversity and tolerance," "vibrancy – never boring," "proximity and walkability," "dog friendly."

Council will deliver in a number of ways:

- Directly through its 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



SHARED COMMUNITY VALUES

As a result of Council's review of the material gathered during the consultation process, shared community values have been developed as a framework for the long-term action for the Inner West. Below is a snapshot of your values, aspirations and some suggested ideas reflecting them.

Celebrating village feel

“ Sense of community and pride. ”

- Revitalising King Street
- Staged footpath, roadway and lighting improvements
- Heritage scheme for building owners
- Main street, shop-front program and streetscape improvements for King Street
- Community gardens
- Adopt a street or laneway
- Enhancement of the network of small parks

People before cars

“ Good public transport, close to the City, close to local shops and facilities and no need to drive much. ”

- Streetscape upgrades to improve pedestrian spaces
- Pedestrian and cycleway programs
- Public transport improvements
- Local speed limits

Green streets and heritage

“ The industrial edge and history should not be lost... old established trees, Victoria Park and the little parks, and tree-lined streets that are beautiful and quiet. ”

- Heritage grants program
- Community green space, infrastructure
- Street tree planting and street park greening program
- Park and street trees in Lyons Road
- Environmental improvement priority

Vibrant community

“ Café culture, art galleries, creative atmosphere – it's vibrant at all hours. ”

- Community spaces
- Community arts and creative projects
- Community health and service projects
- Economic advancement strategies
- Community based "pride" program
- Lighting and pavement improvements
- Dedicated website for the Inner West

Diverse and tolerant

“ Older people and others on low incomes should be assisted to remain in the area. ”

- Youth engagement strategy
- Responsible dog ownership and management programs
- Support of GLBT enterprises, organisations, initiatives

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Priority project: revitalising King Street – the heart of Newtown

Council has already delivered a range of pedestrian and footpath improvements along King Street, including the “Living Colour” floral displays, and will continue a program of staged improvements with a focus on reinforcing the heritage character of King Street.

The still active heritage railway station on King Street is part of a large State Government landholding of tram sheds and retail shop fronts on King Street. A major project opportunity exists to revitalise this land and create a lively commercial, retail, community and residential development around the station. It could link with the University of Sydney and might include a public square and focal gathering place on King Street. Staged improvements to be investigated include:

- footpath widening and enhanced pedestrian crossings to calm traffic
- heritage incentives scheme for building owners, focusing on the restoration of shopfronts, awnings and lighting
- public art programs
- street tree program
- heritage interpretive signage program
- extension of bundling of overhead wiring along King Street
- outdoor cultural events
- water conservation initiatives
- environmentally sustainable solar panel “green street-lighting” improvements

- enhanced special event and market co-ordination
- improved resident parking scheme

Other projects suggested by your community

- **Sydney Park embellishments** – a new direction for the park and communities of Newtown, Erskineville and surrounding suburbs. This will include activities for older children; improving the kiosk and adding a café; a park for dogs to run free; a new playground for children with disabilities and picnic shelters.
- **Victoria Park** – a new playground and paths in the park with a focus on the park as a place for outdoor fitness for students and the broader community.
- **Pedestrian access to Victoria Park** – an investigation of pedestrian links – proposed in the Chippendale Improvement Plan – across busy roads to improve safety and access.
- **Village greens for all** – Council will implement a strategy to revitalise and, where possible, create local parks for rest and relaxation. Immediate plans include spending almost \$2 million to upgrade Hollis Park, Gowrie Street Reserve, Peace Park and Harry Noble Reserve, providing new playgrounds, paths, trees and shrubs.
- **Adopt a street/lane program** – an initiative in partnership with the community to encourage greening, cleaning and community watch in the shared lanes and streets of Newtown, Erskineville, Eveleigh, Chippendale, Golden Grove, Darlington and Macdonaldtown.

Next steps

This brochure provides a summary of the draft Inner West Local Action Plan and invites your further comment. A copy of the full draft is available from the City on request by phoning 92659333, emailing stobrien@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au, or visiting our website at: www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/laps.

The City is already undertaking a number of priority projects in response to community requests during the consultations. The final Local Action Plans will provide Council with clear funding priorities in next year’s Budget

Have your say

Submissions to Inner West Local Action Plan by mail to GPO Box 1591 Sydney 2001 or via email to laps@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

To be received by Wednesday 26 October.

Ring the City Community Relations unit for further information on the Community Forum:

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Callers who are hearing impaired, have a speech or communications impairment may call through the NRS using modem or textphone (TTY) by dialling 133 677.

Community forum

Date: Monday 25 September
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Newtown Library, 8-10 Brown Street, Newtown

Some action already started in response to your input

- Installation of new footpaths is underway in a number of areas.
- More pro-active response system introduced for street cleaning and pick-up of abandoned items, with sweepers and cleaning crews synchronised.
- New tree and garden plantings underway in an array of traffic island and footpath verge locations.
- Stormwater education program rolling out through public exhibition and printed materials.
- Designs drawn up for implementation of cycle and pedestrian access paths from Victoria Park to Prince Alfred Park.
- Council will continue to develop and deliver improvements to the Chippendale precinct through the Chippendale Improvement Project.
- Council is considering public submissions on a draft policy for controlling the collection of commercial garbage.
- Installation of new street and pedestrian lighting