

2007 Local Action Plan CITY WEST

“We love the container-ships, the working wharfs and the old converted wharfs now transferred to modern offices... Village atmosphere, waterside parks and proximity to City.”

- The Community Voice

The villages of PYRMONT and ULTIMO

city of villages

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THE VISION

LORD MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION - 2007 LOCAL ACTION PLAN, CITY WEST

In 2005 the City established the Local Action Plan strategy to work with our local communities to identify priorities for your 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. 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 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 this Local Action Plan for the City West zone, covering Ultimo and Pyrmont. It has been developed following extensive consultation since January 2006 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

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 West 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.

HOW YOU SEE YOUR COMMUNITY

Ultimo and Pyrmont began as a place of seafaring and industry, contributing much to the early prosperity of colonial Sydney. The peninsula, whose traditional custodians are the Gadigal people, was soon surrounded by wharves. The area developed as warehouses, factories, pubs and narrow laneways of row houses and cottages to accommodate the local workers.

Gradually declining in the post war decades, the residential population of Pyrmont and Ultimo dwindled to around 3,200 by 1992, with a working population of 14,000.

With the property boom of the late 1980s, the old area was connected with the Darling Harbour redevelopment and gained the Powerhouse Museum, Chinese Garden, Maritime Museum, Star City Casino, Monorail and walkway to the City - giving the villages of Pyrmont and Ultimo a new place in the global city of Sydney.

The City West Urban Renewal Program set out to transform the old maritime and industrial community into a lively inner City urban community. By 2001 there were 11,943 residents and a working population of 24,284 in Ultimo and Pyrmont.

Still characterised by warehouses and wool stores - reminders of a once active industrial waterfront - many are now offices for the knowledge and creative information industries that are clustered in Pyrmont and Ultimo. Others have been converted to waterside, warehouse and loft apartments or have inspired the design of new multi story apartments for young professionals and empty nesters, wanting an inner City waterfront lifestyle at Pyrmont Point.

Ultimo, with its close connection to Chinatown and the universities, has attracted a large Chinese Australian population. Its proximity to the City, Broadway, the Universities, Central and Darling Harbour is highly prized.

Ultimo and Pyrmont have cache as the right address for firms in graphic design, media, advertising, music and television.

Harris Street, with its heritage buildings around historic Union Square, is a focal point for residents, who love the village feel that has been retained amid high-rise and high density development.

The people of Pyrmont and Ultimo enjoy the Sydney Fish Market, the harbour foreshore walk to the City, nearby Wentworth Park and the mosaic of neighbourhood pocket parks stretching from UTS to the urban greens of Pyrmont Point.

The growing student population, both residents and those travelling from other areas, has added to the multi-layered character of the neighbourhoods.

CITY WEST IN FOCUS

SNAPSHOT OF PYRMONT AND ULTIMO

Population 11,943 and growing

The traditional/original custodians of the City West area are the Gadigal people.

The 2001 census data shows the Pyrmont community increased by 49 per cent from 1996 to 2001. These figures are expected to be different in the 2006 census. The increase by 2009 is estimated to be 51 per cent. Most couples rent and don't have children. Popular as a place for group households, many residents are tertiary students.

A higher than average number of residents work casually in the hospitality industry.

The community is a cross section of renters, owners, people with mortgages and those public housing tenants.

The majority of residents were not born in Australia, with a high number of Chinese-born residents. Chinese is spoken in one in five homes in the City West area. The next most widely spoken foreign language group is Indonesian.

Culturally diverse and a growing number of young people

The City West area is a place where young professionals make up nearly half the population - twice the metropolitan average.

In 2001 the number of single households were decreasing. Since then the numbers of children and young people and couples has increased. More young people in the area will create further need for appropriate facilities and services.

A diverse population – high and low wealth and education levels

Some 26 per cent of residents have Bachelor or higher degrees. The most common occupations among graduates are property and business services, with accommodation, cafes and restaurant workers forming a second key employee group.

People also work in education, health and community services.

High use of public transport

More Pyrmont and Ultimo village dwellers walk to work than use public transport or drive. The difference is significant when compared to Metropolitan Sydney or the City average, with many people positive about the convenience of living and working in Pyrmont.

Parks and places for recreation

There are 1.64 hectares per 1,000 people for recreation in the City West area. While the Pyrmont and Ultimo area is changing with new foreshore parks and a network of pocket parks, Ultimo has fewer large recreational spaces.

Figures area based on the 2001 Census. 2006
Figures for City West are an aggregate of Pyrmont
and Ultimo. 2006 Census figures are expected to
confirm the latest trends.

IN CONVERSATION WITH PYRMONT AND ULTIMO COMMUNITY

*“A peaceful island like quality
and yet so close to the city.”*

“The beauty of it.”

- The Community Voice

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 businesses of City West.

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

Council will respond to the community values and desires in a number of ways.

- Directly through its legislative 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.

The significant qualities valued by the Pyrmont and Ultimo community in the householder survey and consultation were “proximity to the city”; “closeness to the harbour”; “variety of housing”; “community atmosphere” and “trees and parks”.

SHARED COMMUNITY VALUES

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

Shared Values	Actions
Proximity to City life and sustainable living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pyrmont to become a model of an inner City green village • Improved urban ecology • Improved alternate transport, better pedestrian links, harbour access and bicycle paths • Establish places and reasons for people to meet and engage in community life
Celebrating industrial and harbour heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and promote historic information and heritage interpretation • Create incentives for heritage restoration • Community to have a say in local projects
People before cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and cycleway programs • Public transport Improvements • Integrated transport and traffic calming • Local speed limits and streetscape upgrades
Safe, clean, friendly and prosperous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community partnerships for village pride • Lighting and pavement improvements • Responsible dog ownership education programs • Police on the beat • A "good neighbour" strategy for Star City Casino • Youth engagement programs
Community, creative, cultural and strategic partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community arts and creative projects • Community health and service projects • Economic and brand strategies • Community green space and infrastructure improvements • Create a village website for the community to share experiences • Planned program of local events

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITIES OF PYRMONT AND ULTIMO

Pyrmont and Ultimo - An Urban and Maritime Village

Here are some of your local community's suggested projects for community building and revitalising the village of Pyrmont and Ultimo.

Priority Project: Transforming Harris Street to a true "high street"

As an integrated long term project, Harris Street will be revitalised as the "village" main street, connecting Pyrmont from the waterfront to Ultimo and Broadway.

Following on the work of the Pyrmont Infrastructure Review, a series of projects will be progressed to comprehensively renew Harris Street by:

- Achieving the potential for active street frontages on Harris Street
- Calming traffic and improving pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Branding the villages of Pyrmont and Ultimo as the creative crucible of the global City
- Encourage heritage restoration
- Exploring opportunities for more café and local meeting places along Harris Street
- Improved street cleaning, footpath widening, lighting and landscaping
- Revised parking controls and enforcement to address current issues
- A public art or creative lighting program to transform blighted expressway spaces such as underway the freeway
- Improved retail mix to meet community needs for "the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker"
- Economic development strategies to establish a hub for creative start-up businesses in media and design

Other Projects Suggested by Your Community

Many ideas and suggestions came from the community and Council is responding with suggested projects reflecting your values and aspirations for the City West.

- Unlocking Wentworth Park's full potential as a grand urban park for the communities of Pyrmont, Ultimo and beyond. Underway – see items 18 & 19 in the Plan.
- New waterfront parks and new community facilities for the old water police site and a new green are now being delivered at Jackson's Landing and The Knoll. Underway – see item 17

- Improved connections along the foreshore walk connecting Pyrmont to the Blackwattle Bay. Underway – see item 17.
- Improved pedestrian connections from Wentworth Park to the CBD - see item 9.
- A study to explore opportunities for community, residential, retail and office use, for Council's no longer used depot at Wattle and Fig Street. Council's aim would be a major green space, possibly rooftop, as part of any redevelopment as well as creating safe, inviting links to Wattle Street and Wentworth Park.– see item 18
- A continuing focus on meeting the changing community service needs of the people of Pyrmont and Ultimo. Underway – see item 34
- A City West Community Information Exchange developed by the City in partnership with the community, to help people in the community connect with each other and to provide local information and links to services. See item 29
- Stronger links with stakeholders including the ABC, The Powerhouse Museum and the universities of the Ultimo education precinct. New- see item 22
- Involve the creative media and design industries in working on a brand and identity for Pyrmont and Ultimo, consultatively across the age range and profile of the community. New – see item 31
- A Good Neighbour strategy to manage the impact of Star City on the quality of life, working in partnership with police and the Star City management. New – see item 33
- Council to advocate for additional public transport to improve resident commuter transport access and for safer pedestrian links through to Darling Harbour.
- Improved amenity, safety and maintenance for Ultimo and Pyrmont neighbourhood Street parks.

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 the various projects.

The timelines are:

- Short Term – now to 2008
- Medium Term – 2008 to 2009
- Longer Term – 2010 and beyond

THE PLAN

No	COMMUNITY REQUEST	ACTION	TIMING	COMMENT
1	Integrated and comprehensive revitalisation of Harris Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create “village” hubs along Harris Street for both Ultimo and Pyrmont through a number of sub projects, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implementing action items from Council’s consideration of the Pyrmont Infrastructure review – Undertaking streetscape improvements along the Ultimo section, including lighting, paving, street trees, landscaping and public art – Revising parking controls to meet current community and business needs – Integrate all relevant Council strategies including, cycling, pedestrian and disability access – Work with business organisations to develop a local economic strategy – Exploring opportunities for creating or optimising local meeting places along Harris Street – Reduce signage and clutter – Branding developed in partnership with the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short, medium and long term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 Council completed a project known as the Pyrmont Infrastructure Review. The review was multi-dimensional, considering traffic, parking, pedestrian amenity and open space for the Pyrmont Ultimo peninsula. • November 2005 Council resolved to implement a number of the recommended projects in the Infrastructure Review as part of the Local Action Plan and other relevant programs.
2	A street tree planting and planter boxes program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement an area-wide tree planting program to green the streets • Upgrade landscaping in traffic islands, planter boxes and public domain garden beds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 743 new street trees were planted across the City in 2005, with suburbs west of the CBD as one of the priority areas. 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 new landscaping program is also underway to progressively replant and raise the standard of landscaping on traffic islands and garden beds. • Approximately 47 planter boxes are located on Harris Street and at Union Square, Pyrmont have recently been replenished to replace damaged or missing plants. • The boxes and contents are frequently targeted by vandals and intoxicated passers by. To reduce vandalism a number of boxes have been relocated to less vandal prone areas and planted with tougher lower growing plants.

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3	Development of the existing potential for Pyrmont and Ultimo as a creative media and design hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a branding and signage project to symbolise and celebrate unique identity • Work with major institutions in Ultimo to establish and promote the cultural and education precinct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2006 University of Technology Sydney, Powerhouse Museum, TAFE NSW and ABC jointly proposed the development of a cultural and educational precinct in Ultimo. The City is working in partnership to with these organisations and others to establish and promote the cultural and education precinct.
4	Review of footpath licensing to encourage street cafes in appropriate locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a combined review of the footpath licensing and planning controls to activate the street. Ensure disability access is not compromised by footpath activation • Review busking licence program to encourage activities that contribute colour and life to the local area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider as part of Harris Street revitalisation project.
5	Beautify under the freeway – landscaping, lighting and public art project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execute the under the freeway Public Art and landscaping project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for this project has begun with direct community involvement.
6	Heritage incentives for “abandoned” heritage properties, with particular focus on Harris Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the existing heritage incentives scheme • Enforce non compliant, safety issues associated with dilapidated buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council introduced a new heritage grants program in 2006. • As part of the Harris Street upgrade, identify and promote heritage restoration and opportunities for adaptive re use of heritage buildings.
7	Strengthening Union Square as a village meeting place in Harris Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities for creating or optimising local meeting places along Harris Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be done as part of Harris Street revitalisation project.
8	Improving the lighting of footpaths to encourage safe pedestrian activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop implementation plan for Council’s Exterior Lighting Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short to medium term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new “green street light project” is soon to be trialed in the Glebe area to improve lighting levels and higher environmental standards. The trial will be monitored and considered for future use in Ultimo and Pyrmont.
9	Footpath, road and access improvements throughout Pyrmont and Ultimo, including along the Pyrmont Bridge walkway to the CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement relevant projects from the Pyrmont Infrastructure Review project, designed to improve pedestrian access and safety • Develop a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan for Ultimo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short to medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan for Ultimo will be part of the broader City wide plan.

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10	A neighbourhood-wide safety plan and program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue elements of Pymont Infrastructure Review on safe design. (Refer item 27 for more safety related actions) • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will work with the local community to identify critical issues and implement a range of strategies for improving community safety.
11	Improving street cleaning to beyond main streets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Council's rapid response service • Develop and maintain improved street cleaning service levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new team approach has also been introduced to ensure better coordination of street cleaning. Sweeper trucks and cleaning crews will operate simultaneously to ensure street cleaning is done efficiently.
12	More prompt removal of dumped shopping trolleys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a new policy to improve trolley management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased community participation and reporting is fundamental to improve the City's service levels.
13	Remove unwanted graffiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement rapid graffiti removal service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As outlined above increased community participation and reporting can improve the City's service levels.
14	Programs to encourage businesses to keep clean and clear laneways and programs for residents to maintain clean footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote good waste presentation practices by local businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new policy for commercial garbage collection was recently on exhibition and is currently under review. The new policy is mainly focused on controlling collection hours to reduce noise for adjacent residents.
15	Addressing the interface between Darling Harbour and Pymont and Ultimo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement relevant projects from the Pymont Infrastructure Review project, designed to improve walking links between Darling Harbour, Pymont and Ultimo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also consider as part of city wide pedestrian plan.
16	Footpath, road and access improvements throughout Pymont and Ultimo including, along the Pymont bridge walkway to the CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a new maintenance, more intense program for improving roads, footpaths and pedestrian crossings as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's is now delivering a \$20M program to repair and replace footpath and road pavements across the City.
17	Creating the Water Police Site Foreshore Park and improved walkway links to the Sydney Fish Market, Bicentennial Park, Blackwattle Bay and Wentworth Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the missing links in the board walk from Blackwattle Bay to the City on Council land. Advocate for completion of links for community foreshore access across State and private land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short to Long term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has already begun planning work and is committed to providing a continuous link from Blackwattle Bay to Darling Harbour. Community advocacy will assist Council in negotiations with the State Government and other adjacent landowners in relation to sections along Bank Street.

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18	Creating Wentworth Park as a village green for Pyrmont, Ultimo and Glebe, with improvements to safety, facilities and amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Sporting Complex Trust to make more efficient use of the land occupied by the Greyhound Sporting Complex and return portions of the Crown Reserve to public accessible open space • Permanently cease all car parking on the sections of Wentworth Park managed by Council • Improve views in and through the site by ensuring that any replacement fence is designed and made of materials that allow views into the Sporting Complex • Permanently remove all redundant non-heritage buildings and structures • Consider improved access across Wattle Street along the light rail crossing • Proceed with the short term maintenance upgrades as resolved by Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short to medium term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In June 2006 Council resolved to offer the Sporting Complex Trust \$500,000 support, subject to opening up of an additional 5,000 square metres (15%) of permanently publicly accessible parkland and permanent removal of car parking from Wentworth Park. The additional public open space is to be managed by Council on behalf of the broader community. • Negotiations are currently underway with the Trust to implement the agreement as resolved by Council.
19	Relocating the Wentworth Park Greyhound Racing facility so the park can be extended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to advocate for the ultimate relocation of the greyhound racing facility and return of prime Crown Land to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As outlined above negotiations are underway for regaining 5,000 square meters of additional parkland and removal of solid fencing to open up park views. • Council will continue to work in collaboration with State Government agencies and Greyhound Racing seeking a timetable for the ultimate relocation. Community advocacy will assist Council achieve the desired final result.
20	Establishing community plots and gardens in Pyrmont and Ultimo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the City's network of community gardens and develop a long term plan to ensure balanced provision across the City • Increase participation in the community garden category of the City of Sydney's annual garden awards • Develop policy and program for volunteer organisations, such as Landcare groups, to repair and maintain the natural local environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short to medium term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise some gardens are on private land and that Council and community groups can promote more active use of these. • Promote the City Web site community garden information.

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21	Encouraging responsible dog ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Council's companion Animals Policy once adopted • Install signage program for good manners and management of pets to ensure clean streets and parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has initiated the Companion Animals Policy which 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.
22	Involving the museums in local community life through a good neighbour project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy to encourage engagement with the local community by major institutions such as the ABC, the Powerhouse, the Maritime Museum and UTS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council with community and local institutions in partnership in training programs for local young people and other programs of community interest.
23	Upgrading the Ada Place Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to landscape and amenity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrades to Ada Place Park are currently underway.
24	Improve the natural ecology of Pyrmont peninsula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support initiatives to improve the natural ecology of the Pyrmont peninsular, including Pyrmont-Ultimo Urban Landcare Group's Pyrmont Ecology project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short, medium and long term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pyrmont-Ultimo Urban Landcare Group is undertaking an innovative project to establish baseline ecological information, develop policy and implementation plans for ecological improvement of the Pyrmont peninsula. The project may provide a model for use in other parts of the City.
25	Improving the amenities in foreshore parks for picnics, barbeques and provide toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to Pyrmont Point Park will be undertaken in association with Water Police Site upgrade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Open Space and Recreation Strategy is being finalised. It will enable the City to create parks as "outdoor rooms" with facilities for many different community uses.
26	Reviewing and upgrading local parks and walking links to UTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve as links between parks to create better walking and cycle paths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short to medium term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review is currently being done as part of Council's Open Space and Recreation Needs study, Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategies.
27	Improving amenity, safety and security for Pyrmont and Ultimo's neighbourhood street parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake cyclic safety audits to identify community safety issues such as lighting, visual obstructions, traffic hazards and access. All issues identified are to be addressed through existing programs and services. • Public safety design principles are to be applied in public domain upgrades. • Implement Council's revised alcohol free zone policy adopted in 2006. • Develop implementation plan for Council's Exterior Lighting Strategy adopted in 2005. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short, medium and long term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City will continue to consult the community and the police to identify "hot spots" for improved safety.

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28	Negotiating with the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and Maritime NSW to enable the Blackwattle Bay wharves and Fish Markets foreshore walks and connections to be extended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with the design and development of an extended foreshore board walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council will continue to advocate for a continuous foreshore walk from Blackwattle Bay to the CBD with neighbourhood links and connections.
29	Establishing the Ultimo and Pyrmont village website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to set up community noticeboards Investigate new media opportunities and providing wi-fi at community centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 City West area..
30	Developing a program to establish village watch, safe house and other programs for community wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved safety and more cohesive community (Refer item 27) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short, medium and long term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication between the community, police and Council is critical to ensure safety problems are identified and addressed.
31	Developing a brand and identity for Pyrmont and Ultimo reflecting its role as an information and design hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a branding and signage project to symbolise and celebrate unique identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council will investigate development of brand and identity for Pyrmont and Ultimo in partnership with the local businesses and community. The purpose will be to promote economic development, identity, tourism and community building.
32	Provide heritage information, interpretive signage and plaques program to raise public awareness and create opportunity for understanding, appreciation and enjoyment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a heritage information interpretive signage and plaques program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is underway in some parts of the City and can be delivered as part of urban design streetscape improvements.
33	Improving the relationship with Star City Casino and its impacts on the local area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop partnership approach and advocate for changes to improve community interface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to form an advisory group to investigate issues and remedies. Community groups to be represented along with Star City management.
34	A social plan for the Pyrmont and Ultimo community focussed on services for diverse groups and vulnerable people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement City of Sydney Social Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Sydney Social Plan was adopted in June 2006

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35	Reviewing community needs for recreational facilities including a running track, craft centres, gymnasiums for kids, tennis courts and playing fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify gaps in community recreation facilities and develop an implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short to medium term Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City is currently undertaking a City-wide Open Space and Recreation needs study to identify gaps and develop an improvement plan..
36	Establishing a Council quick response for residents enquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to review and improve Customer Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has established one contact number and recruited additional customer service staff to improve service levels. In 2005 Council introduced a new Customer Satisfaction Survey.
37	Reduce noise from garbage trucks, buses, entertainment venues and undesirable behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and enforce new controls to reduce noise levels where possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short to medium term Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 15 May 2006, Council passed a resolution aimed at better preventing short term accommodation in residential units. At present the City is preparing a Night Trading Development Control Plan (DCP) and the inclusion of Places for 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. In early 2006 Council initiated a policy to control the hours of commercial garbage collection.

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38	Address parking issues for local residents and business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise parking control and enforcement to meet current community and business needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City consulted residents on a proposal from the Pyrmont Infrastructure Review to provide fulltime 24-hour permit parking restrictions in Jacksons Landing. Based on the outcome of the community consultation the City decided not to proceed with 24-hour restrictions. • Enforcement blitzes are carried out on Friday and Saturday night in entertainment precincts. City Rangers are also targeting illegally parked vehicles in residential areas. • Parking controls in Harris Street is to be considered as part of the revitalisation project.
39	Construct light rail station to Wentworth Park, as part of any redevelopment of the Wattle and Fig Street Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate access improvements across Wattle Street light rail bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is advocating for a light rail network and sustainable public transport system. Improvements to existing light rail links will be reviewed as part of future projects in Pyrmont and Ultimo. • 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.

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40	Look at traffic calming, traffic speeds, truck routes, cycle links and pedestrian links, public transport and light rail planning for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement relevant projects from the Pymont Infrastructure Review as resolved by Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2005 Council resolved to implement a number of the recommended projects in the Infrastructure Review as part of the Local Action Plan and other relevant programs. Council will consider the planning needs of Pymont and Ultimo as part of the City-wide Cycle Strategy and Integrated Transport Strategy now underway.
41	Review the casino's parking controls to improve residential amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase parking enforcement on busy nights at the Casino 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short to medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council will ensure Star City management adhere to parking controls and consider resident parking scheme. Enforcement blitzes are carried out on Friday and Saturday night between 9.00pm and 5.00am in entertainment precincts.
42	Re-introduce the 888 bus to Star City to take pressure off regular bus services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for improved State Transit Authority bus services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short to medium term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community transport services are also under review
43	Monitoring of air quality and tunnel filters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor trends and the effectiveness of programs related to greenhouse gas emissions and air quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short, medium and long term Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council is already monitoring air quality and will continue to do so in collaboration with the State Government and Roads and Traffic Authority as needed. Council monitors through various data sources. Refer to the Environmental section of the City website for more information.
44	Establish bicycle paths to reduce pollution and traffic congestion, as well as improve the health of residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a network of bicycle routes to connect Pymont and Ultimo to the City's villages and CBD Manage City streets to become safer for cycling Deliver a series of social programs to provide information about cycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short to medium term Underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has completed the City-wide Cycle Strategy. The strategy sets out the City's commitment to improve cycling access over the next 10 years and builds on recent street upgrades and initiatives to encourage greater cycling participation.