

LATE NIGHT TRADING A BOOST TO NIGHTLIFE

Council recently endorsed some of the largest changes to city planning in a decade, which will hopefully have a positive impact on city high streets and designated late night areas.

Our new late night Development Control Plan governs where late night activity can happen in the city and until how late. It is the result of an unprecedented call from the community for practical action to boost Sydney's nightlife and economy.

Aimed at striking the balance between supporting well-managed venues to trade and thrive, and managing impacts on local neighbourhoods, the new planning controls allow for:

- Applications for 24-hour trading across the entire central business district.
- Trading until 2am for low-impact food and drink venues on village high streets.
- Later trading for non-licensed shops and businesses.
- New late-night trading areas, including some of the city's fastest-growing neighbourhoods, such as Barangaroo, Green Square and Walsh Bay.
- A new cultural precinct in Alexandria, to encourage 24-hour trading with an arts, cultural and entertainment focus in a heritage warehouse precinct between McEvoy Street and Alexandra Canal.
- Venues holding live performances and creative events in late-night trading areas to trade for an extra hour.

Businesses and venues can now apply for new trading hours through a development application process, subject to trial periods to ensure good management.

However, licensed premises are subject to the NSW Government's liquor licensing laws, and venues in the Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct – where the liquor freeze and lockdown laws apply – are restricted by their licence.

If these laws are removed or amended, the City's late night trading Development Control Plan will allow venues in this area to apply to extend their current trading hours in two-hour increments, through trial periods and following a development application process. This would allow later trading to evolve over time for well-managed venues.

City staff continue to develop proposals for an 'agent of change' approach to managing noise in the city, as well as a number of proposals to reduce red tape for small businesses who want to open later or host pop-up performances.

LOCKOUT LAWS UNDER REVIEW

The City welcomes the NSW Government's inquiry into Sydney's night-time economy, including the lockdown laws.

As the Joint Select Committee on Sydney's Night-Time Economy considers winding back the laws, it must consider measures to ensure a safe and vibrant nightlife, including:

- Running trains and other public transport for 24 hours on Friday and Saturday nights, like in Melbourne and London.
- Strengthening the management of liquor licences to provide incentives for good management and penalties for badly managed venues.
- Spreading venues out in clusters to avoid concentration in areas like the city centre or Kings Cross.

The City is making a submission to the inquiry.

Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/night-life for more information.

PROTECTING DARLINGHURST ROAD

In April, new planning controls were approved for Darlinghurst Road.

Following extensive consultation with residents, businesses and landowners, the Darlinghurst Road Development Control Plan was adopted by Council to help preserve it as a lively main street and the heart of Kings Cross, with a balance of bars, cafés, restaurants, shops, residential, commercial and community facilities.

Council has also voted to pursue local heritage listing for Kingsley Hall, the façade of The Bourbon and Beefsteak Hotel, and for The Empire, which could be redeveloped providing development reflects the history of the site.

The planning controls have been created to preserve the unique character of Kings Cross and Potts Point and to ensure that any new development respects the area's history – retaining the right balance between commercial activity and residential development in Kings Cross.

Kingsley Hall, Potts Point, c.1955.
Image: Joseph Lebovic Collection, National Museum of Australia

NAIDOC IN THE CITY

The City of Sydney is proud to support NAIDOC Week, which runs from 7–14 July 2019.

Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future is the theme for this year, reflecting the three key elements set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. 2019 is also the United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Visit whatson.sydney for more information

Once again, the City of Sydney will host its 'NAIDOC in the City' celebration in Hyde Park on Saturday 13 July. The program includes:

An Opening Ceremony featuring a Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony led by Matt Doyle plus performances by Muggera and Torres Strait Island dance troupe Kiris An Taran.

Performances by Alice Skye, Torres Strait Island guitar virtuoso Chris Tamwoy, warrior queen duo The Merindas, and local hip-hop artists Nooky & Kobie Dee.

An Art Gallery featuring works from APY Art Centre Collective and Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, showcasing the theme of NAIDOC Week.

Our new Healing Space featuring weaving, a collaborative art mural and jewellery making with Gillawarra Arts.

A Kids' Zone full of fantastic activities, including face painting, art workshops and sports clinics from Football NSW, Netball NSW and Hockey NSW, just to name a few.

The City of Sydney is also proud to support a number of community events for NAIDOC Week through its festival and events sponsorship program.

This includes supporting a new and free event called the Eora Inner City NAIDOC Family Fun Day, which will be held in Redfern Park on Friday 12 July and is presented by the Eora NAIDOC Community Group.

We are also supporting two community run NAIDOC Week events in Woolloomooloo and Glebe, led by Glebe NAIDOC and Weave Woolloomooloo.

Shannon Foster, Naba Gumal (detail), 2018



Chris Tamwoy



The Merindas



Alice Skye

Image: Michele Grace Hunter



Sydney Park, Alexandria



Harold Park, Forest Lodge

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Expanding and revitalising our public domain

With 75 per cent of the City of Sydney's residents living in apartments and residential densities increasing, providing high quality open space and recreational facilities has never been more important.

In this edition of Sydney City News, we'll take you through our \$400 million plan to increase open space to 16.2 per cent of our area by 2030 – working with developers, neighbouring councils, schools and state agencies in new ways to unlock what was previously private land for public use.

This is despite NSW Government projects such as WestConnex claiming 217 trees and 1,500 square metres of open space in Sydney Park and surrounding areas, while 260 trees along the route and 1.2 hectares of Moore Park have been lost to light rail. In addition, the rebuild of Sydney Football Stadium does not include adequate car parking, which means patron car parking will continue to be located on our precious parklands.

Notwithstanding, since 2004 the City has created new parklands and sports facilities and expanded and improved the city's pocket parks and playgrounds.

We have increased our open space overall by 23.5 hectares and expanded or created new parks including Pirrama Park in Pyrmont, Harmony Park in Surry Hills, Dyuralya Square in Waterloo, Matron Ruby Grant Park in Green Square, and Harold Park in Forest Lodge.

Major parks like Sydney Park and Redfern Park have been transformed, as well as iconic parks like Beare Park in Elizabeth Bay, and we have completed the 2.2 kilometre Glebe Foreshore Walk.

Sporting facilities including Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre, Prince Alfred Park and Pool, Rushcutters Bay Park oval and tennis courts, and our new Perry Park Recreation Centre have been opened. We have also improved lighting, irrigation, surfacing and amenities at many sporting facilities, making them easier and more pleasurable to use. We've also upgraded outdoor fitness equipment as well as skating facilities at Waterloo, Redfern and Ward Parks, with work soon to commence at Sydney Park and The Crescent at Johnstons Creek, Annandale.

With 46 off-leash parks in our city, relaxing with pets has never been easier.

I welcome the NSW Government's announcement that they will prioritise open spaces in our city and I look forward to working with Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Robert Stokes, and Deputy Secretary for Place, Design and Open Spaces, Alex O'Mara, to secure outcomes for our city, especially in Moore Park.

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Lord Mayor of Sydney

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CREATING QUALITY OPEN SPACE IN SYDNEY...

Over the past 14 years, the City of Sydney has invested more than \$300 million as part of a major capital works program to upgrade parks and playgrounds, increase open space and expand our network of sports and recreation facilities.

Since 2004, we have actually increased the amount of open space in the City by 23.5 hectares, and we now manage 202 hectares of the local government area's total 392 hectares of open space.

We've delivered over 122 new or upgraded parks and 58 new or upgraded playgrounds; planted 13,000 street trees, over 630,753 new plants, and 163 raingardens; and completed over 96,000 square metres of landscaping. And, we have received over 37 national and international awards for our open space projects.

In the next 10 years, we will invest over \$400 million on parks and sports and recreation facilities, delivering an additional 42 hectares of open space.



Pirrama Park, Pyrmont

SMALL PARKS AND PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

We are also creating and improving more than 60 green spaces across the City of Sydney area, from small pocket parks to larger local parks.

Quality green open spaces are a priority for our residents, workers and visitors. They also help keep our city cooler and support biodiversity in our local areas.

Park improvements include adding more trees, shrubs and grasses to increase canopy cover, as well as new seating and play equipment and more welcoming entry points and better footpaths. Where practical, designs include environmentally-friendly initiatives to reduce water consumption.



Fitzroy Gardens, Potts Point



Playground at Kepos Street, Redfern



Beare Park, Elizabeth Bay

Over the next 10 years, we'll complete several major upgrades and new park development projects including:

- **Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre in Green Square**, which will combine a park with active facilities. The pool complex and a multipurpose sports field will sit next to natural turf and landscaped areas, a playground and picnic facilities.

- **The Drying Green**, a new 6,212 square metre 'village green' for the Green Square town centre, which will provide a quiet and sheltered community space.

- More green open spaces and recreational areas for **The Crescent and Federal Park at Johnstons Creek, Annandale**. We will open up five archways of the Glebe railway viaduct and create a large play area near Federal Park playing field. Shared bicycle and pedestrian paths will be built throughout the park, and there will be groves of native trees and picnic areas with seating and barbecues. This project is part of our Johnstons Creek masterplan, which will create a ribbon of parklands around the Glebe Peninsula.

- Rebuilding and replanting **Wimbo Park, Surry Hills**, from Bourke Street to South Dowling Street. The updated design includes a communal table and seating, native trees and plants, shaded areas and lawns, a 'lost forest' and in-ground trampolines for children's play. Work will start once Transport for NSW returns the site to the City following light rail construction.

- A new and inclusive playground at **Cook + Phillip Park**.

GREEN SPACES FOR FAST GROWING NEIGHBOURHOODS



Wulaba Park, Waterloo

Image: Simon Wood Photography

We're also working with developers in urban renewal areas like Green Square and Ashmore to deliver new green spaces as part of negotiated 'planning agreements'.

This is creating more than 100,000 square metres of open space in Green Square, including **Wulaba** (pictured) and **The Rope Walk Park** and playground. In Ashmore, more than 15,000 square metres of open space has been secured for the community across three new parks – **McPherson Park**, **Kooka Walk** and **Carters Park**.



Park adjacent to East Sydney Community and Arts Centre, Darlinghurst



Prince Alfred Park, Surry Hills

SHARING PARKS AND FACILITIES WITH STUDENTS

The City has entered into an agreement with the NSW Department of Education to share facilities to create playground space and community facilities for two new multi-storey schools.

Students at the **Inner Sydney High School on Cleveland Street, Surry Hills**, will have access to a designated 'school play area' within the popular Prince Alfred Park during school hours. Community members will be able to use new facilities at the high school outside of school hours.

Park Road in Alexandria has been closed to build a synthetic outdoor sports field and two sports courts that will be shared between the **Alexandria Park Community School** and the local community. The school will have access to these sports facilities between 7.30am and 6pm on school days, and community members will be able to use them outside of school hours.

... INCLUDING SPORTING FACILITIES

We are improving and increasing sports facilities across our local area to better meet the changing needs of the community and to encourage greater participation in physical activity to benefit health and wellbeing.

The City maintains 26 tennis courts, 14 playing fields, 14 basketball courts, 13 community and recreation centres, seven netball courts, six indoor gyms and fitness centres, five aquatic and leisure centres, five indoor multipurpose courts and four skate sites.

We need even more facilities to meet the needs of our increasing residential population and those of workers and visitors.



Redfern Oval

Here are some of the projects that will help us meet the inner city's need for diverse and accessible sporting facilities, as outlined in our **Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study** adopted in November 2016.

- With over 60,000 residents moving to Green Square, there has been growing demand for facilities that will cater for popular sports like futsal and basketball. The newly opened Perry Park Recreation Centre (pictured) has been designed to allow for future expansions. A sports field will be added to Perry Park by 2022, and the design allows for the outdoor courts to be converted to indoor courts in the coming years. In nearby Huntley Street, we will transform a warehouse into an indoor sporting complex with additional multipurpose courts.



Perry Park Recreation Centre, Alexandria



Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre, Ultimo

- Next year we will open **Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre**, also in Green Square. It will be the largest pool complex built in Sydney since the 2000 Olympics and the sixth pool in our local area, joining Andrew (Boy) Charlton, Victoria Park Pool, Prince Alfred Park Pool, Cook + Phillip Park Pool and the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre (pictured). Facilities will include a 50 metre outdoor pool, a 25 metre program pool, an indoor leisure pool, hydrotherapy pool, and health and fitness centre. A 4,950 square metre multipurpose sports field will also provide outdoor space for sport and exercise.



Skate park at Sydney Park, Alexandria. Artist's impression: GroupGSA with Convic.

- Works on a new skate park in Sydney Park, Alexandria (pictured), are underway. With around 56,000 skateboarders living within 20 kilometres of Sydney Park, this new skate park will be enjoyed by many people. It will include a traditional skate zone suitable for all skill levels and disciplines, a lineal plaza zone featuring low level obstacles for street style technical tricks, a beginners bowl for new skaters and a flow bowl varying in depth from 1.5 to 3 metres for intermediate or advanced skaters. The skate park will be accessible for people using wheelchairs, bikes and scooters.

- A skate plaza and adjacent mini skate ramp are part of the upgrade of **The Crescent and Federal Park at Johnstons Creek, Annandale**. There will also be places to skate in Gunyama Park.

- Investigating options for **synthetic, multipurpose fields** across the local government area, so we can get more out of our existing sporting fields.

- Increasing **outdoor fitness equipment** in our parks, with new equipment and a basketball half-court ready for use in Waterloo Park, and **new fitness equipment** to be installed over the next few years in several parks across the local area including The Crescent, Pirrama Park and Alexandria Park. We're also upgrading or replacing fitness equipment in other parks.



Rushcutters Bay Park