

# LEAVE NOTHING TO WASTE

The City has adopted one of the most comprehensive plans to tackle residential waste in Australia.

Our residents generate close to 65,000 tonnes of waste every year – and while 69 per cent is now diverted from landfill, our plan aims to increase this amount to 90 per cent by 2030. To do that, we have to drastically increase our recycling rates.

As part of the Leave Nothing to Waste plan, we will introduce a free weekly e-waste pick-up service across the City next year, and selected apartments will start a trial of food and textiles collections. We are also developing a free online tool that will guide you on how to correctly recycle and dispose of your household waste.

There are worrying media reports that recent restrictions in China are leading to stockpiling and landfilling of recyclable materials in Australia – this is not the case here at the City. Your yellow bin recycling is processed locally and used to create new plastic, paper, glass and metal products. There is no change anticipated in the short term. So please keep recycling!



E-waste collection

# WESTCONNEX UPDATE



More trees in Moore Park to be felled

With the community still reeling from the approval of WestConnex Stage 3, plans for the Alexandria to Moore Park (A2MP) connector highway will funnel 120,000 extra cars off the St Peters Interchange and onto already gridlocked city streets.

The A2MP highway will plough through Waterloo, Alexandria and Erskineville to Moore Park, threatening the safety and amenity of neighbourhoods, as well as destroying significant trees and alienating more parkland. The community has every right to be concerned about the impact of increased traffic movements through their neighbourhoods and close to where they live.

While opposing this destructive project, the City is also focussed on safeguarding local streets. We have successfully negotiated a 40km/h zone in Alexandria (bounded by Sydney Park Road,

McEvoy Street, Wyndham Street, Buckland Street, Henderson Road and Ashmore Street). We are now urging the State to extend this 40km/h speed limit across the whole A2MP project.

City staff are reviewing community feedback on our study to manage the impacts of WestConnex traffic in Alexandria, Erskineville and St Peters. Once a final plan is developed, it will then be referred to Roads and Maritime Services for approval, the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee for consideration and if endorsed, will then be forwarded to Council for approval.

# POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

Despite strong and consistent opposition from the community, the NSW Government is pushing ahead with plans to gut and relocate the Powerhouse Museum, which has been at its Sulman Award winning home in Ultimo since 1988.

It was one of a number of important Bicentennial gifts to the people of NSW, repurposing an historic powerhouse built to power an early inner Sydney tram network. The early exhibits came from a Federation-era museum of arts and applied sciences nearby. The Bicentennial building emphasised purpose-designed locations for large and significant exhibits.

The Powerhouse Museum is a key element in a ring of important and linked city cultural institutions, from the College of Fine Arts and the National Art School, to the Art Gallery of NSW, the Sydney Opera House, Museum of Contemporary Art and future



The Powerhouse Museum is soon to be relocated from Ultimo to Parramatta

cultural facilities at Barangaroo, right around to the University of Technology Sydney and the Natural Science Museum in East Sydney.

With the new International Convention Centre lining the western edge of the city, the government should be focusing on the cultural and economic benefits of the proximity of the Powerhouse and culture walks to institutions in Ultimo, Haymarket and Chippendale via the recently landscaped Goods Line.

# Art in public places

is one of the indicators of a flourishing cultural life

Public art can add joy, texture and complexity to our public domain, it helps to define our places, tell our stories, and preserve our memories for future generations.

When we consulted city communities to develop our agenda-setting Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan, we received an emphatic response – residents and people who spend time in the city told us they wanted Sydney to celebrate artists and art.



**Intangible Goods** by artists Elizabeth Commandeur and Mark Starmach. Part of Art & About Sydney, this vending machine invited thousands to buy products tailored for their emotional needs.

**The Distance of your Heart** by British artist Tracey Emin. More than 60 handmade bronze bird sculptures are perched on poles, and above doorways and awnings along Bridge and Grosvenor streets.

**40 Years of Love** by Matthew Aberline and Maurice Goldberg commemorates the anniversary of that first, bloody protest march in 1978. The artwork was organised by the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras with support from the City and will be in Taylor Square until September 1.

**Law of the Journey** by Ai Weiwei was made in the Chinese factory that also makes the precarious vessels used by thousands of refugees around the world. It was a drawcard in the 21st Biennale of Sydney, which we were proud to sponsor.

**40,000 Years Is a Long, Long Time** has been part of Redfern for 35 years. The City was proud to help the Redfern Station Community Group restore the mural to its original glory – without them the five year project wouldn't have started, endured or be completed. The mural includes the work of original artists Carol Ruff, Joe Geia, Avril Quail as well as Danny Eastwood, Jo Hurst, Thea Perkins, students from the EORA College, and artists with the Boonall Aboriginal Artists Cooperative.

**Cloud Nation** is a repurposed vintage Beechcraft Travel Air plane suspended inside the new Green Square library. Local artists Claire Healy and Sean Cordeiro have installed a meticulously crafted miniature world recalling *Gulliver's Travels* on top of the plane that children and adults can enjoy by looking through monoculars from the plaza above.

**Naba Gumal** which means 'Family and Friends' is by D'harawal artist Shannon Foster. The artwork flew proudly on banners in the city during NAIDOC Week and will also be shared throughout the year to celebrate the world's longest living cultures.

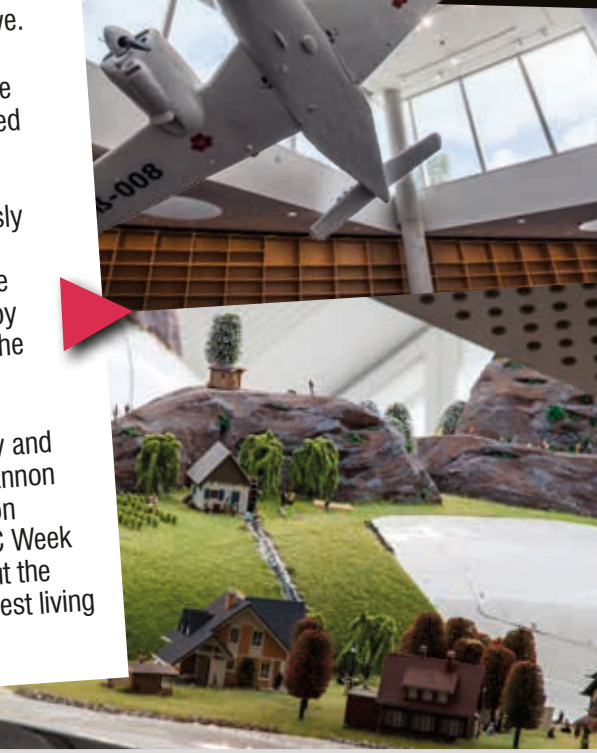


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Launch of the community and cultural precinct in Green Square



## BUDGET 2018:

**We continue our years of stable and progressive community-led governance**

Since 2004, our city economy has grown by \$64 billion, more than two-thirds in real terms (over and above inflation). It now totals around \$125 billion and powers almost a quarter of the NSW economy.

**We also contribute more than 10 per cent of Australia's economic growth.** And along with the inner areas of Australia's other major cities, we've overtaken the mining sector as the principal driver of Australia's economy.

**This is driving an increase in jobs.** Since 2006, job numbers have grown by 100,000 to 495,000, an increase of almost 30 per cent. This makes the City of Sydney the epicentre of jobs and job growth in Australia.

**This is dramatically changing the nature of employment in our city.** Manufacturing and similar jobs have been replaced with professional and business services, financial services, visitor accommodation and restaurants and cafes.

**The most recent available data shows phenomenal growth in IT professionals,** who have increased by 7,500 to over 20,000 in the last five years – more than 60 per cent. Our city has become the tech capital of Australia, with significant and growing IT clusters.

**This hasn't happened by accident – it's the result of progressive, stable, non-corrupt, consultative and action-led City governance.**

**Just a few decades ago, the City was close to bankruptcy.** Since 2004, Council has responsibly planned for the future, invested in property and retained our assets. We have saved to provide for new infrastructure and services.

**This responsible financial management, which I made a key priority when I was elected, has meant we have delivered debt-free budgets, kept our residential rates low, and continued to offer free rates to pensioners.**

**Our strong financial position has enabled us to invest \$1.3 billion** in high quality infrastructure and community facilities since 2004, completing over 250 projects including new and upgraded parks, playgrounds, pools, libraries, theatres, childcare centres, community spaces and separated cycleways.

**We know that a city where people want to live is also a city where people want to work, set up business and visit.** It's why I've made investing in open space and parks, beautiful community facilities and design excellence such priorities. And it's paid off.

**Global surveys consistently rank Sydney highly for its liveability** and I am proud our work has contributed to that.

**We're now investing \$1.6 billion on 430 capital projects over the next decade** including increasing open space, accelerating climate action, building beautifully designed facilities, improving city liveability as well as operational programs to boost our city economy, encourage tourism and enhance our cultural life.

**Late last year, the City's financial status was reviewed by the State Government audit office and presented to State Parliament for the first time. The Auditor General reported that, "the transformation of the City over the last decade has been remarkable and an achievement to be proud of."**

*Our community-led governance means this is an achievement we all share.*

*Clover Moore*

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# SOLAR SUCCESS



Solar panels at student housing co-op Stucco, Newtown

**Two years ago, we gave Newtown housing co-op "Stucco" an innovation grant to install solar and battery storage to reduce carbon emissions and power bills.**

**Stucco**, which provides affordable rental housing for Sydney University students, hoped this initiative would cut 35 tonnes of carbon pollution a year and provide 70 per cent of their energy needs, but it now provides more than 100 per cent – far above expectations. Stucco won a Green Globe award for this project in 2017.

We also supported **Sydney Renewable Solar Company's** bid to build a community-owned solar array on the roof of the new International Convention Centre with an innovation grant, and again it's performing beyond expectations. In 2017, it produced more than 655 megawatt-hours of electricity, well above the 545MWh target.

**These results show innovative projects such as these can help increase access to clean, renewable energy and significantly cut costs.**



# PROVIDING FOR OUR GROWING CITY

Over the next decade, we have budgeted \$1.6 billion to increase open space across the city, accelerate action to reduce carbon emissions, and build high-quality facilities for our communities.

Since 2004, we have delivered more than 250 important projects including parks, playgrounds, childcare centres, pools, libraries, theatres and community and cultural spaces and we have budgeted for over 430 more projects over the next decade.

In the coming year, our \$342.8 million capital works budget will fund new sports fields, indoor courts and recreation facilities, and the next stage of development in the Green Square town centre. We will build two new parks, upgrade seven existing parks and playgrounds, add 9,000 square metres of new and upgraded street gardens, and increase open space by more than 2,500 square metres.

**Victoria Park, Camperdown** has been upgraded with a netball practice court, table tennis tables, new paths and lighting. A bio-retention area and wetland has been installed in Lake Northam to clean and filter stormwater runoff.

We have removed existing commercial and industrial uses along **The Crescent at Johnstons Creek, Annandale**, and will open up the viaduct arches to add approximately 8,500 square metres of new open space to the existing parkland area. There'll be a new skate park and upgraded children's playground.

We've combined three former depots into the state-of-the-art **Alexandra Canal Depot in Alexandria**. This sustainable facility provides waste, cleansing and maintenance services to the southern half of the City. Over 1,600 solar panels on its roof generate energy which is stored in metropolitan Sydney's first industrial-scale Tesla battery. It can store electricity to meet the daily needs of 50 homes and power 50,000 mobile phones.

The City's **new library in Darling Square**, between Haymarket and Chinatown, will occupy two floors of the new Lendlease building designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma. The library will be four times larger than the current Haymarket library and will include spaces for innovation, entrepreneurs, makers and creators, as well as a children's area, meeting rooms and digital lounge and a collection of 30,000 items.

**Perry Park Recreation Centre in Alexandria** when it opens later this year will have two indoor and two outdoor multipurpose courts for sports such as netball, basketball and futsal. We have also purchased an industrial warehouse nearby on Huntley Street. We are proposing to convert it into multipurpose indoor courts – a huge win for our growing community's open space, sports and recreation needs.

We are building an urban skate plaza and flow bowl for skateboards, scooters and BMX bikes at **Sydney Park**.

## ALSO PLANNED...

**The Drying Green**, a new 6,212 square metre park which will become the Green Square town centre's 'village green'

**Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre**, also in Green Square, the largest aquatic complex to be built in Sydney in nearly 20 years

**Dyuralya Square, Waterloo**, a relaxing community space for small events, markets and performances

Planting trees and street gardens to **increase our city's urban canopy by 50 per cent by 2030**

Upgrading small parks and playgrounds including **James Hilder, Shannon, Crete, Ernest Pederson and Clyne reserves, Womerah Gardens, Strickland and Wimbo parks, and playgrounds in Beaconsfield Park, Fig Lane Park and Ross Street**

Upgrading of the **Reginald Murphy Activity Centre** in Kings Cross and **Joseph Sargeant Centre** in Erskineville

Upgrading the **trunk drainage system in Woolloomooloo**

Revitalising inner-city laneways and squares, including **York Lane, Sydney Square, Wynyard Lane, Barrack Street** and **significant laneways off George Street**

## ACKNOWLEDGING SACRIFICE

The sacrifices made by men and women to defend this country, in past wars and conflicts in different parts of the world today, are commemorated across our city.

Over the past 14 years, we have invested around \$4.5 million to restore war memorials throughout our City, including in Pyrmont, Woolloomooloo, Redfern, Newtown, Darlinghurst and Glebe. And we created Australia's first memorial to honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women, **YININMADYEMI Thou didst let fall**, Aboriginal artist Tony Albert's stark tribute in Hyde Park.

This included \$3.2 million to restore the Pool of Reflection in front of the war memorial, also in Hyde Park. The upgrade included new tiling and waterproofing and a new underground plant room with better pumps and filters, as well as improving its surrounds with new trees and furniture.

The City's conservators continue to carry out annual preservation work on the Martin Place Cenotaph.

## A CITY FOR ALL

Our first 10 year social sustainability policy and action plan, building on the City's strong track record, is designed to ensure Sydney remains an inclusive and welcoming city, with strong social connections and communities.

With a growing population and large scale urban transformation underway, the decisions we make today – whether investing in parks, community infrastructure or social programs – will affect current and future generations to come.

'A City for All,' our Social Sustainability Policy and Action Plan 2018-2028, is our response to these challenges – and it's the result of consultation with thousands of people across our city community.

At its heart is First Nations recognition and creating a welcoming, socially connected and inclusive city that embraces diversity. Other initiatives include a program connecting apartment dwellers and supporting socially responsible local businesses.

## CITYTALKS: TECHNOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

We're taking practical steps, like offering grants, organising events, and providing affordable office space to help Sydney's tech startup businesses reach their potential.

There are more startups founded here than anywhere else in Australia. Startups contribute \$500 billion to the Australian economy, with 60 per cent of all fintech companies based in Sydney, as well as 39 per cent of tech startups.

We are committed to helping Sydney businesses develop the digital skills, knowledge and infrastructure they need.

Our flagship CityTalks Sydney event in May featured Jim McKelvey, co-founder of Silicon Valley success story 'Square', which has revolutionised mobile payments for small businesses. The talk was supported by the State Government as part of our Visiting Entrepreneur Program.

Under our grants program, we are supporting Tech Ready Women, to give women-led startups the support and advice they need to grow. We are also sponsoring a four part series of talks to build Sydney's links into Southeast Asia and particularly Indonesia's fintech sector as well as funding a new website to give Sydney's tech startup community a central resource.

Affordable office space is a major obstacle for tech startups, so we are working with Lendlease to deliver 3,900 square metres of office space – three floors – for tech startups or other innovative high growth businesses in the heart of the financial district on George Street.

Tech leaders at the CityTalks Sydney event on democratising technology

## EVER GREEN

We have budgeted an extra \$4.5 million to accelerate the rollout of solar panels on residential and commercial buildings across the City.

We will also invest more than \$10 million in major green infrastructure projects including efficiency improvements across City properties, new trigeneration plants at Cook + Phillip Park Pool and Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre, and installing additional solar panels on City properties and facilities.

Installation of the Tesla battery at Alexandra Canal Depot

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