

# 2007 Local Action Plan SYDNEY CBD AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOODS

*“I love the energy of the City –  
the diversity of the City is great, it  
has convenience, community  
feeling, and a sense of history.”*

- CBD Community Voices

Chinatown, Haymarket, The Rocks,  
Dawes Point, Millers Point and Walsh  
Bay

*city of villages*

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# THE VISION

## DELIVERING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

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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. It is to a program that truly reflects the diverse needs of City residents, workers and visitors.

This project grew out of Council's Strategic Plan, adopted in 2005 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 CBD, covering the city and its neighbourhoods; Chinatown, Dawes Point, The Rocks, Haymarket, Millers Point and Walsh Bay. It has been developed following extensive consultation since January 2006 through community surveys and studies, plus discussion with resident focus groups, Councillors and leaders of the property, cultural, tourism and business sectors.

As Council embarks on a vision to shape the City's future development towards the year 2030, that process will explore many of the complex strategic issues raised by community, as well as investigating major urban improvements suggested by the community.

Local Action Plans are now 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.

The major project priorities within the CBD Local Action Plan are being examined further in the 2030 Sydney Vision process that is now underway.

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. Plans have been developed for each of the eight interrelated consultation zones within the City of Sydney Local Government Area, acting as a local framework for the delivery of the City-wide strategy. In addition, Council's 2030 vision will explore strategic directions for Sydney including issues of sustainability, integrated transport and planning for resident and worker population growth.

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 CBD 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).

# INTRODUCTION

## A PLAN FOR A QUALITY URBAN ENVIRONMENT

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*“Much more than design is necessary to make a great city – generating intellectual and cultural life, providing outstanding education, welfare and opportunities for all. Today the most fundamental challenge for making cities great is in environmental sustainability – for the liveability and commerce of our cities will not succeed if they are not sustainable.”*

Ken Maher  
– City of Sydney City Talk Series 2006

The draft CBD Local Action Plan is a series of actions to improve the vibrancy and liveability of the CBD and its residential villages. It is a plan to enrich the City as a place to live, work and play, providing community suggestions for short, medium and long term implementation. Some of the actions in the draft CBD Local Action Plan are already being implemented; others will be prioritised and continue over the next four years.

The Sydney Vision 2030 Project will deliver a strategic vision for a sustainable Sydney of the future. The vision will be delivered over the next 25 years. Sydney Vision 2030 will investigate the long term strategic issues raised by the community in this plan.

Sydney's CBD has an energy and dynamism of its own. Each week day more than 600,000 people are in the CBD of Sydney as workers, shoppers, visitors, students, seekers of services or because they live in one of the villages within the CBD. The City's consultation for the draft CBD Local Action Plan has highlighted many projects to build on the distinct and well-loved character of the City.

The Local Action Plan will deliver a series of projects to bring renewal, vibrancy and liveability. Many of the projects will work together to celebrate Sydney's cultural life and improve the experience of being in the City.

The CBD of Sydney has many roles. It is home to its local residents, a work place, capital City to the residents of metropolitan and regional New South Wales, Australia's first city and first global city. For many of the world's people, Sydney is Australia. It offers a stable financial centre for the Asia Pacific region, a migration destination, an education and cultural centre and is a leading contributor to Australia's Gross Domestic Product.

Consultation for the CBD Local Action Plan was extensive.

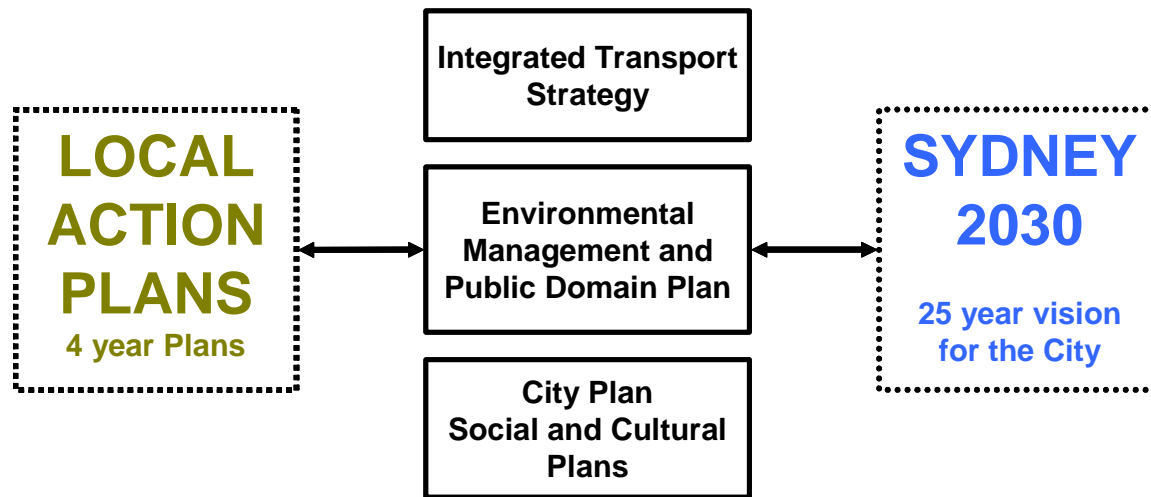
In addition to a city wide householder survey, a series of conversations, focus groups and round tables were held during 2006 with the following groups.

- The Business and Finance Sector
- The Property Sector
- The Cultural Sector
- The Tourism Sector
- The Retail Sector

The community, the cultural, business, tourism and retail sectors are all suggesting an increased focus on the following areas:

1. The quality and liveliness of the public domain
2. A sustainable approach to heritage, building types and land use
3. A better connected City for pedestrians
4. New forms of effective, integrated public transport and minimising car use
5. Support for the global economy and tourism potential of Sydney
6. A vibrant, diverse and enriching cultural and community life

The CBD Local Action Plan contains a series of actions for implementation and further investigation. The actions aim to expand Sydney’s cultural life, improve prosperity and the way the City works and what it offers to those who visit, work and live in it.



## IN CONVERSATION WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOODS OF THE CBD

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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 business communities of the CBD and its neighbourhoods of Dawes Point, The Rocks, Millers Point, Walsh Bay, Chinatown and Haymarket.

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

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

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

The signature qualities valued by the CBD community in the householder survey and consultation are *“Liveable, safe, clean city” “Diversity, accessibility and Inclusiveness” “Celebration of outdoor life” “a sustainable and green city” “a celebration of history, culture and creativity.”*

*“Convenience, community feeling,  
sense of history”*

- CBD Community voice

## SYDNEY: A CITY OF MANY PARTS

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Meeting the diverse needs of all in future planning for Sydney's CBD, requires the CBD Local Action Plan to identify priorities for all its interest groups.

The focus of the City of Sydney's Local Action Plans is on meeting the needs and aspirations of the local people in the villages of Sydney. However, in the CBD the issues are broader. The village neighbourhoods are not only a special place to residents, but also to a far wider group from across Australia and the world. In this plan we focus on the CBD and its neighbourhoods of Chinatown, Dawes Point, The Rocks, Haymarket, Millers Point and Walsh Bay.

*“Most beautiful place in the world to live...”*

- CBD Community Voices

**Cultural leaders called for the City of Sydney to take a lead role in fostering Sydney's arts and cultural life...**

*“It is not just about funding it is a matter of leadership and valuing the contribution of the arts.”*

*“An inspirational statement around culture and commitment to being the smart State is a very worthwhile thing.”*

*“The arts have a strong instrumental value in fostering cultural cohesion and can address social cohesion.”*

*“What is needed is an overall guiding philosophy that captures and directs cultural activity; co-ordinates activities and resources; identifies partnerships; and seizes upon existing opportunities that can be built on”.*

**Business, finance and property leaders have called for the activities and programs of the City to be linked very strongly to a long term vision.**

*“The challenge for the City is to set a long term vision endorsed by the community and business that locks in a direction for the City that can withstand the changes within the political context over time.”*

*“Sydney's greatest challenge is restoring the connections between the CBD and nearby parks and the water. Roads and highways have blocked off ready pedestrian access at most points.”*

*“There is a fantastic return on investment in public art - but from a budgetary point of view you always have to fight for it.”*

**Tourism leaders are calling for a focus on Sydney as a tourist destination, observing Sydney to be the only post Olympic city not to have sustained a growth in tourist visitor numbers.**

*“Sydney needs a focus on tourism with good State and local government co-ordination”.*

*“Leadership from the City in promoting cultural tourism would fill the vacuum at the State level.”*

*“Small steps like improving tourist signage, multi-lingual signs and a visiting journalist program would be a start”.*

*“Council could have a tourism reference group to provide leadership in this area “.*

*“Tourism is important to the economy of Sydney”.*

# PART ONE

## 1.1 THE VILLAGES OF SYDNEY'S CBD

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*“The Rocks is the birth place of Australia.”*

- CBD Community Voices

**The CBD Local Action Plan is a neighbourhood plan for the people who live and work within the inner city area. There are a number of neighbourhoods within the CBD. This is a snapshot of the CBD villages.**

**The CBD** is home to many residents and workers who love its vitality, convenience and distinctive lifestyle. The core residential population is made up of long term city dwellers and many renters, ranging from executives to students. Apartments now dot the City, built in response to changes in the planning controls during the 1990s. Major redevelopment in the CBD's south is transforming previously derelict sites into Australia's most densely populated precinct.

**Chinatown** – originally located in the Rocks, then near Market Street at Darling Harbour – became centred around Dixon Street in the 1920s. Sussex, George, Factory, Goulburn, Little Hay, Pitt, Thomas and Harbour Streets are all now part of Chinatown. Market City, with the old Paddy's Market, is a central meeting place, surrounded by apartment blocks and the Chinese restaurant precinct. UTS is a key landmark and destination. The Garden of Friendship (Chinese Garden) was a gift from China for the Bicentennial, marking Sydney's important place in Australia's relationship with China.

**Haymarket**, once only known for Paddy's Market and theatres, is now an integral part of Chinatown and a place where students gather and live, given its proximity to UTS and the University of Sydney. The residential population continues to grow, making Belmore Park an important neighbourhood green space.

**The Rocks**, site of Australia's first Colonial settlement, is a vibrant pocket of historic homes and lanes, cafes, restaurants, galleries and tourist shops. While resident action in the 1970s helped preserve much of the area's heritage, traditional working-class residents have largely been displaced by offices and retail. The Rocks remains a vibrant and diverse residential and business community, including public housing tenants and homeowners, short-stay tourists and workers passionate about the area.

**Millers Point** also enjoys a mixed and harmonious community with a passion for the area's heritage. It is distinguished by its quiet residential and historical character, housing built from the sandstone of the Argyle Cut, corner pubs and the footings of the Harbour Bridge. On the ridge, old and new terraces stand by new apartments and warehouse style offices. The State Government's planned "Barangaroo" redevelopment of East Darling Harbour dockyards will bring many new residents and workers, adding to the high rise buildings of the past decade, particularly along Kent Street.

**Dawes Point**, a onetime military and naval centre, is home to grand Georgian houses and terraces owned by the Department of Housing. Once used for defence, Observatory Hill is the neighbourhood green space. While the mighty footings of the Harbour Bridge dominate the area, the simple sandstone buildings and stairs, the warehouses and wharves, and the corner pubs reflect the area's valued character and history.

**Walsh Bay**, with the development of the Hickson Road wharves, has become an exciting cultural precinct, with a lively mix of residents, workers and visitors.

## 1.2 SHARED COMMUNITY VALUES

As a result of the City’s review of consultation, shared community values have been developed as a framework for the revitalisation of the CBD. Below is a snapshot of what people in the CBD indicated were their values and aspirations as well as some of the suggested ideas that reflect them.

*“We shouldn’t underestimate the distinctiveness of our City. Sydney does have an identifiable buzz.”*

Small Business Enterprise Voice

Shared Values	Actions
<b>Liveable – safe, clean and quiet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote respect for others</li> <li>• Promote keeping the city clean</li> <li>• Enforce noise controls in all areas</li> </ul>
<b>Celebrate outdoor life in the City</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More intimate, inviting public spaces</li> <li>• More play areas for children</li> <li>• More walkable streets and shared zones</li> <li>• More access to the waterfront for walking</li> <li>• Pockets of open space should be inviting</li> <li>• More seating in City streets</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable and green City</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transport improvements, especially light rail</li> <li>• Improve laneways</li> <li>• Street tree planting and legacy boulevard planting</li> <li>• Park greening program</li> <li>• More and better cycling tracks</li> <li>• Economic and tourism strategies</li> <li>• More motor cycle parking zones</li> <li>• Reduce CBD vehicle traffic</li> </ul>
<b>History, culture and creativity in the City</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community spaces for cultural activities</li> <li>• Promote Sydney’s cultural life and image as a leading City for cultural experiences</li> <li>• Heritage and community interpretation through public art and directional signage and streetscape improvements</li> <li>• Preserve the built form and heritage houses of Millers Point and Dawes Point</li> <li>• Tell the history and stories of early Sydney</li> <li>• Celebrate 75 years of the Harbour Bridge</li> <li>• More art in the city</li> <li>• Establish a major events calendar and group to promote cultural tourism and events</li> <li>• Improved exhibition and convention facilities</li> <li>• Better promotion of Sydney nationally and internationally</li> <li>• Strict controls on heritage sites</li> </ul>
<b>Diversity, accessibility and inclusiveness in the City</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth strategies</li> <li>• Seniors Strategies</li> <li>• Responsible pet ownership and harmonious and equitable access to parks for all</li> <li>• Community health and service projects</li> <li>• Provide meeting places for resident groups and neighbourhood associations and activities</li> <li>• Programs for CBD children</li> <li>• Meet your neighbours</li> <li>• Information exchange</li> </ul>

## 1.3 SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CBD COMMUNITY

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### 1.3.1 RENEWAL - Urban renewal of public places

Renewal of much loved and well used public places emerged as a theme of the CBD Local Action Plan. The community has suggested a number of major projects to renew important public places around the central City, including parks, laneways, squares, streetscapes and the public space around major transport interchanges. Some are already underway.

*“Easy access to shopping, transport, theatres, parks, universities, museums and galleries”*

Chinatown Community Voice

#### PARKS

**Hyde Park** - staged implementation of the completed Hyde Park Plan of Management, based on the 1926 plan of Landscape Architect Norman Weeks, to preserve the park vistas, central spine and open grass areas. A new water feature originally proposed as part of the original design for the War Memorial will be added, sustainable watering systems will drought-proof the park, and an extensive phased tree planting is underway to replace aging and dying trees. Hyde Park will continue to be enlivened by a program of cultural events.

**Belmore Park, Hay Street, Haymarket** - improvements to Belmore Park, as an important green space, within the southern area of the CBD. Possible work includes restoring the rotunda for use as a live music venue in summer, expanding cultural events in the park, improving planting and facilities as well as promoting Belmore Park as a local community gathering place.

**Observatory Hill Park, Upper Fort Street, Millers Point** - work with community groups and local institutions to provide better access and establish Observatory Hill as a neighbourhood gathering place for cultural events, sport and relaxation. A Master Plan for the park will be prepared.

**Lang Park, corner York and Lang Streets, Sydney** - seating, paving, landscape and public art improvements to create a new outdoor living space in the City.

**Pottinger Park East** – improving public amenity, seating and public art.

#### SYDNEY’S OUTDOOR ROOMS

**Build on the experience of Sydney’s urban outdoors and lifestyle** - encourage use of Sydney’s plazas and forecourts as “outdoor rooms”, modelled on active public spaces such as Australia Square plaza, the MLC plaza, World Square plaza, the Barracks forecourt, the Mint courtyard and the Opera House concourse.

**Customs House Forecourt as a major gathering place** - activate the forecourt through a range of strategies including extended café hours, an outdoor screen and expanded program of cultural events.

*“As well as being a tranquil village adjoining a bustling city, it has the uniqueness of an image frozen in the time of early Sydney.”*

Millers Point and Walsh Bay Community Voices

**Renewing Sydney Square** - leading artists and landscape designers will redesign and transform the square, including exploring suggestions for a sustainable water feature, outdoor cafe, art works, cultural performances, seating and a greening and softening of the forecourt between the Town Hall and St Andrew’s Cathedral. The space could be a quiet contemplative space at lunchtime and at others a gathering place for street parades.

**Queens Square** - an urban design concept to renew Queens Square as one of the CBD’s most important historic precincts, along side St James Church and the High Court. The work would focus on sustainable design, greening, storytelling, seating and pathways for walking and cycling.

**St Mary’s Cathedral forecourt** - an urban design concept is being developed by the City for the forecourt to green and enrich the culture and liveliness of the precinct.

## STREETSCAPES AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

**Sydney’s streetscapes** - continuing streetscape improvements, and improving the enjoyment, safety and accessibility of walking and cycling in the CBD. The City is halfway through a four year upgrade program worth \$18.9 million.

**Sydney’s laneways** - develop a series of urban design projects to enliven the laneways in the CBD and to encourage outdoor cafes and bars, artworks, installations, wireless connections, greening and lighting design. Some 20 priority lanes have been identified. Lanes include Bulletin Place, Abercrombie Lane, Albion Lane, Angel Place, Council Lane and Little Hunter Street, off George Street.

**Chinatown improvements** - enliven the main streets around Chinatown to reflect the contemporary culture of Chinatown and review Dixon Street. \$5 million is budgeted over four years, with \$200,000 to be spent on a study over the next year.

**Improved access between Sydney’s historical and cultural centres** - providing effective signage to facilitate pedestrian traffic between Circular Quay, The Rocks and Walsh Bay, and promote greater public access to the Sydney Harbour foreshore.

**Finding your way in the CBD** - create a signage strategy and series of identified walking paths to link key destinations in the City, enhancing people’s knowledge and enjoyment of the spirit of the place. The project would link special places, among them:

- Macquarie Street
- Queens Square
- The St Mary’s Cathedral Forecourt
- Millers Point
- The Walsh Bay Precinct
- Macquarie Place
- Argyle Place
- Observatory Hill and The Rocks
- Custom’s House forecourt
- Hyde Park
- Martin Place
- Central Station and the surrounding parks
- Sydney Square
- First Fleet Park
- The early warehouse factories of Kent Street
- The Tankstream
- The foreshore from Hickson Road to the Opera House and Botanic Gardens

**Connecting and celebrating cultural places** - creating a series of identified walking paths, linking key cultural precincts and destinations to enhance people's knowledge and enjoyment of the City.

The places to be linked include:

- The Art Gallery of NSW
- The Opera House
- Oxford Street Cultural Precinct
- Object Gallery
- The National Art School
- The Mitchell Library
- Museum of Sydney
- The Conservatorium of Music
- The Walsh Bay Cultural Precinct
- The Ultimo education and cultural precinct
- The MCA
- Belvoir Street Theatre
- Carriageworks Theatre

## TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS

**Circular Quay, First Fleet Park and the Custom's House forecourt** - investigate an urban design plan to renew the public space of Circular Quay, Alfred Street Square and First Fleet Park, and to rethink the use of the Custom's House forecourt. A priority will be a new focus on the use of the Custom's House forecourt as an "outdoor room" and meeting place for cultural and sports events. The possible introduction of a large screen and tourist information centre and regular cultural events will be explored.

**Martin Place** - enliven Martin Place as a destination for people to meet in the CBD, with a series of lunchtime parades/music/events and retail marketing as a grand walking and shopping boulevard.

**Central Station precinct, including Belmore Park** - improving the links to and from the CBD's major rail station, as well as enabling surrounding parks to meet contemporary community needs for children's playgrounds, quiet spaces and green spaces.

**Walsh Bay transport** - investigate the potential for light rail and improved public transport for Hickson Road, Walsh Bay, to make the area a sustainable community village, connected to the CBD and beyond.

**Wynyard Station** - improve pedestrian links to and from this busy CBD rail station, with enhanced public space to meet contemporary community needs.

*“I’ve lived my whole life here and I love it.”*

Millers Point and Walsh Bay Community Voices

### 1.3.2 VIBRANCY - a regional destination for business, tourism, retail, education and culture

Vibrancy emerged as an important direction for the City. Many in the community suggested projects in the draft CBD Local Action Plan to add vibrancy and vitality to the City.

The business, tourism and cultural sectors advocate Council take a leadership role in the promotion of the City’s diverse and rich cultural tourism experiences. The suggestions listed below, as ways to contribute to the vibrancy of the City for residents and the wider City community will be investigated and developed.

**Integrated public transport systems** - Council to advocate and work with the State and Federal Governments for improved integrated public transport, with single ticketing systems to support economic growth and liveability. Integrated transport to include bus, train, ferry and light rail services, to ensure Sydney has a future as a sustainable, liveable global City. Two new independent studies commissioned by the City of Sydney identify Castlereagh Street as the preferred route for light rail in the CBD. In conjunction with integrated ticketing and State Government subsidies, this route linking Central Station with Circular Quay would service 10 million passengers and generate revenue of up to \$9 million annually.

**A pedestrian and cycle friendly city with fewer cars** - implement the City Bicycle Strategy and develop walking and pedestrian links across the City from bus and train stations and key activity centres. Review traffic intersections to give priority to pedestrians. Investigate restriction of cars in the CBD. Provide parking for motor cycles and bicycles in and around the CBD.

**Promote walking** - the City’s new Pedestrian Strategy and Action Plan will focus on practical short term and innovative long term change to make walking safer and easier.

**Fostering a rich cultural life and harmonious community**- implement the City’s Social Plan and Cultural Plan to celebrate the diversity and identity of Sydney’s communities. Cultural partnership strategies will enrich Sydney’s reputation as a cultural capital, nationally and internationally.

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**Promote Healthy Lifestyles** - encourage active lifestyles through promoting walking, cycling and recreational activities. Promote the benefits of pet ownership and harmonious and equitable use of the parks in the City.

**Celebrating Sydney’s early history and heritage** – extensive heritage research now underway will strengthen the City’s heritage controls and lead to new opportunities to celebrate and retain the heritage buildings of Sydney’s villages and CBD.

***Cultural leadership*** - provide leadership and opportunities for debate and engagement in the life of the City for all Sydney residents, workers and visitors, through programs like City Talks and events such as Art & About. The City both funds and delivers major cultural events including the Sydney Writer's Festival, the Sydney Festival and the popular Chinese New Year Celebrations.

***Partnerships for City vibrancy*** - new partnerships with the retail, tourism and cultural sectors to add vibrancy to the City, focussed on strategies for creating and promoting Sydney and its villages as places for entertainment and eating out.

### 1.3.3 LIVEABILITY - Neighbourhood improvements

The liveability of the City emerged as an important aspiration for inner City residents. Many suggested neighbourhood improvement projects in the CBD Local Action Plan would improve the experience of the City for everyone. The suggestions listed below in a range of areas including transport, services, culture, safety and local sustainability are suggestions to improve liveability of the City.

*“Heritage buildings and old pubs  
– all the houses should be kept  
and all the cobbled streets.”*

Dawes Point Community Voices

**Sustainable, alternative transport, parking and traffic management** – ongoing research, lobbying and funding for an integrated, effective transport system will be complemented by a range of strategies to review and improve traffic and parking management.

**Improved street cleaning** - review community suggestions to improve street cleaning building on changes already underway. Promote keeping the City clean.

**Better noise control** - enforcement of noise controls to reduce weekend and late night noise. Noise from waste collections is also under review. Council will work with police to prevent drag racing and vehicle noise.

**Providing for neighbourhood needs** - as more people move into the CBD villages there are increasing needs for services that extend beyond business hours. The community is requesting more cafes and restaurants open in the late afternoon, evenings and weekends; more food specialty shops and supermarkets, a public school, a community bus, more activities for seniors, the young and children are all community requests, local doctors and health services.

**Enriching City life** - CBD residents value the liveliness, creativity and interest that cultural events in the City add to urban life. The community in particular enjoy outdoor programs. The City will continue, through a series of programs and policies, to take a leadership role in shaping Sydney as a City with an exceptionally rich cultural life and heritage.

**A safe city** - Council is working with police to improve the safety and perception of safety. The laneways project will improve the safety and lighting of pedestrian streets. The Martin Place project will focus on improving night safety through increased activity after hours. A program extending the city's CCTV cameras is continuing. Council is also working with police to promote crime prevention behaviours.

**Assisting vulnerable members of the Community** - Council adopted a new Social Plan in 2006 and is working with agencies to assist the homeless, and provide strategies and programs for seniors and young people. Council provides after school, weekend and holiday activities. Council is now reviewing community transport to assist local residents with access to services.

**Local sustainability** – the CBD community has proposed a range of initiatives to make the CBD more sustainable at a local level, including broadening its recycling program; more tree planting; roof gardens, community garden access for recycling green waste; green power initiatives and water recycling in public gardens. Initiatives such as these will be pursued through the City's Vision 2030 project.

**More parks, playgrounds, tree planting programs, and greens pace** – the major parks and squares of the CBD were all identified for further tree planting, greening and improved seating and facilities. in the major CBD parks. The community also identified the need for green play areas for children. Council will work with the key cultural institutions to investigate creative play areas near the Australian Museum, the Art Gallery of NSW, and the Museum of Contemporary Arts and in Hyde Park.

## 1.4 CBD AND ITS VILLAGES IN FOCUS

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### SNAPSHOT OF CBD, DAWES POINT, THE ROCKS, MILLERS POINT, WALSH BAY CHINATOWN AND HAYMARKET

**Resident population 22,839** (2006 Census estimate)

**Working population 225,000** (2006 Census estimate)

**Daily CBD-specific shoppers 70,000 = 1,825,000 per month** (City of Sydney estimate)

**Daily visitor population (business, visitors, students, tourists, shoppers) 400,000**

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

One in eight of the working population of metropolitan Sydney works in the CBD. These people and jobs are concentrated in an area one thousandth the size of metropolitan Sydney. The residential population of the CBD, however, accounts for less than half of one per cent of the population of metropolitan Sydney, although this is four times the density of Sydney overall.

The combined density of residents and workers is 40 times the metropolitan average, explaining congestion in the City. In the five years to 2001 there was a 135.6 per cent increase in population. The increase from 2001 to 2006 is estimated to be 39.3 per cent and from 2006 to 2011 to be 17.9 per cent.

#### **Young residents and an increasing number of children**

The most represented age group in CBD residents is in the 20 to 24 year old age group. The CBD has the highest proportion of married people compared to other areas of the City. The number of children in the City has more than doubled and continues to grow. Other major increases are in the 15 to 24 year age group, most likely students, and 50 to 59 year olds, most likely empty nesters enjoying the City's attractions. The CBD resident population has the highest proportion of residents born outside of Australia. It also has a large number of group households, with just under half of households being family households. More than half the residents rent privately, despite the cost of rents being higher than in many other areas. The CBD population is relatively transient, with only one in four people living at the same address as five years ago.

#### **The languages of the CBD**

English is the most spoken language, with Chinese spoken by one in five of the local residents and Indonesian by one in ten.

*“The Rocks is the birth place of  
Australia”*

Dawes Point Community Voices

### **Education**

The CBD has a high proportion of young people who have completed year 12 and one of the highest proportions of people in the Villages of Sydney who are completing a degree. The CBD is the home to the highest proportion of wealthy individuals and households compared to other areas of the City. Finance and insurance provide the second highest industry of occupation in the CBD. Although the CBD attracts so-called ‘high fliers’, the index of disadvantage indicates there is also a significant proportion of people with low incomes, unskilled and with no educational qualifications.

### **Low car ownership and a walking population**

The CBD has the highest proportion of residents who walk to work and the lowest car ownership. The majority of households do not own a car but one in four car owners have more than one car.

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

The CBD is rich in large State-controlled harbour front parks, such as the Botanic Gardens and Darling Harbour, and has a range of smaller parks, grand urban parks, civic spaces, squares and formal gardens. In the near future there will be greater need for playgrounds for an increasing population of young children living in the City.

## PART TWO – THE PLAN

### 2.1 A PLAN FOR A QUALITY URBAN ENVIRONMENT

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#### 2006 CBD LOCAL ACTION PLAN

##### Short, Medium and Long Term Schedule

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

The timelines are:

- Short term/underway – now
- Medium term – 2008 – 2009
- Long term – 2010 and beyond

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
<b>RENEWAL – Urban renewal of public places</b>				
<b>PARKS</b>				
A1	<b>Improve and care for magnificent Hyde Park.</b>	Implement the Hyde Park Plan of Management. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– new water feature originally proposed as part of the original design</li> <li>– sustainable watering systems</li> <li>– extensive phased tree planting to replace aging and dying trees.</li> <li>– cultural events program in the park</li> </ul>	Underway Short to Long term	Staged implementation of the completed Hyde Park Plan of Management - based on the 1926 plan of landscape architect Norman Weeks - to preserve the park vistas, central avenue and open grass areas. Tree replacement has already commenced and projects will continue over the next four years.
A2	<b>Improve Lang Park near York Street as new City public place.</b>	Upgrade the public space with : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– paving</li> <li>– planting</li> <li>– lighting</li> <li>– seating</li> <li>– investigate public art</li> </ul>	Underway	This will add to the City's range of enjoyable public spaces and outdoor rooms. New Planting is already underway.
A3	<b>Better access to Observatory Hill and use as a community park.</b>	Review access to Observatory Hill. Develop and implement a Master Plan for the Park. Coordinate with the National Trust, SHFA and the State Government.	Short, Medium and Long term	Work with community groups and local institutions to develop a Master Plan to establish Observatory Hill as a neighbourhood gathering place for cultural events, temporary installations and markets.
A4	<b>More trees and events in Belmore Park.</b>	Develop and implement further landscape improvements and new uses for Belmore Park including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– improve event infrastructure</li> <li>– expand program of public events in Belmore Park.</li> <li>– restore the rotunda</li> <li>– outdoor café licence</li> <li>– investigate live music program</li> <li>– consider name and branding of park</li> </ul>	Short to Long term	Council has initiated improvements to Belmore Park which is an important connection to Central Station. The Park is a major green space in the Haymarket area and will continue to be a focus for Chinese New Year celebrations and a gathering place for community events and parades.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
<b>SYDNEY'S OUTDOOR ROOMS</b>				
B1	<b>Improving people's experience of Sydney's outdoor places.</b>	Identify the outdoor spaces. Improve and upgrade to improve the experience of users. Promote the Outdoor Rooms of Sydney.	Underway Short to Long term	This long term project will celebrate Sydney as a City of outdoor rooms for meeting and gathering. A series of linked projects will enrich the experience of life in Sydney for workers, residents and visitors. Modelled on projects such as London's 100 Great Places - but promoting Sydney's climate and unique outdoor life in the public domain.
B2	<b>More opportunities for an outdoor lifestyle.</b>	Develop a project to transform uninviting spaces in the CBD to a series of renewed, enjoyable outdoor spaces, building on Sydney's image for "a great outdoor life in the harbour City".	Underway Medium and Long term	Encourage the use of outdoor spaces as "outdoor rooms", through planning controls and design. Spaces such as the Australia Square plaza, the Barracks forecourt, the Mint Courtyard and the Opera House concourse have been identified as successful, well loved outdoor spaces.  Places such as Queens Square, on Macquarie Street, Bulletin Place, near Circular Quay and Sydney Square, along side the Town Hall, to become much loved places.
B3	<b>Customs House forecourt as a key city gathering place for sporting and cultural events.</b>	Activate the forecourt with a range of strategies: – encourage café to extend its hours – investigate placing an outdoor screen in the precinct – expand program of cultural activities	Short, Medium and Long term	A new focus on the use of the forecourt of the Custom's House as an outdoor room and meeting place for cultural and sports events. Investigate the introduction of a large screen and tourist information centre and regular cultural events to be explored as part of the use planning of Circular Quay and the Custom's House forecourt.
B4	<b>Recognise and renew the historic significance of Queens Square.</b>	Develop and Implement an elegant urban design concept for Queens Square to include: – heritage interpretation – lighting – new paving – seating	Short to Medium term	Queens Square - an urban design concept to renew Queens Square as one of the CBD's most important historic precincts. The focus would be to create a forecourt to St James church with a relationship to the Barracks.
B5	<b>Resolve the use of St Mary's Cathedral forecourt.</b>	Develop and implement design and use concepts for this important public place. Promote uses that are respectful to the place. Ensure access for all.	Underway Short term	An urban design concept for St Mary's forecourt which respects the important spirit of the place and is sustainable, green and enriching to the culture and liveliness of Sydney.  Designs have already been approved by Council.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
B6	<b>Macquarie Place, at the corner of Bridge and Loftus Street as a significant outdoor gathering place.</b>	Recognise the successful use of the square as an outdoor room. Provide a high level of cleaning and maintenance	Medium to Long term	\$5 Million is allocated for the restoration of the Obelisque and the project is underway.
B7	<b>Upgrade Richard Johnson Square at the corner of Bligh and Hunter Streets.</b>	Upgrade the public space with : – paving – planting – lighting – seating – investigate public art	Medium to Long term	This will add to the City's range of enjoyable public spaces and outdoor rooms.
B8	<b>Renew and improve the experience of Barracks Street.</b>	Review: – lighting – seating – public art – gateway statement on George Street – encourage outdoor dining	Short to Medium term	Part of Sydney's "Outdoor Rooms" project.  The project would involve consultation with adjoining tenants and landowners.
B9	<b>Renew Regimental Square.</b>	Develop and implement an urban design concept to refresh the paving, seating and to re set the monument in the square.	Short to Medium term	Council is proposing a series of urban design projects to refresh and create intimate inviting spaces in the squares and laneways in the CBD.
B10	<b>Celebrate Argyle Place, The Rocks.</b>	Include as a destination as part of the project to improve signage and walking connections through the City.	Medium to Long term	Argyle Square is one of Sydney's most important civic Square demonstrating convict architecture of the Georgian era of early Sydney.  (SEE B1 and B2 )
<b>STREETSCAPE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS</b>				
C1	<b>Keep improving the Sydney streetscapes</b>	Continue the streetscape improvements in the City to improve the enjoyment, safety and accessibility of walking and cycling the CBD.	Underway	The City is continuing a program of streetscape improvement as a high design standard. More than \$18 million will be spent on streetscape upgrades over four years.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
C2	<b>Reclaim the laneways of the City.</b>	<p>Develop and implement a laneway revitalization strategy to make the laneway more lively, accessible and safe.</p> <p>Review the POPE licences and its impacts.</p> <p>Lanes identified for improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Bulletin Place</li> <li>– Abercrombie Lane</li> <li>– Ash Place Place and Angel Place</li> <li>– Little Hunter Street</li> <li>– Curtain Place</li> <li>– Reiby Lane</li> <li>– Rowe Street and Lees Court</li> <li>– Albion Place</li> <li>– Penfolds and Hosking Lane</li> <li>– Eagar and Douglass Lanes</li> <li>– York Lane</li> <li>– Wynyard Lane</li> <li>– Council Lane</li> <li>– Loftus Lane</li> <li>– Customs House Lane</li> <li>– Tank Stream Lane</li> </ul>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Long term</p>	<p>Live Laneways is a project to enrich the experience of life in the City. The project would involve consultation with adjoining tenants and landowners.</p> <p>Council is proposing a series of projects to enliven the laneways in the CBD and to encourage outdoor cafes and bars, artworks, wireless installations, greening and lighting design.</p>
C3	<b>Ash Place and Angel Place as lively laneways.</b>	<p>Develop and implement improvements to the streetscape of these important laneways, to create an inviting pedestrian environment. Project to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– provide signage to identify the way to Angel Place Recital Hall</li> <li>– give a sense of arrival to the City Recital Hall.</li> <li>– investigate a lighting or sound scape project in the tunnel from Angel Place to Martin Place</li> <li>– improve paving and walking surfaces</li> </ul>	Short term	<p>One of a series of City-wide projects of laneway improvements. The project would involve consultation with adjoining tenants and landowners.</p> <p>As part of improving the vibrancy of Sydney, the City will focus on a range of strategies including tree planting, creating pedestrian environments, reducing traffic where possible, introducing public art, directional signage and interpretive signage.</p>
C4	<b>Improve Abercrombie Lane</b>	<p>Develop and implement improvements to build on the success of the lane as a lively CBD outdoor space.</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– public art</li> <li>– lighting</li> <li>– street furniture</li> <li>– planter boxes</li> </ul>	Short to Medium term	See Above

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
C5	<b>Tank Stream Way as a lively City laneway.</b>	Implement traffic and parking study to investigate ways to improve the space for pedestrians and. Investigate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– reducing on street parking</li> <li>– extending pavement and outdoor dining</li> <li>– new lighting</li> <li>– activate existing building facades</li> <li>– investigate Public art program</li> </ul>	Short to Long term	See Above
C6	<b>Bulletin Place as a new outdoor eating and meeting place.</b>	Develop a pilot project for enlivening this space with music, outdoor dining, cafes and cultural events during the Sydney Festival. Develop the concept in partnership with CBD Cultural institutions and local businesses. Review the POPE Licences and their impacts.	Short to Long term	See Above
C7	<b>Celebrate Macquarie Street.</b>	Develop and implement a lighting master plan for Macquarie Street. Improve pedestrian safety at night	Short to Long term	A lighting Master Plan will enhance the grandeur of Macquarie Street, to further celebrate one of Australia's most important historic streetscapes.
C8	<b>Improve pedestrian connections between the City Centre and western precinct by improving the Kent Street underpass.</b>	Improve public access from Millers Point and Kent Street to CBD. Improve safety and quality of the space	Short Term	Council will implement a series of projects to improve walking connections across the City.
C9	<b>Improve the pedestrian experience in Lime Street</b>	Activate Lime Street by investigating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– encouraging more active street frontage uses</li> <li>– central median tree planting of fig trees</li> </ul>	Short to Long term	Council is limited in ways of activating the street frontages of Lime Street because of the nature of the private development which does not generally provide for active use of the footpaths. The area was developed and is managed by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
C10	<b>Upgrade the Chinatown precinct focusing on Dixon Street as the heart of Chinatown.</b>	Enliven the main streets around Chinatown to reflect the contemporary culture of Chinatown. Elements could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– lighting</li> <li>– tree planting schemes</li> <li>– interpretive art to reflect Chinatown’s heritage</li> <li>– contemporary artwork to reflect Chinatown’s contemporary Chinese culture</li> <li>– paving to incorporate interpretive heritage messaging</li> <li>– street furniture and temporary structures to support events and festivals</li> </ul>	Underway  Short to Long term	Council is working with the local community to identify the needs of the businesses and residents of Chinatown. The City will develop a staged implementation of streetscape improvements in Chinatown with a focus on improved pedestrian links and streetscapes and links to the CBD.  The project would proceed as part of precinct wide planning for Chinatown.  The budget allocates \$5 million over three years for streetscape upgrades in Chinatown.
C11	<b>Provide the Chinese community with a meeting place</b>	Council is now investigating a suitable meeting place or places for members of the Chinese Community.	Underway  Short Term	Council provides meeting places for the use of community groups across the City.
C12	<b>Improve the streetscape around Market City as a central place in Chinatown</b>	Develop and implement improvements to the public space around the entrance to Market City and the surrounding streets to reinforce the forecourt of Market City as a meeting place in Chinatown.  Re-enforce Chinatown’s characteristic theme using planting themes, lighting, paving and street furniture to add to the area’s identity	Underway  Short to Long Term	Strengthen this as a meeting place at this key intersection in Chinatown. The project would proceed as part of precinct wide planning for Chinatown.
C13	<b>Improve and make the streetscape of Harbour Street more pedestrian-friendly.</b>	Undertake local traffic and urban design study for Harbour Street.  Investigate tree-planting and lighting strategy. Investigate potential to reduce one lane of traffic and widen the footpath and remove on street parking.	Underway  Short to Long term	An opportunity exists to promote and encourage outdoor dining on Harbour Street and to improve and encourage the streets use as a pedestrian environment. City will develop a staged implementation of themed streetscape improvements in Chinatown with a focus on improved pedestrian links and streetscapes.  The project would proceed as part of precinct wide planning for Chinatown.
C14	<b>Provide a sense of place and arrival at the forecourt of Sydney’s Exhibition Centre.</b>	Advocate to SHFA to undertake an urban design study to revitalize the entrance to Sydney’s Exhibition Centre.	Underway  Long term	Council to consider the design of this space as part of precinct planning for Chinatown that is already underway.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
C15	<b>Improve the links to the Chinese Gardens.</b>	Improve the pedestrian connections from Chinatown to the Chinese Garden. Promote awareness of the Chinese Garden.	Underway Long term	Council to consider the design of this space as part of precinct planning for Chinatown that is already underway.
C16	<b>Renew the Dixon Street streetscape.</b>	Review of Dixon Street has commenced and changes will be implemented following consultation with the local community.	Underway Short term	Council to consider the design of this space as part of precinct planning for Chinatown that is already underway
C17	<b>Walking links from UTS to the Powerhouse and on to Pymont Point. Investigate the potential for the footpath widening under the Darling Drive fig trees.</b>	Investigate the existing potential for safe walking links. Advocate the need for better walking links to Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority Develop solutions in partnership with Ultimo cultural institutions including the Powerhouse Museum. Improvement would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– creating a pedestrian environments,</li> <li>– separation from traffic,</li> <li>– public art,</li> <li>– lighting,</li> <li>– directional signage.</li> </ul>	Short to Long term	As part of improving the sustainability of Sydney, the City will focus on a range of strategies to improve walking links. The Sydney Connections project would involve consultation with adjoining landowners and tenants.  Investigate potential to reduce one lane of traffic and widen the footpath beneath the canopy of the Darling Drive Fig trees. This walk could form a link from UTS to the monorail station, the Powerhouse and Pymont Point.  Council would need to consider the project as part of local area traffic management planning working with the State Transport Authority, RTA and SHFA.
<b>VIBRANCY – Regional destination for business, tourism, retail, culture and education</b>				
D1	<b>Clean up and upgrade the Circular Quay, and First Fleet Park area.</b>	Work with SHFA to develop a vision for a unified design of the public space, upgrading it in line with the East Circular Quay public domain standards. Council to advocate working with SHFA to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– revitalise First Fleet Park</li> <li>– rationalise signage</li> <li>– new paving to match East Circular Quay</li> <li>– public art</li> <li>– new street furniture</li> </ul>	Short, Medium and Long term	Renew the public space of the Circular Quay, Alfred Street square and First Fleet Park as one of Sydney's leading transport interchanges and tourist destinations. Renewal of Circular Quay and First Fleet Park will require State government commitment.
D2	<b>Better pedestrian links, lighting and greening around the Central Station precinct.</b>	Work with the State Rail on urban design improvements, improved access and connections and signage at Central Station.	Short, Medium and Long term	Renew the public space and connections to and from Central Station as one of Sydney's leading transport interchanges and tourist destinations. This will require State and Local Government leadership.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
D3	<b>Light the archways around Central Station</b>	Implement a public art project to light the archways around Central Station.	Medium term	Council is implementing a City-wide public art strategy. There are a series of archways, road undercarriages and viaducts in the city that offer opportunities to use lighting design to celebrate industrial architecture, improve safety and enliven the city, as has been done successfully in Melbourne, Chicago and Manchester.
D4	<b>Improve the Town Hall Station precinct and make Sydney Square a place to enjoy.</b>	Review existing design concepts and implement improvements to Sydney Square. Coordinate with the Town Hall Precinct Master Plan Coordinate with St Andrew's Church.	Short to Medium Term	The brief would investigate ideas such as a sustainable water feature, outdoor cafe, art works, cultural performances, seating and a greening and softening of the forecourt between the Town Hall and St Andrew's Cathedral. Planning to take into account the needs for connections to the new Metro-Pitt Station.
D5	<b>Celebrate and make Martin Place feel safe.</b>	Work with local retailers and property owners to develop and implement strategies to position develop and promote Martin Place as a grand outdoor shopping and restaurant boulevard. Review upgrading the stage facilities. Maintain access for all.	Short to Long term	Enliven the use of Martin Place as the spot to meet in the CBD. Provide a series of lunchtime events and encourage the retail positioning of Martin Place as Sydney's grand, central walking and shopping boulevard.  Through design and a program of activation, working with property owners, Martin Place might offer the outdoor urban qualities of the Rockefeller Plaza in New York and the Piazza San Marco in Venice.
<b>TRANSPORT</b>				
E1	<b>Provide Sydney with an integrated sustainable public transport system with single ticketing system.</b>	Advocate and work with the State and Federal Governments for improved integrated public transport including bus, train, ferry and light rail services. Review access in the CBD and ensure mobility pathways throughout the City in line with Council's Social Plan.	Underway Short to Long term	Council is advocating to the State and Federal Governments for improved integrated public transport including bus, train, ferry and light rail services to ensure Sydney has a future as a sustainable global City.  Council is reviewing community transport  Council will develop strategy and implementation plan for clean, integrated transport systems for Sydney as part of the Vision 2030 process.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
<b>LEGIBLE CITY</b>				
F1	<b>Make Sydney a walking and cycling City with fewer cars.</b>	<p>Implement the City of Sydney Bicycle Strategy.</p> <p>Continue to promote Cycling in the City</p> <p>Develop accessible walking and pedestrian links across the city from bus, train and ferry stations and key activity centres to make Sydney a green City.</p> <p>Review traffic intersections to give priority to pedestrians.</p> <p>Review access and mobility in the city.</p> <p>Provide parking for motor cycles and bicycles in and around the CBD.</p> <p>Improve amenity and security.</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Long term</p>	<p>The City has completed a city-wide Cycle Strategy. Pedestrian and Access Plans are being completed. Both will be implemented as part of the Council's capital works improvement program.</p> <p>Improve security and the experience of walking safely through the city through a range of planning and design strategies.</p> <p>Council is continuing to review the need for bike and motor cycle parking.</p> <p>Council is developing a strategy and implementation plan for a sustainable walking city for Sydney as part of the Vision 2030 process.</p>
F2	<b>Provide a single, effective, accessible signage system to help people easily find their way in the CBD.</b>	<p>Identify the need for directional signage.</p> <p>Connect key destinations in and across the CBD and celebrate Sydney by implementing a storytelling and signage strategy.</p> <p>Develop and implement a marketing and promotion strategy for the walks and connections.</p> <p>Review ranger's role.</p> <p>Coordinate with state agencies to provide an integrated system that provides improved access and mobility.</p>	<p>Short, Medium and Long term</p>	<p>Sydney Connections is a project to create a series of identified walking paths, linking key destinations in the City of Sydney, enhancing people's knowledge and enjoyment of the spirit of the place.</p> <p>Boston's Freedom Trail, San Francisco's Bay Walks and Chicago's Public Art Trail are possible models for walks in different precincts of the City.</p>
<b>CULTURE AND DIVERSITY</b>				
G1	<b>Identify, connect and promote the cultural precincts, attractions and places of Sydney.</b>	<p>Identify key cultural precincts and major cultural institutions, theatres and galleries in the CBD to profile and celebrate the creativity of Sydney and the city as an international cultural destination.</p> <p>Create a map of the cultural precincts.</p> <p>Develop and implement a marketing and promotion strategy for the walks and cycling connections.</p>	<p>Short to Long term</p>	<p>Creating a series of identified cultural precincts with accessible walking and cycling links as key destinations in the City of Sydney. The project will raise Sydney image as a cultural and creative city. Chicago's Public Art Trail is a model.</p> <p>The project would promote Sydney's Sculpture Walk and link existing and emerging cultural precincts and major institutions including the Oxford Street Cultural Precinct, Hickson Road's Pier 2/3 and the Walsh Bay Performing Arts and Cultural Precinct, the Eveleigh Carriageworks, and the Ultimo Education and Cultural Precinct.</p>

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
G2	<b>Celebrate Sydney as a multicultural, healthy and inclusive community.</b>	Implement the City of Sydney Social Plan adopted by Council in June 2006 to provide services to all interest groups in the community. Implement the City of Sydney's Cultural Plan and Program. Promote Sydney as a healthy city, a place for walking, cycling and a green city.	Underway Short, Medium and Long term	The City is committed to a series of programs and grants to support the celebration of the diversity and identity of the Sydney community, enriching the cultural life and reputation of Sydney as an international cultural capital.
G3	<b>Expand the City's public art program.</b>	Develop an expanded public art program building on Art and About and the City's sculpture walk. Establish a Public Art Forum to advise the City. Investigate further partnerships with the CBD cultural institutions. Investigate ways to support artist studios in disused City owned properties to encourage artists to work in the City of Sydney. Investigate incentives to encourage galleries to locate in the CBD.	Underway Short to Long term	The City of Sydney will develop a series of initiatives to build its reputation as a cultural capital. The City of Sydney Public Art Program will be an important pillar. The City both funds and delivers major cultural events.
G4	<b>Continue and expand Art &amp; About.</b>	Program is well established as an annual spring event. Investigate expansion to all year round program in partnership with leading cultural institutions.	Underway	Council supports an extensive community grants program for community initiated cultural events, such as Facing Glebe. Also many major cultural events, such as the Biennale, Sydney Festival and the Sydney Writers' Festival
<b>TOURISM, EVENTS, EDUCATION</b>				
H1	<b>Establish a tourism/cultural tourism forum.</b>	Develop and implement an economic development strategy which will include a tourism strategy. Investigate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– partnerships and roles of other bodies</li> <li>– retail / tourism promotion links</li> <li>– City ambassadors</li> <li>– Unified signage – links to villages</li> <li>– Increased business visitation</li> </ul>	Short to Medium term	Council is committed to supporting Sydney as a tourist destination and is active in providing grants to major events in the City of Sydney.  The focus will be on improving the tourist experience and redefining and jointly marketing Sydney as a tourism destination.  An expanded role for City ranges as people to provided information to tourist is being implemented.
H2	<b>Promote links between City, industry and higher education.</b>	Economic Development Unit to work on an action plan.	Short to Medium term	City of Sydney to define the relationships and framework and also develop an economic strategy to leverage economic benefit from the institutions in the City.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
<b>LIVEABILITY – Resident requests to improve liveability</b>				
<b>TRANSPORT</b>				
<b>I1</b>	<b>Reduce cars in the CBD.</b>	Investigate as part of 2030 Vision. Advocate for the State to introduce integrated public transport. Maintain access for all.	Short to Long Term Underway	Council will advocate to the State Government for improved public transport services. Council has created a number of small streets as shared zones to encourage pedestrian use of streets. Council is advocating for a light rail service. Community transport services are under review
<b>I2</b>	<b>Introduce light rail in the City</b>	Continue to advocate for light rail.	Short to Long term Underway	Two new independent studies, commissioned by the City of Sydney, identify Castlereagh Street as the preferred route for CBD. In conjunction with integrated ticketing and State government subsidies, this route linking Central Station and Circular Quay could service 10 million passengers and generate up to \$9 Million in annual revenue. This route could half bus travel times in peak periods. At an estimated cost of \$92 million plus contingencies this service could be in place within two years with joint Government funding.
<b>I3</b>	<b>Make Sydney a walking city with major intersections favouring pedestrians.</b>	Develop a program of streets where scramble crossing can be introduced. Set traffic lights to favour pedestrians at peak times for pedestrians such as lunch time and weekends in the CBD.	Short to Long term Underway	A range of strategies will be developed to make the city more pedestrian friendly. The City has completed a City-wide Cycle Strategy. Pedestrian and Access Plans will also be completed. Both will be implemented as part of the Council's capital works improvement program.
<b>I4</b>	<b>Introduce alternative transport solutions.</b>	Community transport services will be reviewed. Council will advocate to the State Government for improved public transport services. Council is advocating for a light rail service.	Short to Long term Underway	Council is committed to encouraging alternative transport solutions. The completed pedestrian and cycle strategies are to encourage and make it easier for people to move across the city. More than \$250,000 will be spent on a cycle link along Kent Street, providing a north-south link to the Harbour Bridge.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
15	<b>Provide motor cycle and bicycle parking in the CBD and its villages</b>	Develop a series of locations for bike and motor cycle parking in the CBD.  Investigate adequate parking and showering facilities in the City.	Short to Long term  Underway	The City has completed a city-wide Cycle Strategy.  <a href="#">The City recently increased the number of all-day exclusive motorbike parking to 405 spaces.</a>
16	<b>Provide more cycle- ways on and off roads.</b>	Implement the city-wide cycle strategy.	Short to Long term  Underway	The City has completed a city-wide Cycle Strategy.
17	<b>Provide more bus services along Hickson Road.</b>	Advocate to State Government for improved services.	Short term  Underway	Community transport services are under review.
18	<b>Introduce light rail and a light rail station in Hickson Road.</b>	Advocate for a public transport and light rail station as part of the East Darling Harbour Redevelopment.  Council is advocating for a West CBD rail alignment as the proposed new rail link in the CBD.  Review community bus service.  Investigate shuttle bus service.	Short to Long term  Underway	The emerging community of residents and workers and visitors to the area as a cultural precinct will benefit from public transport services to provide better links to the CBD, Circular Quay and Central Station.
<b>SERVICES</b>				
J1	<b>Better noise control at entertainment venues on weekends and at night.</b>	Establish and enforce Council's new public drinking policy controls to reduce noise levels where possible.	Short term  Underway	On 15 May 2006, Council passed a resolution aimed at better preventing short term accommodation in residential units.  The City is preparing a Night Trading Development Control Plan (DCP) and the inclusion of Places of Public Entertainment (POPE) provisions is being considered for the DCP.  It will primarily be concerned with managing and regulating a range of potential land use types, specifically including the amenity impacts of POPE proposals and these amenity impacts are primarily noise and numbers of patrons.

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J2	<b>Enforce collection time for commercial garbage collectors.</b>	Establish and enforce new controls to reduce noise levels where possible.	Short term Underway	Council has initiated policy to control the hours of commercial garbage collection.
J3	<b>Enforce noise pollution controls on commercial air-conditioning and other noise.</b>	Establish and enforce new controls to reduce noise levels where possible.	Short term Underway	Council to encourage community to report noise disturbance to enable enforcement.
J4	<b>Prevent drag racing on Hickson Road.</b>	Encourage policing to prevent drag racing in City streets. Install speed humps on Hickson Road. New speed limit for Hickson Road 40 kph.	Short term Underway	Council has completed a safety audit and is implementing recommendations and will continue to consult the community and the police to identify “hot spots”.
<b>SUPPORT FOR THE DISADVANTAGED</b>				
K1	<b>Assist the vulnerable members of our community.</b>	Continue to work with local service providers and identify changing needs as part of community centre planning. Implement recommendations in the City of Sydney Social Plan.	Short to Medium term Underway	The City of Sydney Social Plan was adopted in June 2006.
K2	<b>Assistance for homeless people.</b>	City of Sydney has the only dedicated homelessness unit in Australia. Continue to provide a range of services and work with a variety of support groups.	Short term Underway	The City’s homelessness unit provides a State-wide telephone information and referral service for people who are homeless (Homeless Persons Information Centre). 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). Council is also working with the Woolloomooloo Homelessness Co-ordination group which involves local homeless services, police, and mental health, and drug and alcohol services.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
K3	Promote respect for others living and using the CBD.	Develop City Living Good Neighbour campaign. Investigate successful Port Phillip Bay model.	Short to Medium term	Council is committed to community building.
K4	Address public drinking problems.	Implement Council's New Street drinking strategy.	Underway	Council continues to work with police and local businesses when issues are identified.
<b>CLEANING</b>				
L1	Promote keeping the City clean. Provide two garbage collections a week in summer. Clean up entrances to closed and derelict premises.	Develop city-wide campaign to care for the harbour City. Promote Council collection of rubbish Promote good waste presentation practices by local businesses. Spot street cleaning when community notify council of problems. Develop improved program for collection and disposal of cigarette butts.	Short to Long term Underway	A new policy for commercial garbage collection has been initiated. The new policy is mainly focused on controlling collection hours to reduce noise for adjacent residents. Council will encourage owners of vacant premises to maintain cleanliness of shopfronts.
L2	Remove garbage and sewerage smells at Circular Quay. Improve SHFA cleaning standards. Clean up Circular Quay.	Advocate to SHFA to improve cleaning at Circular Quay. Advocate SHFA encourage shop and building owners to keep shopfronts and streets clean. Council to enforce controls.	Short to Long term	Council will review cleaning and seek to deliver improvements and encourage the community to support this through community education and seeking the cooperation of owners and businesses.
L3	Clean-up Argyle Street underpasses.	Provide spot cleaning.	Short Term Underway	Council will review cleaning program to identify opportunities for including this area.
L4	Spray clean areas of the City to remove smells.	Maintain and monitor improved cleaning services. Encourage shop and building owners to keep shopfronts and streets clean. Enforce controls.	Short to Medium term	Council will review cleaning program and seek to deliver improvements and encourage the community to support this through community education and seeking the co-operation of owners and businesses.
<b>CULTURE AND EVENTS</b>				

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
M1	<b>More opportunities for outdoor lifestyle in the City.</b>	<p>Identify the outdoor spaces</p> <p>Improve and upgrade to improve the experience of users</p> <p>Promote the Outdoor Rooms of Sydney as a way for residents, workers and tourists to experience and enjoy Sydney's climate and lifestyle.</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Long term</p>	See B1 &2
M2	<b>Use the laneways in creative and interesting ways for gathering and walking through.</b>	<p>Develop a series of projects to enliven the laneways in the CBD.</p> <p>Encourage outdoor cafes and bars, artworks, installations, greening and lighting design.</p> <p>Relax footpath licences to encourage outdoor eating in the laneways.</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Long term</p>	See B 1 & 2.
M3	<b>Set up a special events group.</b>	Establish a special event group in partnership with CBD Institutions and business.	Medium term	Council is committed to supporting Sydney as a tourist destination and is active in providing grants to major events in the City of Sydney.
M4	<b>More cultural events in the neighbourhoods of the City.</b>	<p>Review cultural events as part of ongoing cultural planning.</p> <p>Form partnerships with the CBD Cultural Institutions to continue to explore new possibilities.</p> <p>Start up grants to support events as part of community development and skills development.</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Long term</p>	<p>The City is committed to a series of programs and grants to enrich the cultural life and reputation of Sydney as a cultural capital.</p> <p>Council supports the community with a grants program for community initiated cultural events, such as community Christmas carols.</p>
M5	<b>A City wide sculpture walk.</b>	Expand and promote City of Sydney Sculpture Walk.	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short, Medium and Long term</p>	The City is committed to a series of programs and grants to enrich the cultural life and reputation of Sydney as a cultural capital.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
M6	<b>Sculptures, installations and history stories for the Millers Point, Dawes Point and Hickson Road Cultural Precinct.</b>	Develop and implement a public art project for the precinct building on existing cultural strengths.  Use art to reveal stories of Sydney's rich history and development.	Short to Long term	City will initiate a public art project for the precinct, building on existing cultural strengths. The project will be supported by creating a series of identified walking paths, linking key destinations in the City of Sydney, enhancing people's knowledge and enjoyment of the spirit of the place.
M7	<b>Telling the stories of Sydney as a way of mapping the City for walkers</b>	Integrate with the City's oral history program.	Short to Long term	See F1 & F2
M8	<b>Protecting the early heritage houses of the CBD villages.</b>	Council has strict heritage controls in place for heritage precincts of the City.  Provide heritage grants.	Underway	The City-wide survey of residents indicates very strong support for celebrating and retaining the heritage buildings of the villages of Sydney and the CBD.
M9	<b>Celebrating 75 years of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.</b>	Support State Government in its community cultural event to celebrate this important city milestone.  Investigate local CBD resident community celebration.	Short term	Council is supporting the State in their planning and staging of a commemoration of 75 years of the Harbour Bridge.  The theme for this year's New Year's Eve celebrations on the harbour salutes the Harbour Bridge.
M10	<b>Celebrate Christmas in the City with music, decorations and community carols.</b>	Program is continuing in 2007.	Underway	In addition to the decorations in the CBD, Council funds community carols and banners in many of the villages of Sydney.
M11	<b>Chinese New Year celebrations for Chinatown and beyond.</b>	Council's Chinese New Year celebrations continue to grow in popularity.	Underway	Support of events such as this is part of Council's commitment to supporting cultural diversity in the City and economic development through Tourism.
M12	<b>City Talks to explore urban and cultural issues.</b>	Program to continue in 2007.	Underway	City will continue to review the program to ensure it remains interesting and relevant to City residents and broad community.

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M13	<b>Celebrate eating out in Sydney.</b>	<p>Council's retail, tourism and economic strategies will provide strategies for promoting Sydney and its villages as places for great eating out experiences.</p> <p>Investigate ways to celebrate healthy food and healthy living and lifestyle.</p>	Underway	Council now supports a range of outdoor eating cultural events in the City, including Primo Italiano in Stanley Street and the Night Noodle bars in the CBD. October Food Month already celebrates eating out in Sydney.
<b>LIVEABILITY ISSUES</b>				
N1	<b>A youth forum to identify the needs of young people in the City.</b>	<p>Implement the City of Sydney Youth Strategy</p> <p>Continue to establish and support area-based Youth Advisory Committees in local areas and events-based planning committees for special events.</p> <p>Investigate holding a youth forum in 2007 as part of the Sydney Vision 2030</p>	<p>Short to Medium term</p> <p>Underway</p>	<p>Council has a Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Investigate sustainability from the view of young people using the City within the 2030 Vision project.</p> <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>
N2	<b>Responsible pet ownership.</b>	<p>Promote responsible pet ownership and harmonious and equitable access to parks for all.</p> <p>Implement Council's Companion Animals Policy.</p> <p>Install signage program for good manners and management of dogs to ensure clean streets and parks.</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>Underway</p>	Council has initiated the Companion Animals Policy. This includes free dog obedience training for low income and senior residents; education programs on interacting with and controlling dogs; off leash parks and dog waste units.
N3	<b>Meet your neighbours program - across all age groups.</b>	<p>Investigate remedies for social isolation in the CBD.</p> <p>Complete review of Aged and community services.</p>	Underway	<p>Council provides community events and facilities and opportunities for people to meet the neighbours in their community.</p> <p>Council supports community groups in the villages of Sydney to encourage and develop social connections</p>

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
N4	<b>More CBD information exchange.</b>	Council to set up community noticeboards  Investigate new media opportunities and providing wireless internet connection at community centres.  Develop site and plan for City exhibition space.	Underway  Short 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 CBD area.
N5	<b>Encourage more local shops, cafes and wine bars to open after hours.</b>	Investigate Friday night Late Night Trading to support the night economy of the CBD.  Council is developing a Retail Strategy as part of tourism and marketing of the CBD.	Underway  Long term	Council's Tourism and Economic Strategies with the support of the business community can be used to advocate to the State Government for changes in trading hours.
N6	<b>Encourage more neighbourhood supermarkets, and food specialty shops for the CBD villages.</b>	Complete and implement Council's Retail Strategy for the CBD to meet changing community needs.	Underway  Short to long term	Council can only encourage wider retail mix as part of City Plan and private development.
N7	<b>Community bus and more facilities for seniors.</b>	Community transport services are under review.  Council will advocate to the State Government for improved public transport services.	Underway  Short to Long term	Council is advocating to the State and Federal governments for improved integrated public transport including bus, train, and ferry and light rail services, to ensure Sydney has a future as a sustainable global City.  Council will develop strategy and implementation plan for clean, integrated transport systems for Sydney as part of the Vision 2030 process.
N8	<b>Make Sydney a family friendly City.</b>	Work with the community to identify needs and support a range of activities for children and young people.  Provide more playgrounds.  Provide change rooms.  Ensure safely located toilets	Short term  Underway	The City is aware of the need to plan for facilities to meet the needs of more children living in the CBD.  The focus is on integrated facilities for all ages such as the model of the new Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre with Library, child care and community meeting and activity rooms.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
N9	<b>Make Sydney a seniors-friendly City.</b>	<p>Work with the community to identify needs and support a range of activities for older people in the community.</p> <p>Provide more public seating.</p> <p>Ensure safely located toilets</p> <p>Ensure access to services such as pools and libraries</p>	<p>Underway</p> <p>Short to Long term</p>	<p>The City is aware of the need to plan for older members of the CBD community.</p> <p>The focus is on integrated facilities to provide services for all ages such as the model of the new Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre with library, child care and community meeting and activity rooms.</p>
N10	<b>Meeting places and support for residents' groups.</b>	<p>Investigate the need for suitable meeting places for resident groups.</p> <p>Council supports community groups and local business chambers in the villages of Sydney with community and business grants.</p>	Underway	<p>Council provides community events and facilities, and grants to established community groups. \$50,000 is being spent adding a new room and enclosing the rooftop of the King George V Recreation Centre, The Rocks.</p>
<b>GREENING THE CITY – Local Actions for Sustainable Sydney</b>				
O1	<b>Tree planting program – continuing the character of Sydney's great trees.</b>	<p>Legacy tree planting program for the Sydney's great trees such as Ficus and Morton Bay Figs.</p> <p>Develop and implement a program of planting avenues of these trees to retain the character of Sydney's great trees.</p>	Short to Long term	<p>City to implement as part of ongoing street tree Master Plan and tree planting and maintenance program.</p>
O2	<b>Community garden to provide recycling process for household waste. More accessible recycling program.</b>	<p>Inform the community about existing community gardens.</p> <p>Implement Council's waste management strategy.</p> <p>Review the City's network of community gardens and develop a long term plan to ensure balanced provision across the City.</p> <p>Council to investigate centrally located collection points; for green waste and disused domestic furniture/computers, etc.</p> <p>Council to develop green waste program.</p>	Short to Medium term	<p>Council is committed to a more sustainable, liveable City.</p> <p>Council may be able to provide a green collection service or designate a green collection drop off point for rubbish.</p>

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
O3	<b>More green space on ugly City sites.</b>	Develop a project to identify disused sites that have the potential for temporary planting as urban green space with owner's agreement.	Short to Long term	A project championed by Bette Midler for New York has been responsible for identifying blighted sites for greening. The abandoned sites are planted with temporary grasses and plants by volunteers from the community.
O4	<b>Introduce green power incentives in the City of Sydney.</b>	Develop and implement an Environmental Management Plan to include a range of initiatives including: - targets for green energy - targets for other environmental issues - targets for energy efficiency  Complete the Draft Sustainability Development Control Plan, which is based on the Green Star rating tool.	Short to Medium term  Underway	Council is setting a target for energy emissions reduction which involves using energy more efficiently and the use of green energy from renewable resources, both within Council and the Sydney community.  Council purchased 10 per cent of green power for street lighting in 2005. A reduction of about 3,500 tonnes of greenhouse gas. This year it will be increased to at least 20 per cent.  A standard condition of consent for illuminated signage in the City is a three year contract for green power.  Parking meters are now sola powered.
O5	<b>Promote green building throughout the CBD.</b>	Encourage green building through planning controls, partnerships and education.  Investigate as part of 2030 Vision process	Short to Long Term  Underway	Council is highly committed to leadership making existing and new buildings have a reduced environmental footprint.
O6	<b>A greener City.</b>	Complete the Environmental Management Plan for the City.	Underway	The plan will contain a list of priority environmental actions and targets for energy, emissions, water, waste and biodiversity.  \$6.3 million has been reserved for practical environmental programs
<b>SAFETY</b>				
P1	<b>Improve lighting in Belmore park for safety. Improve lighting in Commonwealth Street and Day Street.</b>	Implement further landscape improvements, planting and lighting in Belmore Park.  Implement Safety Audit recommendations.  Implement Council's Exterior Lighting Strategy.	Short term	Council has initiated improvements to Belmore Park which is an important connection to Central Station. The Park is a major green space in the Haymarket area and will continue to be a focus for Chinese New Year celebrations and a gathering place for community events and marches.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
P2	<b>Improve safety in Martin Place</b>	<p>Maintain access for all.</p> <p>Improve the sense of safety in areas perceived to be unsafe.</p> <p>Seek a cooperative campaign for Police and Rangers to provide greater community friendly patrol.</p> <p>Implement Safety Audit recommendations.</p> <p>Implement Council's Exterior Lighting Strategy.</p>	<p>Short to Medium term</p> <p>Underway</p>	<p>Council has completed a safety audit and is implementing recommendations and will continue to consult the community and the police to identify "hot spots".</p> <p>A series of public domain improvement projects will be progressed using the principal of safety by design.</p> <p>Council is developing a new consolidated Development Control Plan. This includes a design element focusing on safety by design.</p> <p>Council planners regularly undertake safer by design training run by NSW Police.</p> <p>Safe City has established protocols with all seven Police Commands where planners meet regularly with Police and Safe City Officers on Development Applications which may carry a crime and safety risk.</p> <p>See D5</p>
P3	<b>Expand the CCTV camera system.</b>	Continue to provide CCTV cameras where needed.	Underway	<p>CCTV cameras have been installed in many city streets. Recently 10 new CCTV cameras have been installed.</p> <p>The City is implementing the Safe City Strategy.</p>
P4	<b>Repair the steps from High Street to Hickson Road and Windmill Street steps at Kent Street to Walsh Bay.</b>	Maintain the safety and heritage of historic stairways of the Rocks and Millers Point	Underway	Council has an ongoing program of maintaining city footpaths and stairs.

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P5	<b>Police Patrol at Mrs Macquarie's Chair at night. More policing at weekends (general request).</b>	<p>Seek a cooperative campaign for police and rangers to provide greater community friendly patrol.</p> <p>Implement Safety Audit recommendations.</p> <p>Implement Council's Exterior Lighting Strategy.</p>	Underway	<p>Council has completed a safety audit and is implementing recommendations and will continue to consult the community and the police to identify "hot spots".</p> <p>A series of public domain improvement projects will be progressed using the principal of safety by design.</p> <p>Council is developing a new consolidated City Plan. This includes a design element focusing on safety by design.</p> <p>Council planners regularly undertake safer by design training run by NSW Police.</p> <p>Safe City has established protocols with all seven Police Commands where planners meet regularly with Police and Safe City Officers on Development Applications which may carry a crime and safety risk.</p>
P6	<b>Promote green building throughout the CBD.</b>	<p>Encourage green building through planning controls, partnerships and education.</p> <p>Investigate as part of 2030 Vision process</p>	• Underway	<p>Council is highly committed to leadership making existing and new buildings have a reduced environmental footprint.</p>

## 2.2 VIEWS OF SYDNEY

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### Writer's Voices

#### 1965

*“It was a great seaport city, lying on the rim of an arid continent, Mediterranean in light and vegetation, its greys and scarlets and lemon scents unique to its native eucalyptus. It looked out across the vast expanse of the Pacific, not to Europe but to Japan and continental Asia.”*

– Jill Kerr Conway, *The Road From Coorain*,

#### 1979

*“Australia is still revealing itself to us. We oughtn't to close off possibilities by declaring to early what we have already become.”*

– David Malouf, *Lugarno Postscript; Notes and Furphies*

#### 1988

*“If you come across the Pacific, Sydney does indeed drift below like a possible version of paradise. From the air the ugly details are too diminished to be seen... “*

– Rodney Hall

#### 2005

*“The Bridge flew over the working harbour in a single span cradled by concrete towers and steel cables that tensed like black bamboo. Below was history, he considered what sailors and workers and traders had made this place. Above was the sensation of flying into the future.”*

– Nicholas Jose, *Original Face*