

# BRINGING THE LANEWAYS TO LIFE

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**A more vibrant, liveable, cultural, lively and connected city centre is a key part of the City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision. Revitalising the City's laneways will bring new life and experiences to these unique spaces.**

The City has launched a number of exciting initiatives to encourage and breathe new life into these forgotten spaces. CBD laneways will be reactivated through art and cultural activities, and small businesses such as cafes and bars, specialist retail, fashion or galleries. Each laneway is being individually assessed, to ensure appropriate initiatives that complement the surrounding land uses and businesses.

By providing spaces that are safe, lively and more pedestrian friendly, laneway revitalisation will boost the local economy, through increased local patronage and tourism. Laneways are also unique venues for emerging and established artists to showcase their talents.

While Council has reviewed international and national case studies, the aim is to work closely with local businesses and the arts and entertainment community to achieve a result that is uniquely Sydney.

### **What we're doing**

The City is undertaking five key initiatives to help revitalise the CBD laneways.

- A dedicated laneways and small bar business development officer employed by Council to act as a 'one-stop shop' to provide information for businesses. The officer will assist businesses through the small bar licensing process and manage business development grants.
- Streamlining and mapping information processes such as planning and liquor licensing processes, making it easier for small businesses and bars to establish in laneways.
- A program of capital works providing physical improvements to selected laneways. Designs will be developed for specific laneways, which could include better lighting, better paving, more space for outdoor dining, traffic calming measures to improve access for pedestrians, and opportunities for public art.
- Delivering permanent and temporary art installations and events to enhance the vibrancy and amenity of the City's laneways.
- Engaging with local businesses and property owners to develop shared plans and initiatives to revitalise individual laneways.



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### **How it will work**

The City of Sydney is committed to working closely with and consulting property owners, local business people and the arts community to help revitalise CBD laneways. While the City will take a lead role in laneway initiatives, the creation of a sustainable laneways culture will depend on the willingness of businesses, artists and the community to be involved.

Not every initiative will be applicable to every laneway. Each laneway will benefit from a tailored approach that takes into account the various opportunities and constraints associated with its physical form, planning controls, ownership and private sector interest. We welcome suggestions from the community. Your input will help shape what your laneway becomes.

### **Timing**

Laneway revitalisation is a long term and ongoing process, not a short-term fix. Various initiatives will follow different timetables, as the project evolves. In addition to providing opportunities for consultation and comment, we will be updating you on what's happening as plans progress.

In the meantime, we welcome your ideas, input and suggestions. Please contact Richard Roberts on 02 9265 9928, or [riroberts@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:riroberts@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) for more information.

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### City of Sydney Laneways

The following City laneways have been identified for review:

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|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Reilby Place                  | 26 | Druitt Place      |
| 2  | Bulletin Place                | 27 | Sands Street      |
| 3  | Underwood Street              | 28 | Druitt Lane       |
| 4  | Dalley Street                 | 29 | James Lane        |
| 5  | Margaret Lane                 | 30 | Albion Place      |
| 6  | Bridge Lane                   | 31 | Wilmot Street     |
| 7  | Abercrombie Lane              | 32 | Central Street    |
| 8  | Tank Stream Way               | 33 | Douglass Lane     |
| 9  | Rowe Street                   | 34 | Eagar Lane        |
| 10 | Phillip Lane                  | 35 | Dungate Lane      |
| 11 | Curtin Place                  | 36 | Nithsdale Street  |
| 12 | Hamilton Street               | 37 | Nithsdale Lane    |
| 13 | Little Hunter Street          | 38 | Alberta Street    |
| 14 | Wynyard Lane                  | 39 | Lyons Lane        |
| 15 | York Lane                     | 40 | Foy Lane          |
| 16 | Barrack Lane                  | 41 | Cunningham Street |
| 17 | Ash Street                    | 42 | Kimber Lane       |
| 18 | Angel Place                   | 43 | Parker Lane       |
| 19 | Penfold Place & Hosking Place | 44 | Rawson Lane       |
| 20 | Skittle Lane                  | 45 | Bijou Lane        |
| 21 | Lees Court                    | 46 | Custom House Lane |
| 22 | Temperance Lane               | 47 | Loftus Lane       |
| 23 | Council Place                 |    |                   |
| 24 | Market Row                    |    |                   |
| 25 | Mullins Street                |    |                   |

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