

2007 Local Action Plan CITY EAST

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A cosmopolitan outlook, centrality,
and an urban milieu, a sense of
community, with its rich sense of
history and tolerance of
difference. It maintains a village
community on the edge of the city
and harbour.”*

- The Community Voice

The villages of DARLINGHURST,
EAST SYDNEY, ELIZABETH BAY,
KINGS CROSS, POTTS POINT,
RUSHCUTTERS BAY and
WOOLLOOMOOLOO

city of villages

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the art deco buildings, the tree-
lined streets of many
neighbourhoods, the proximity to
central Sydney and the harbour,
the diversity of the community,
and the compassionate and
friendly nature of the community,
making it a place where people
say hello on the street.”*

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THE VISION

DELIVERING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

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 the identified actions will preserve what you love about your neighbourhood and address the problems you identified.

This project grew out of Council’s Strategic Plan, adopted 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 City East zone, covering Darlinghurst, East Sydney, Elizabeth Bay, Kings Cross, Potts Point, Rushcutters Bay and Woolloomooloo. It has been developed following extensive consultation since January through community surveys and studies, plus discussion with resident focus groups, Councillors and many other interested people.

Local Action Plans are now complete for all areas of the City. Where work can be done within our current 2006/07 Budget, we will get started immediately. There is still a lot of work to be done, but we are well on our way.

Thank you for your involvement so far and I look forward to a continued partnership to complete and implement the Action Plan.



Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor of Sydney

LOCAL ACTIONS DELIVERING A CITY WIDE STRATEGY FOR SYDNEY

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:

1. Quality Urban Environment	Improving residential amenity and sustainable growth
2. City Economy	Contributing to prosperity at a local and global level
3. Environmental leadership	Working towards long term sustainability
4. Community and social equity	Supporting diversity, character and vitality
5. Transport and accessibility	Improving public transport, parking and traffic
6. Improved public domain and facilities	Providing quality streetscapes and parks
7. Leadership and governance	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.

Council is now taking its Strategic plans and goals to the neighbourhood level, through the Local Action Plans. A final plan has 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 Council's City-wide strategy.

For more details, log on to the City website: www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/laps.

ONGOING CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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 City East 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.

“The ability to be yourself and no-one else bothers you. Allows you freedom and independence.”

- The Community Voice

HOW YOU SEE YOUR COMMUNITY

The people of the villages of City East value much about their historic inner City neighbourhoods. The community see its qualities as:

East Sydney's vibrant mainly residential neighbourhood has retained much of its historic architecture and gained new contemporary apartments and warehouse conversions. Bounded by Oxford Street, William Street, College Street and Forbes Street, East Sydney takes aspects of its character from each. With a mixed population from high to low income and many in East Sydney working from home or walking to work, the cafés and old hotels have become community meeting places, as much as destinations for visitors and tourists. East Sydney is also the location of an alternative high school, pre-school and Sydney's earliest grammar schools.

Darlinghurst began life as Sydney's finest residential address. The elegant mansions of Darlinghurst enjoyed the cooling harbour breezes and offered views to colonial Sydney and its busy harbour. Few mansions remain, but Darlinghurst retains many grand early sandstone terraces, and later arts and crafts workers' terraces. Streets like Surrey Street offer a tree-lined haven in the heart of the City. It is described by the community, as a “central, tolerant inner urban environment – gay and lesbian village.” The National Art School continues to add a youthful, creative, bohemian edge to Darlinghurst. The Kings Cross and Oxford Street nightlife and entertainment districts are lively and at times edgy. Victoria Street, like Stanley Street's “Little Italy,” has long been a favourite “meet and eat” hub – offering lively and informal day and night café and restaurant street life.

Woolloomooloo, on the edge of the CBD and harbour, is a diverse local community with a longstanding Indigenous population as well a large number of Department of Housing tenants. The area retains many rows of 19th century workers cottages and terraces, and a village feel despite the nearby expressway. Its residents value the convenience of being able to walk to the City, the harbour and to work. Its icons include the Finger Wharf and Harry's Café de Wheels. Garden Island maintains the area's historic working harbour links and attracts a significant workforce of navy personnel each day.

Kings Cross is at the heart of City East. It retains a national and international reputation as one of Australia's premier entertainment precincts. The new street paving tells some of the story of the Cross's colourful past. Residents appreciate the colour, raw energy, and liveliness of the Cross, as part of inner City life. Council's new Neighbourhood Service Centre and Library are located on Darlinghurst Road. While the area's bohemian tradition draws those seeking life on the edge, residents lament the underside of an alcohol and drug culture.

“Aboriginal culture, community spirit, village feel and the mix of public and private housing”

- The Community Voice

HOW YOU SEE YOUR COMMUNITY (cont'd)

Potts Point was first home to the war widows of the first and second world wars, writers, artists and actors; then a place for short term stays, backpackers and tourists. It has now become one of Sydney's most popular inner city neighbourhoods. The traditional art deco apartment buildings, with spacious rooms, harbour views and glimpses, have set the style for the development of new apartments. Some say Potts Point has become a “mini Manhattan”. It has the densest urban population in inner City Australia. The appeal of leafy Macleay Street is portrayed by its interesting specialty and designer shops, cafes and restaurants, and the ability to walk to the CBD, Rushcutters Bay and the harbour's edge.

Rushcutters Bay offers a worldly charm along with a mix of residential and commercial. Some of suburb's jewels are the harbour foreshore, parks, sports fields, playgrounds, majestic trees and garden banks. Local residents value the remaining historic terraces of the area and their close proximity to the CBD as well as the easy escape from their apartments to Rushcutters Bay Park - a perennial gathering place for the residents of most neighbourhoods of City East and neighbouring Darling Point. The young and old enjoy the park in a variety of active and restful ways.

Elizabeth Bay has harbour waters and sweeping views to North Head. Elizabeth Bay House, the foreshore park on the ridge, properties like Del Rio, and Boomerang in Billyard Avenue, still suggest a quality of life from an earlier more gracious time. Residents treasure the art deco architecture, the remaining Victorian mansions, Beare Park, harbourside and stone stairways that link them to lively Macleay Street or the foreshore, parks and playgrounds at Rushcutters Bay.

“Surrounded by Hyde Park, St Mary’s Cathedral, Cook and Phillip Park, The Australian Museum, Oxford Street, cosy restaurants, gardens, Paddington nearby and the CBD... all that I need for convenient life and leisure.”

- The Community Voice

Figures are based on the 2001 Census. Figures for City East are an aggregate of Darlinghurst, East Sydney, Elizabeth Bay, Kings Cross, Potts Point, Rushcutters Bay and Woolloomooloo. 2006 Census figures are expected to confirm the latest trends.

CITY EAST IN FOCUS

SNAPSHOT OF DARLINGHURST, EAST SYDNEY, KINGSCROSS, ELIZABETH BAY, POTTS POINT, RUSHCUTTERS BAY AND WOOLLOOMOOLOO

Population 24,013

The traditional custodians of the City East area are the Gadigal people whose strongest connection with the area is now within Woolloomooloo. The proportion of Indigenous residents in City East is small but equal to that of most areas of metropolitan Sydney.

The population density of the City East area is over ten times the average for metropolitan Sydney. By comparison, this is around 40 per cent of the population density of Manhattan, New York. Between 1996 and 2001 the population of City East increased by 18 per cent, with an additional 14 per cent moving into the area from 2001. A further increase of three per cent is expected by 2011.

Urban density

The area has more than 20 times more dwellings per square kilometre than the average for metropolitan Sydney and is more than two and a half times as dense as places like Surry Hills, Glebe, Pyrmont and Ultimo.

Language

The most spoken language after English is Chinese, followed by Italian.

Educated and employed

A highly educated population, the area has one of the lowest rates of unemployment and one of the highest proportions of people with high incomes, professional occupations and tertiary education.

More young people

The average age in City East is 35, with 37 per cent of the population aged between 20 and 34 and 11 per cent aged 65 and over. In the years between 1996 and 2001, Census statistics show that 15.5 per cent of the population were aged between 20 and 24; 21.6 per cent were between 30 and 44. The average age of 35 is the second highest of any of the City of Sydney neighbourhoods and suggests City East is home to an older age group than other areas. Generally it is young people and people over 50 who are choosing to move into City East.

Most common households

City East has the highest proportion of people living alone in the City of Sydney. It has fewer married couples than elsewhere in the City of Sydney and one of the highest proportions of people renting their homes – second only to Pyrmont/Ultimo.

High use of public transport

More than 25 per cent of City East residents walk to work, eight times higher than the average for Sydney. Nearly 33 per cent of residents use public transport. Car ownership is one of the lowest in the City of Sydney, with 50 per cent of residents not owning cars.

Parks and places for recreation

There are 4.8 square meters of open space per person for recreation, which is low compared to the rest of Sydney.

“Kings Cross rocks. I love those little plaques in the street that talk about the history of the Cross.”

- The Community Voice

IN CONVERSATION WITH THE COMMUNITIES OF CITY EAST

During 2006 the City of Sydney Council set out to have a conversation with the City East community to identify the hopes, ideals and needs of local residents and business communities of East Sydney, Potts Point, Darlinghurst, Kings Cross, Rushcutters Bay, Elizabeth Bay and Woolloomooloo. The consultation has resulted in many comments and suggestions enabling the community to articulate a collective vision for the identity and further revitalisation of the City East 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 on a range of questions identifying the neighbourhood's unique qualities deserving of protection and enhancement, suggested improvements and recreation needs.

SHARED COMMUNITY VALUES

As a result of material gathered in the consultation period, shared community values have been developed as a framework for the long-term revitalisation of City East. Below is a snapshot of what people in City East indicated were their community values and aspirations as well as some of the suggested ideas that reflect them.

“High rise little Manhattan...the fact that it is not suburbia.”

- The Community Voice

Shared Values	Actions
<p>Compassion and diversity <i>“Bohemian. Its freedom from conformity, snobbery, its diversity of types of people and races.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the co-ordination of counselling and support for the homeless • Stage events to celebrate the diversity and creativity of the local people • Work with authorities for more effective response to crime and drugs
<p>Art deco architecture and Victorian heritage <i>“Sandstone structures- homes, stairs and churches, the full heritage before the twentieth century and maintenance of 30s art deco architecture.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue and expand heritage interpretative signage • Promote heritage incentives to assist owners with building restoration • Encourage adaptive re-use of heritage buildings • Protection of heritage via new DCP and LEP
<p>Harbour parks and tree-lined streets <i>“Sea breezes, Rushcutters Bay park and the harbour, trees, grass and birds.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading and care of the area’s parks and gardens • Consolidation of the street parks of Woolloomooloo as a major green space for the community • Green the streets • Upgrade of Rushcutters Bay Park and Beare Park
<p>Safe and friendly <i>“It’s open at all hours – no dead hours where I don’t feel safe on the streets.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic placement of “police on the beat” • Lighting and pavement improvements • Promotion of safe walking paths to the CBD
<p>Community village partnerships <i>“Friendly but independent, helpful but not inquisitive.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community information exchange • Community arts and creative projects • Community health and services co-ordination • Economic and tourism strategies • Adopt a street/laneway community village greening projects
<p>People before cars <i>“Proximity to the city, transport, both bus and rail and walking distance to Double Bay and Paddington.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to the timetable of the 311 bus • Cycle strategy • Pedestrian plan • Introduce local traffic speed limits and traffic noise calming • Light rail and more trains

“A certain historical elegance – well cared for trees and streets ... architecturally it tries to maintain integrity.”

- The Community Voice

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF CITY EAST

These are some of the local community's suggested projects for community building and revitalising the villages of Potts Point, Darlinghurst, Kings Cross, Rushcutters Bay, Elizabeth Bay and Woolloomooloo.

Priority Projects:

Expanding the village greens and safe walking pathways from Potts Point through Woolloomooloo to the CBD

This proposal is to provide more greenspace and safe, well-lit walking links including redesigning the street parks along Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo, to provide a green corridor from William Street to Cowper Wharf Road. Interpretive signage and public art will be investigated as part of this project, highlighting the Indigenous and European history of the area.

Revitalise Fitzroy Gardens and Sir Lawrence Hargrave Reserve

Fitzroy Gardens and Lawrence Hargrave Reserve will be refreshed and linked as a community gathering place and an important village square, to include more green space, public conveniences and an improved playground

Enliven the café and restaurant hub of Stanley Street

This proposal is to undertake an urban design study to identify improvements to the streetscape environment to support Stanley Street as one of the City's main "eat streets".

Develop Heffron Hall/Burton Street Tabernacle as a community cultural centre

Council is undertaking urgent repair work to restore the Burton Street Tabernacle, and will consult about services, activities and uses to develop this precinct as a community cultural centre in East Sydney.

Other Projects Suggested by Your Community

- **Creating a lively foreshore at Woolloomooloo** – further foreshore enhancement to provide a greenspace buffer from the roadway near Harry's Café de Wheels and investigation into establishing a weekend board walk artists' market for local artists

*“Sea breezes, parks, cafes,
restaurants, libraries, public
transport and organic food
markets”*

- The Community Voice

- **Quieter streets strategy** – exploring traffic controls, truck routes and traffic calming, waste collection, in Macleay Street and other residential main streets of City East
- **Adopt a street/lane program** – an initiative in partnership with the community to encourage greening, cleaning and community watch in shared lanes and streets
- **City East partnerships** – a program for community participation in the different neighbourhoods aimed at community building through a range of community initiatives from safety and clean streets to, community events, brand, local business and tourism strategy
- **Responsible pet ownership** – Council has begun an education program to encourage responsible pet ownership and to educate the community about the benefits of pets.
- **Oxford Street Cultural Precinct and Taylor Square revitalisation** – Council is now working with community groups to explore options for revitalising Taylor Square and is investigating artists markets, street performances and exhibitions.
- **City East Village Community Information Exchange** –to help people in the community connect with each other and access local information
- **Outdoor cultural events** – Council will work with the community on a program of cultural events which could include outdoor film screening, string quartets, jazz in the square, carols in the park and street theatre.
- **William Street** – revitalised outdoor dining to reclaim William Street as a pedestrian-friendly main street and boulevard.

Short, medium and Long Term Schedule

The tables below provide a snapshot of the priority list of requests received from the 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

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No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
1	Create better, greener safer pedestrian access through Woolloomooloo.	Improve the linkage, accessibility, landscaping, lighting and visibility of pedestrian paths from Kings Cross through Woolloomooloo to the CBD.	Medium term	Improved access, lighting and safety will be key objectives. To encouraging walking as the preferred travel choice for short trips, pedestrian access and mobility plans in this area will be part of the broader City wide plan.
2	Open up and improve Forbes St, Woolloomooloo.	Upgrade Forbes Street pedestrian connections to provide a greener, more pleasant link from Cathedral Street to Cowper Wharf Road and key destinations such as Woolloomooloo Wharf and the CBD.	Medium term	The project will require an urban design study to be undertaken in partnership with the community to determine feasible options for improvement. The project is to be integrated with the Pedestrian Path Improvement project outlined above to provide an enhanced network.
3	Create greener streets with more trees.	Implement an area-wide tree planting program to green the streets. Upgrade landscaping in traffic islands, planter boxes and public domain garden beds.	Short term Underway	743 new street trees were planted across the City in 2005. Double this number of trees were planted in the 2006, with close to 1770 planted, adding to the 25,000 street trees already in City of Sydney. A program of tree planting initiated 4 years ago in City East is continuing. Council is now beginning a program of planting of flowers in medians and suitable kerbside planting places and opportunities for community involvement in flower care will be explored.
4	Provide improved tennis courts and playground for Rushcutters Bay Park.	Upgrade Rushcutters Bay tennis courts, oval, playground and kiosk.	Short to medium term Underway	Council is currently developing major upgrade plans for Rushcutters Bay Park in consultation with the local community.
5	Improve the laneways and pedestrian paths of Barcom Ave and Waratah Street Darlinghurst.	Deliver improved surfaces, greening, planting and lighting of laneways.	Short to medium Underway	Improvements will be undertaken as part of general maintenance programs.

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6	Improve Barcom Avenue Park, Darlinghurst.	<p>A project to expand and upgrade the standard and size of Barcom Avenue Park is now complete.</p> <p>Works include improved facilities, safety and visual quality, retention of major trees, extensive tree and shrub plantings, turf grass, new pathways, seating, and lighting.</p>	Complete	Barcom Avenue Park is a welcome green open space behind St Vincents Hospital.
7	Create community gardens.	<p>The City is reviewing the Community Garden Scheme in 2007</p> <p>Promote existing Woolloomooloo Community Garden Scheme</p> <p>Investigate Lawrence Hargrave Reserve as community garden</p>	Short tem	<p>Community garden projects continue as City-wide community partnership projects.</p> <p>The City is installing a rainwater tank to be used on the garden.</p>
8	Develop a program where residents can adopt their street or laneway, participate in improving and maintaining the streetscape, get to know their neighbours and encourage community safety.	Develop a policy and program for adopting a lane/street for community building.	Medium term	A new landscaping program is currently underway to progressively replant and raise the standard of landscaping on traffic islands and garden beds. Integration with such programs is critical to ensure successful, ongoing coordination with the local area.
9	Street lighting strategy for Kings Cross.	<p>Develop implementation plan for Council's Exterior Lighting Strategy adopted in 2005.</p> <p>Investigate existing plans for increasing bud lighting as community partnership with local traders.</p>	Short to medium term	<p>Council will investigate existing proposals for increased bud lighting in Macleay Street and Bayswater Road.</p> <p>Council provided Christmas lighting in Kings Cross in 2006.</p> <p>Safe lighting in City East is a priority and council has a city wide Exterior Lighting Strategy as part of the Safe City Strategy.</p>
10	Way finding signage for visitors and tourists in Kings Cross and Woolloomooloo.	Develop more effective and easy to read way finding directional signage program.	Short to medium term	<p>Council to prepare an appropriate signage and information system for tourists in the Kings Cross and Woolloomooloo area.</p> <p>Work with local groups to identify messages and sites for signage.</p>

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11	William Street boulevard for outdoor dining.	Economic and tourism strategy to support restaurants and outdoor use of the widened footpaths. Investigate public art and greenery to create a feature at the top of Kings Cross Hill.	Short to medium term	Council to support and encourage local businesses in expanding outdoor dining.
12	Improve shade at Albert Sloss Reserve, East Sydney and address safety and security issues.	New planting to add amenity and enhance the use of the park.	Short to medium term	Council has a tree planting program in progress in City East and priority will be given to this park. Work will be undertaken in conjunction with improvements to Heffron Hall-Tabernacle precinct.
13	Complete Woolloomooloo foreshore walk including the creation of parks and promenade.	Long term planning to be undertaken as part of Council's Pedestrian Plan. Advocate community access to the foreshore.	Short to long term	There are different land owners involved in this process, Council is acting as an advocate to achieve its aim of a continuous foreshore walk, a project that is also reflected the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney.
14	Fitzroy Gardens as a refreshed and greener community gathering place with a link to Lawrence Hargrave.	Develop a strategy to revitalise this important City park and community gathering space and adjacent open space. Investigate Lawrence Hargrave as a community garden.	Medium term	Council is committed to the renewal of Fitzroy Gardens as an important village square to include more green space, public conveniences and an improved playground. Council will work with the community to revitalise this important park and deliver improvements to improve access and safety to the adjacent Lawrence Hargrave Reserve.
15	Improved co-ordination of social services in the City East for the diverse community and vulnerable people.	Continue to work closely with service organisations to ensure the City of Sydney Social Plan is supported.	Short to medium term Underway	City-wide review of services is underway. The City of Sydney Social Plan was adopted in June 2006.

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
16	Projects to assist homeless people.	<p>City of Sydney has the only dedicated homelessness unit in Australia.</p> <p>Continue to provide a range of services and to work with a variety of support groups</p> <p>Promote homeless assistance hotline..</p>	Short term Underway	<p>The City's homelessness unit provides a State-wide telephone information and referral service for people who are homeless (Homeless Persons Information Centre).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Council is also working with the Woolloomooloo Homelessness Co-ordination group which involves local homeless services, police, mental health, and drug and alcohol services.</p>
17	Develop a community initiative to encourage programs for community wellbeing and community cohesion.	Support community initiatives through community grants, which are available to assist in community development.	Short to medium term	In August 2006 Council approved 166 grants to the value of \$1,652,835, an increase of some \$0.5million on the previous year. Grants were made to support community initiatives in the City East area.
18	Harbour pool "free" access policy	<p>Promote existing policy for low income residents to have discounted access to Council pools.</p> <p>Provide harbour access as part of the Beare Park improvement project.</p>	Medium to long term	Improvements to Beare Park to reinstate steps to the foreshore, giving access to the water at low tide.
19	Nightrider Bus Service for late night areas.	Advocate to State authorities for the return of this late night bus service for the City East area.	Complete	As part of the Safe City Strategy, the City advocated for the State's reintroduction of this service into the City's leading late night entertainment area. This was successful and the service was reintroduced at the end of 2006.
20	Burton Street Tabernacle building and Heffron Hall improvements.	<p>A priority project in the City East Facilities Review.</p> <p>Maintenance and repair work is now being planned and undertaken to make the Tabernacle secure and useable.</p> <p>Use options will be reviewed to meet current and future community/cultural needs. .</p>	Short, medium to long term Underway	<p>The City has allocated funds over three years to transform the rundown Burton Street Tabernacle and adjacent Heffron Hall into a community cultural hub for Darlinghurst and East Sydney.</p> <p>A needs' assessment is being undertaken on long-term uses with community consultation planned when basic research is complete.</p>

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21	Creating a local artists' market on the Woolloomooloo foreshore.	Undertake a city-wide review of street markets.	Short term Underway	Council to review the suggested market concept and site. An artists' market was trialled in Dank Street Waterloo in October 2006, as a possible community partnership model. Council's City-wide review of street markets will explore opportunities for farmers' markets and artists' markets. Council will review the suggestion as part of its investigation into providing a continuous foreshore walk around Woolloomooloo Bay.
22	Establishing the City East village website.	Council to set up community noticeboards Investigate new media opportunities and providing wireless access at community centres	Medium term	To help people in the community connect with each other and to provide local information and links to services, Council will develop a City East Community Information Exchange in partnership with the community.
23	Outdoor cultural events.	Review outdoor cultural events as part of ongoing cultural planning. Form partnerships with City East cultural institutions to continue to explore new possibilities Start up grants to support events as part of community development and skills development	Short to medium term	The City is committed to a series of programs and grants to enrich the cultural life and reputation of Sydney as a cultural capital. Council is to work with the community on a program of cultural events which could include outdoor film screening, string quartets, jazz in the square, carols in the park and street theatre.
24	Support for the work of St Canice's and management of neighbourhood issues.	Investigate a project for feature lighting, kerb widening, streetscape and parking improvements to improve the setting of the heritage building. Investigate opening Peace Park as public open space.	Short to long term Underway	Council is working with St Canice's to manage neighbourhood issues for nearby residents and to support the services the church provides to more vulnerable members of our community.

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25	Initiate individual business strategies for Macleay Street, Oxford Street, Darlinghurst Road/Victoria Street and Stanley Street to promote and attract business.	<p>An economic development strategy for the city is being prepared which will incorporate elements for precinct revitalisation.</p> <p>Review current planning, licensing, entertainment zones and noise controls.</p> <p>Develop a strategy to enliven and promote Stanley Street as a Sydney Eat Street</p>	Short to medium term	<p>Council is reviewing late night trading premises controls in the area. The City Plan currently in development will take into account the findings of these reviews.</p> <p>Council is working with the Kings Cross Partnership, which has developed a strategy for the precinct revitalisation.</p> <p>Council appreciates City East is a series of retail and street life centres, each with particular business needs.</p> <p>The City is working with local business and cultural groups and residents to revitalise Taylor Square and Oxford Street.</p>
26	Guiding the City East community in developing new events and festivals.	Continue to work with the community on events that explore what is unique to the area.	Medium term	Council provides grants for local cultural events. Council will support community in developing new events. Council worked with a local group ESNA and funds the annual Primo Italiano Festival in Stanley Street as a model of community participation in the arts focussed on local identity and area promotion.
27	National Art School Weekend Markets.	<p>Undertake a City-wide review of street markets.</p> <p>Revitalise Taylor Square and the lower end of Oxford Street as an arts design and cultural precinct as part of city economic and tourism strategy.</p>	Sort to medium term Underway	<p>Council is currently undertaking a review of markets across the Local Government area, with a view to understanding the feasibility and sustainability of a number of new markets that have been proposed by the community.</p> <p>Council recognises there is an opportunity to work with local educational and arts institutions to develop a cultural precinct.</p> <p>Strategies such as weekend artists' markets, street theatre and support for start up design/fashion shops could be a catalyst for revitalising the area's retail and cultural assets.</p>

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28	Explore more safety improvement initiatives, such as increased street patrols.	<p>Council monitors safety in Kings Cross with local police.</p> <p>Safety audits have been completed in several areas including around St Canice's.</p> <p>CCTVs have been installed in Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross.</p> <p>City will provide additional Ranger patrols to provide a greater uniform presence.</p> <p>Council is working with the Taxi Council to increase after hour taxi ranks in Kings Cross.</p>	Short term Underway	<p>Council will continue to undertake safety audits on a needs basis and work with the police to respond to issues raised.</p> <p>Council is developing a new consolidated Development Control Plan which includes a design element focusing on Safety by Design.</p> <p>Council planners regularly undertake Safety by Design training run by NSW Police.</p> <p>Safe City has established protocols with Kings Cross Command where planners meet regularly with Police and Safe City Officers on Development Applications which may carry a crime and safety risk.</p>
29	Quick response to complaints about rubbish, noise, parking and other urban issues.	Promote Council quick response system and work collaboratively work with the police in responding to hot spots.	Short term Underway	<p>Council will continue to review ways to provide quick response to issues and an improved sense of security on the streets.</p> <p>CCTV cameras have been installed in Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross. The City is implementing the Safe City Strategy.</p>
30	Domain Car Park.	Implement recent Council strategy to improve safety in the Domain Car Park.	Short term Underway	Council has recently completed a safety audit of the Domain car park and will work collaboratively with community and police to improve safety.
31	Public toilet strategy for Kings Cross, East Sydney and Woollahooloo.	Investigate needs for public toilets and install new toilets.	Short to medium Term Underway	Council to undertake a review of the issues and needs in different suburbs and streets of the City East area.
32	Encourage responsible pet ownership.	<p>Promote the benefits of responsible pet ownership.</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>	Short term Underway	Council has initiated the Companion Animals Policy. This promotes responsible pet ownership, particularly in relation to being in control at all times and picking-up of waste, as well as education to the general community about the benefits of pet ownership, including substantial national health savings.

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33	Shopfront incentives for businesses to clean and improve shopfronts.	Develop program of shopfront incentives as part of strategies to promote and attract business. Promote Heritage Incentives Scheme	Short term Underway	Council is liaising with the Kings Cross Partnership to encourage owners of vacant premises to maintain cleanliness of shopfronts.
34	Celebrate our important heritage buildings with a lighting program.	Investigate a lighting program for important heritage items in City East. Consider as part of City-wide Public Domain Policy and Plan. Ensure lighting approach is sustainable.	Short to medium term	Council to investigate establishing a new grants program to fund lighting important heritage buildings.
35	Enforcement of speed limits.	Review and update Local Area Traffic Management schemes. Introduce traffic calming in Roslyn Gardens	Short to medium term	Council will explore creating laneways as shared zones. City will work with police to target areas where improvements to enforcement against speeding vehicles can be made.
36	Reduce noise.	Establish and enforce Council's new public drinking policy controls to reduce noise levels where possible. Establish and enforce new controls for commercial garbage collection Council to explore further ways to minimise noise in residential areas.	Short term Underway	The City is preparing a Night Trading Development Control Plan and the inclusion of Places of Public Entertainment (POPE) provisions is being considered. Council has established new policy for Waste Collection in Public Places. Garbage is not permitted to be collected in residential zones before 6am. Glass smashing into recycling trucks is now prohibited. Late Night Trading regulations are also being reviewed.
37	Traffic calming along Macleay Street on weekends and Friday nights.	Council to explore further ways to review as part of Local Area Traffic Management scheme.	Short to medium term	Council to consider traffic calming and additional pedestrian crossings or shared zones where appropriate.
38	Footpath in Farrell Avenue from Darlinghurst Road.	Council to investigate shared zone.	Long term	To be considered as part of the Local Area Traffic Management Scheme.
39	Investigate opportunities to enliven Stanley Street through streetscape improvements.	Implement strategies in City East Traffic Plan and City Pedestrian Strategy.	Medium to long term	Council to widen footpaths at intersections and review parking as part of City East Traffic Plan.

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40	Advocacy for increased bus services and regularity of the 311 service.	Community and Council to advocate to State Transit and monitor progress until services increased.	Short term Underway	The City plays its part in providing transport infrastructure and advocates strongly for State and Federal Governments to fulfil their responsibilities. The vital role of public transport, walking and cycling is promoted in Council's Strategic Plan.
41	Advocacy for increased train Services.	Community and Council to advocate to State Rail and monitor progress until services increased.	Short term Underway	The City plays its part in providing transport infrastructure and advocates strongly for State and Federal Governments to fulfil their responsibilities. The vital role of public transport, walking and cycling is promoted in Council's Strategic Plan.
42	Resolve problem with resident parking in all areas.	Develop incentives for Car Sharing, such as providing parking spaces for car share vehicles and signage.	Short, medium and long term Underway	Council to promote car sharing.
43	Footpath reconstruction program – Liverpool and Palmer Streets	Continue maintenance program.	Short to medium term	Council will undertake as part of on going maintenance work and area improvements.
44	Light rail to the city.	Advocacy for light rail City-wide.	Short term Underway	Community transport services are under review. Council is advocating for a light rail service. 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 halve 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.
45	Develop Cycle Plan for the City East to CBD.	Council to implement cycle strategy	Short term Underway	The Council has prepared a City of Sydney Cycle Strategy to make the City more bicycle-friendly.
46	Parking Enforcement.	Review residential parking scheme.	Short, medium and long term	Enforcement of parking controls is a priority for Council to ensure residential amenity and retail viability. Council will respond to hotspots when notified.