

OUR NEW PLAN FOR SYDNEY'S NIGHTLIFE

Last year, an extensive consultation process brought forward more than 10,000 people who called for more late night areas, extended opening hours and more things to do after dark.

In response, the City has developed a proposed new plan for Sydney's nightlife. The 'late night trading development control plan' was endorsed by Council for public exhibition in November and is now open for your response.


Proposed changes would allow businesses to open later, extend 24-hour trading across the Sydney CBD and allow shops, businesses and low-impact food and drink venues, including small bars, on high streets to trade until 2am. It proposes a new late night cultural precinct in north Alexandria and an extension of late night trading into Chippendale and Green Square. It also gives venues hosting performances and creative events in designated trading areas an additional hour to trade.

The draft plan lays the foundation for a 24-hour Sydney, with the intention of balancing the amenity of residents while ensuring a future for our night-time economy. Sydney's night-time economy employs over 35,000 people and is worth more than \$4 billion to the state's economy annually.

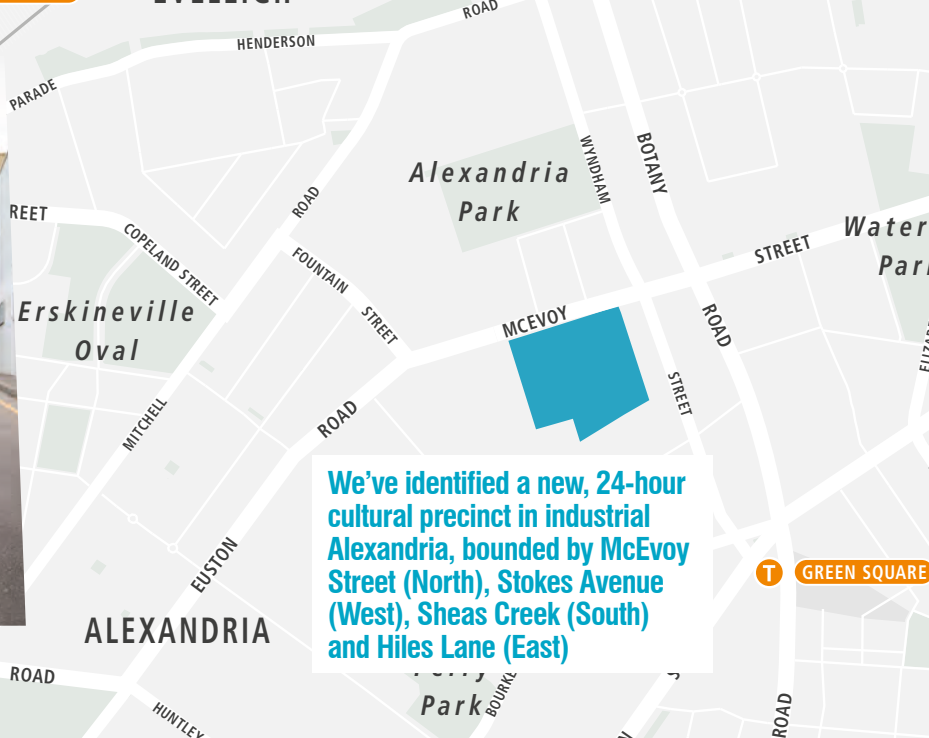
Last year, we also established our Nightlife and Creative Sector Advisory Panel, co-chaired by Sydney Fringe CEO and Festival Director Kerri Glasscock and City Councillor Jess Scully. In November, they presented at "Global Cities After Dark", an industry conference presented by Electronic Music Conference (EMC) and former Night Mayor of Amsterdam, Mirik Milan. The conference is proudly sponsored by the City with a \$75,000 investment over three years.

Visit sydneyyoursay.com.au to give your feedback on our draft plan for Sydney's nightlife before 8 February.

From left to right, keynote speakers at EMC's "Global Cities After Dark" conference: she said, so Board Member and London Community Manager Amanda Maxwell, Night Time Ambassador in Detroit Adrian Toton, Lord Mayor Clover Moore, creator of "Ask for Angela" campaign Hayley Child, Global Night Mayor Advocate and co-founder of VibeLab Mirik Milan and co-founder of "A Club Called Rhonda" Loren Granich. Image courtesy of Dean Hammer for "Global Cities After Dark".



City of Sydney Specialist Planner Julie Prentice, Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Planning Policy Manager Ben Pechey in Alexandria



We've identified a new, 24-hour cultural precinct in industrial Alexandria, bounded by McEvoy Street (North), Stokes Avenue (West), Sheas Creek (South) and Hiles Lane (East)



24-hour trading will be extended across the Sydney CBD:

- proposed 24-hour trading zones
- existing 24-hour zones



Leisure in Sydney this summer

The City of Sydney's three fabulous outdoor aquatic centres are the best places to swim, picnic and play this summer. They all have 50 metre pools for lap swimming as well as smaller pools for learners and leisure seekers. In addition, there are two indoor pools, open longer hours for city workers and residents.



ANDREW (BOY) CHARLTON POOL is located right on Sydney Harbour at Woolloomooloo Bay near the Royal Botanic Gardens. There's also a licensed café with outdoor deck and massage centre.
Outdoor summer opening hours:*
Mon – Sun 6am to 8pm



VICTORIA PARK POOL is located near the University of Sydney. It was the first in-ground public pool built in Sydney and first opened in 1953. There's also a fitness centre, café and a crèche.
Summer opening hours:*
Mon – Fri 6am to 8pm
Sat & Sun 7am to 8pm



PRINCE ALFRED PARK POOL is located in Surry Hills, right next to Central Station. It's the City's first accessible, heated outdoor pool, with a ramp into the water. Opened in 2013 as part of the award-winning transformation of Prince Alfred Park, it's bright yellow umbrellas and bleachers are perfect for lazy summer days.
Summer opening hours:*
Mon – Sun 6am to 8pm



COOK AND PHILLIP PARK POOL a high quality swimming and fitness centre located in the heart of the City.
Opening hours:*
Mon – Fri 6am to 10pm
Sat & Sun 7am to 8pm



Designed by Harry Seidler and located in Ultimo, the **IAN THORPE AQUATIC CENTRE** features an indoor 50 metre pool, leisure pool with spa, sauna and steam room, fitness centre and café.
Opening hours:*
Mon – Fri 6am to 10pm
Sat & Sun 6am to 8pm



We even have a pool for our four-legged friends. Dogs in Sydney Park love to splash in the doggy pool and cool down in summer!

*Check the centres' websites for public holiday opening hours

Help shape the future of Sydney. Have your say at SydneyYourSay.com.au

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2019 Year of the Pig

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SYDNEY CITY NEWS

Sharing our global city with the world

This year, we are hosting the Sydney Lunar Festival, an evolution of Sydney's Chinese New Year Festival – the largest celebration of its kind outside of Asia.

Founded 22 years ago, the City's Lunar New Year celebrations started as a community event in Chinatown. **More than 1.3 million people attended last year's event, spending \$70 million, with visitors to the Lunar Lanterns exhibition alone generating \$52.8 million for the Sydney economy.**

From 1–10 February, the 2019 Sydney Lunar Festival will again welcome tourists from around the world, to join with Sydney's Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, and Malaysian communities, to celebrate the Year of the Pig.

This year's event will again feature the popular Lunar Lanterns exhibition, nightly lion dancing, dragon boat racing, community performances and events.

Curated by Valerie Khoo, Sydney Lunar Festival is a wonderful example of our global and inclusive city. With almost 130,000 residents in our local area born outside of Australia, it is vital our programs reflect the origins and traditions of our communities. **The celebration of Sydney Lunar Festival supports local retailers and restaurants and is a good reason to stay up late to enjoy our beautiful city's warm summer nights.**

"A City for All" outlines our social sustainability policy and its action plan was endorsed last year. A city for all is one where our progress is measured in terms of social justice and community resilience and I am proud to work with you to create the kind of city we all want to live in.

As Australia's global city, we're promoting a more vibrant and safe night-time economy. We are moving beyond the lockdown laws and proposing changes to city planning controls to establish new, designated late night areas, reward venues with good operators and encourage more diverse activity in our city after dark.

In this edition of Sydney City News, we'll outline our proposed new plan for Sydney's nightlife, as well as our new cycling strategy. We'll also give you all the information you need to best celebrate the Year of the Pig and the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.


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... And welcoming international students to Sydney

Sydney is one of the world's most popular cities for overseas students, with more than 35,000 international students studying here.

From 2016–2017, international education was worth \$28 billion to the Australian economy.

We have adopted our first International Education Action Plan to help make overseas students feel welcome, promote their wellbeing and ensure they have good experiences living and studying in our city.

Every year, the Lord Mayor hosts an International Students' Welcome for more than 500 students in Sydney Town Hall. We also work with education providers and institutions such as StudyNSW and NSW Police Force to run a wellbeing and safety forum, we support the "Welcome Desk" at Sydney Airport, and fund the Redfern Legal Centre to extend free legal advice to international students living in the Sydney Local Government Area.

Visit insiderguides.com.au/sydney to download the Sydney International Student Guide.



LUNAR FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PIG!

Sydney Lunar Festival will take place from 1–10 February 2019.

Alongside the Lunar Lanterns exhibition, the much-loved red packet walk in Chinatown, lion dancing, and the largest dragon boat races in the southern hemisphere, there will be a community performance program with more than 80 associated events, including dancing, music and acrobatics.

2019 is the Year of the Pig, the twelfth sign in the Chinese Zodiac cycle. The characteristics of the Pig are loyalty, honesty and a good temper – however people born in the Year of the Pig can also be naïve or lazy! The Pig's chubby face and big ears are considered signs of good fortune and in Chinese culture, pigs are a symbol of wealth.

Curator Valerie Khoo is a visual artist, journalist and storyteller who founded the Australian Writers' Centre in 2005. She says:

"Lunar New Year is one of my favourite times of year. It's always full of family, friends and ridiculous amounts of delicious food... What's not to love?"

Key dates:

1–3 February – community performance program including Chinese, Thai, Korean and Indonesian traditional dancing, Japanese drumming and lively K-pop performances at the Overseas Passenger Terminal

1 February at 7.30pm
2 and 3 February at 7pm

5 February – red packet walk with Lord Mayor Clover Moore in Chinatown Dixon Street Mall

9–10 February – dragon boat racing, Darling Harbour
9 February from 8am to 5pm
10 February from 8.30am to 3pm

Join us in this free celebration of culture, community and friendship.

Visit sydneylunarfestival.com for more information.



Celebrate LGBTIQ Sydney

HAPPY MARDI GRAS!

The theme of the 41st Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras is 'Fearless' – celebrating the ongoing resilience and audacious bravery of Sydney's LGBTIQ community.

As Mardi Gras enters its fifth decade, it remains as relevant and provocative as ever, with hundreds of thousands of people from around Australia and the world coming to Sydney to enjoy our diverse, welcoming and inclusive city.

We continue to be a proud supporter of Mardi Gras, this year committing \$289,700 in cash and value in-kind to the iconic event.

Come to the Parade on Saturday 2 March. There will be more than 300,000 spectators cheering on over 12,000 glittering participants as they march with pride down the middle of Oxford Street. The City of Sydney will once again have a float, this year themed 'Welcoming the World to our Party'.

Permanent rainbow crossing

Sydney's new and permanent rainbow crossing will open just in time for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

The City has been working with Roads and Maritime Services to provide a permanent pride artwork for Sydney, now being installed at the intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets, in the heart of Sydney's LGBTIQ district. The rainbow crossing will lead to Taylor Square, where our rainbow flag has proudly flown since 2015.

It is believed to be the world's first rainbow crossing curved like a rainbow. It will give priority to pedestrians and cyclists, who make up the majority of traffic at the location, with as many as 10,000 bike trips a week and thousands of people walking to local shops, cafés and restaurants every day.



Artist's impression, Rainbow Crossing Taylor Square

Equality Green

This year, we are celebrating just over one year of marriage equality. We have marked the historic anniversary with a proposal to name an area of Prince Alfred Park 'Equality Green', as a permanent reminder of Thursday 15 November, 2017, when tens of thousands of Sydneysiders gathered there to hear the results of the marriage equality postal survey.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore with Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich, co-chair of The Equality Campaign



To keep up to date with all Sydney events, sign up to our What's On newsletter at whatson.sydney

City of Sydney staff, including members of City Pride and Friends of City Pride, take part in the Mardi Gras Parade last year



Friday 15 February to Sunday 3 March, 2019

If you can't make it to the Parade, you can also livestream the fabulous event or catch up on the SBS broadcast on Sunday 3 March.

Mardi Gras celebrations also include Fair Day, held in our beautiful Victoria Park on Sunday 17 February. At Event Cinemas, George Street, there's also the 26th Mardi Gras Film Festival from 13–28 February and, at Carriageworks, 'Queer Thinking' (23–24 February) and 'Koori Gras' (18–23 February), featuring First Nations artists from around the world, as well as many other performances and events at venues all around Sydney. Visit mardigras.org.au for detailed information.

Cycling in the City

The City has long supported cycling as a great way for our residents and visitors to get around the city, reducing emissions, congestion, and competition for parking spaces. As a form of active transport, it also improves our health.

Making Sydney a city for walking and cycling is one of the ten strategic directions in our long-term plan, Sustainable Sydney 2030.

In November 2018, Council approved our latest Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2018–2030.

A key priority of the new plan is connecting the bike network as quickly and strategically as possible.

It's already possible to ride across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, through the city to Central Station and all the way to Green Square on traffic-free paths. As every piece of bike infrastructure is completed, the number of people riding increases.

Now, we are accelerating the development of these priority bike routes:

- Bondi to the CBD along Moore Park Road
- Bike connections to and around Central Station
- Final designs for extending the King Street cycleway in the inner city
- Final designs for the extension of the Castlereagh Street cycleway
- New cycleway linking Green Square to Randwick
- New cycleways connecting Redfern and Newtown
- Finalising the design for the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway with Roads and Maritime Services
- More safe bike connections to Pyrmont and Glebe.

We want to complete Sydney's regional bike network and most of the local bike network by 2030, but need ongoing support from the community and more financial support and quicker approvals from the NSW Government.

For more information go to cycleways.sydney



The Castlereagh Street cycleway is part of a north-south connection from the Harbour Bridge to Green Square

Why Sydney needs more cycleways

Around one million people live within a 30-minute bike ride to the city centre. If more of them feel safe to ride to work in the city centre, traffic on the roads could feel like school holidays, all year round.

Cycling reduces congestion and eases pressure on Sydney's public transport, reasons why we're committed to completing our cycleways.

In the future:



300,000 people will live in the City of Sydney by 2031, up from the current population of 224,000



469,000 people will work in the City by 2036, and 519,000 by 2051, up from 437,000 people who currently work in the City



There will be more than 45,000 extra peak hour trips into the city centre by 2031



Traffic congestion in Greater Sydney will cost us \$12.6 billion a year by 2030

Sources
Population – ABS Regional Population Growth Catalogue No. 3218.0, July 2017
Projected 2030 Population – NSW Planning and Environment, Population Forecasts 2016
Workforce – City of Sydney Floor space and Employment Census, 2012
Sydney City Centre Access Strategy, 2013 (SCCAS)
Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, 2015

80 kilometre Bondi to Manly coastal walk

All three levels of government, including six councils, have come together to create the Bondi to Manly Walk – an 80 kilometre harbour walk connecting two of Sydney's most famous beaches.

The historic partnership has come about because of the dedication and passion of former Labor senator John Faulkner, chair of the Bondi to Manly Walk Supporters community group.

The proposed route will connect and extend existing coastal and harbour-side walking tracks and paths.

In the City, it will trace Sydney Harbour from the southern entry to the Harbour Bridge, through to Circular Quay, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Woolloomooloo Bay and to Rushcutters Bay Park, via streets in Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay.

This will provide some of the best views in the world for the enjoyment of Sydneysiders and our visitors.

Artist's impression of the new walk



From left to right: Waverley Mayor John Wakefield, Woollahra Mayor Peter Cavanagh, Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Chair of Bondi to Manly Walk Supporters John Faulkner, Mosman Mayor Carolyn Corrigan, North Sydney Mayor Jilly Gibson and Northern Beaches Mayor Michael Regan.

