



ANZAC MEMORIAL IN HYDE PARK COMPLETED AND EXTENDED

This Anzac Day, visit the completed Centenary Extension of the Hyde Park Anzac Memorial.

Australian-born architect Charles Bruce Dellit won a competition in 1930 to design the Anzac Memorial. He collaborated closely with sculptor Rayner Hoff to incorporate sculptures and bas reliefs representing the armed services and their families at home. Now local, state and federal governments have worked together to realise Dellit's original vision for the Memorial, with design and documentation by Richard Johnson's firm Johnson Pitton Walker in association with the Government Architect's Office.

The cascade toward Liverpool Street has been built as originally intended in the Dellit design, with fencing expected to be dismantled in late March.

Also, new underground spaces were unveiled by Prince Harry on 20 October 2018. This addition includes exhibition and education spaces as well as a poignant artwork by Fiona Hall, featuring soils collected from the 1,701

NSW towns, cities, suburbs and homesteads given as places of address by First World War enlistees.

The City of Sydney contributed \$3.68 million to upgrade the Pool of Reflection in front of the Anzac Memorial and successfully advocated for the retention of trees in Hyde Park and for extensions to be underground.

An Aleppo pine was planted during a ceremonial planting to mark the Memorial's opening. The pine tree was grown from a seed collected from the Lone Pine at the Australian War Memorial – which itself was planted from a seed taken from Gallipoli in 1915.

The Anzac Memorial is open to the public every day except Good Friday and Christmas Day, 9am to 5pm.

You can find out more at anzacmemorial.nsw.gov.au

Anzac Day will be commemorated on Thursday 25 April 2019.

Visit rslnsw.org.au for information about the Dawn Service, the March and other events organised by RSL NSW.

The Anzac Day Coloured Diggers March will be hosted by Babana Aboriginal Mens Group. Visit babana.org.au for details.



The new Hall of Service, image courtesy of Anzac Memorial

Sydney to host C40 Women4Climate Conference in 2020

The City of Sydney will host the Women4Climate Conference in 2020, a gathering of hundreds of female mayors, business leaders and change-makers from around the world committed to climate action.

For too long, State and Federal Governments here have failed to take comprehensive and effective action to address accelerating climate change, so cities are leading the way.

Mayor of Paris and Chair of C40 Cities Anne Hidalgo created Women4Climate as a key initiative of C40 Cities, recognising that women are disproportionately impacted by climate change and aiming to increase women's representation at a decision-making level – critical to securing a healthy and sustainable future for us all.

Since 2007, we have been a member of C40 Cities – a group of 94 of the world's

largest cities, representing more than 700 million people worldwide.

With more than half of the world's population living in cities – which generate more than 70 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions – the combined climate actions of C40 Cities are making a real impact.



C40 Women4Climate, Mexico City 2016. From left to right: Tanya Müller, former Secretary of Environment, Mexico City; Helen Fernandez, former Mayor of Caracas; Patricia de Lille, former Mayor of Cape Town; Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and Chair of C40 Cities; Muriel Bowser, Mayor of Washington D.C.; Clover Moore, Lord Mayor of Sydney; Christiana Figueres, former Executive Secretary of UNFCCC

PLANNING FOR SYDNEY IN 2050

While 2050 might seem a long time away, we need to plan now so we can better identify and meet the ongoing and future needs of our communities.

Our current long-term plan, Sustainable Sydney 2030, which you contributed to and formulated in 2007, has underpinned everything we have done since. This includes responding to our growing population, important climate action, support for commercial initiatives and local businesses, expansion of parks, playgrounds and cycleways and increased focus on our city's creative and cultural life.

Now, we need you again to take part in our ongoing planning for Sydney in 2050.



Members of the community take part in a consultation session in Erskineville earlier this year



Residents take part in the "I Am Sydney" bus tour as part of our consultation for Sustainable Sydney 2050 earlier this year

2019 CityTalks Program

CityTalks is our free public talks program. Since 2007, we've hosted 114 speakers, talking to a combined audience of more than 27,000 people!

We've explored important issues like climate change, housing affordability, technology and creativity, and welcomed world-renowned speakers such as Christiana Figueres, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, Gloria Steinem and Joseph Stiglitz.

This year's highlights include:

- International and local experts sharing their insights about our future with Artificial Intelligence and its rise in China (9 April)
- The Mayor of Seoul, Park Won-soon, appearing virtually alongside other experts to discuss big ideas that have transformed cities including London and Adelaide (23 May)
- Artist Christo and John Kaldor in conversation about their decades long collaboration (10 September)

- The Hon. Julia Gillard AC, Chair of Beyond Blue, discussing how to support all Australians to achieve their best possible mental health (29 October)

And catch up on recordings of some of our best CityTalks via your favourite podcast app. You can also subscribe to receive the latest news here: cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/subscribe-citytalks



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YOU COULD:

ATTEND A COMMUNITY SESSION:

So far we've held community sessions in Darlinghurst, Erskineville, Glebe, Green Square, Redfern and Ultimo. There are two more community sessions:

- Tuesday 19 March
Juanita Nielsen Community Centre
Woolloomooloo
- Tuesday 26 March
Marconi Room
Sydney Town Hall

HOST YOUR OWN DISCUSSION:

Download our 'Discussion Guide' and host your own consultation conversation with your friends or family, at a time and place that suits you!

VISIT A POP-UP STALL:

Until April, staff will hold a number of pop-up consultations at community markets and events all around the city. Find one near you!

DOWNLOAD OUR APP:

Let us know what you think about a range of topics related to the future of Sydney by downloading our official Sydney Your Say app.

FILL IN AN ONLINE SURVEY:

Take a quick online survey – it will only take you 10 minutes.

JOIN OUR RESEARCH PANEL:

A great way to stay involved. The panel represents the diversity of our city, made up of residents, visitors, business owners, ratepayers and students.

To find out all the information about how you can participate in planning for Sydney's future, visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/sydney-2050



Artist's impression of Town Hall Square

CITY OF SYDNEY



CITY PLANNING CONTROLS IGNORED ON KEY SITES

In mid-2016, the City released the most comprehensive urban planning strategy for Central Sydney in 45 years.

Our draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy took three years to develop and balances the city's residential boom with the need to preserve and grow commercial, retail and cultural space.

A key move was the identification of concentrated 'tower cluster' areas, allowing the CBD to grow while ensuring essential solar access to important public spaces such as the future Town Hall Square, Hyde Park, Royal Botanic Gardens and Martin Place.

But despite positive responses from the former Premier and then Minister for Planning, the current NSW Government has sat on the plan for two-and-a-half years – blocking our requests to put it out on public exhibition.

Meanwhile, this delay has reached a critical point. NSW Planning has supported an application for a proposed office tower at Cockle Bay Wharf that, if approved, will increase overshadowing of a future Town Hall Square.

We began planning for Town Hall Square more than 30 years ago, purchasing properties in the

area to make way for the vital public space. Until now, developers have largely abided by our protective draft controls.

The location of the Square is one of a few areas left in the CBD that enjoys sun from 3.15pm in winter until 6pm in summer. The tower will overshadow the future Square in April and September as NSW Planning now say they consider it "unreasonable" to protect solar access after 4pm. The rationale for this bureaucratic ruling about people's rights to sunlight has not been adequately explained or justified!

State planning now controls more than 274 hectares of land in our city, equivalent in size to the Green Square Urban Renewal Area. Declarations of "State Significant Developments", "State Significant Precincts" and "Unsolicited Proposals" effectively exclude community input, lack transparency and override local planning controls.

Since 2004, we have expertly planned, coordinated and assessed development, and the Central Sydney Planning Committee has determined almost \$28 billion dollars of development.

STATE CONTROLLED DEVELOPMENTS IMPACTING ON OUR CITY

Waterloo Housing Estate

- Density proposed to increase from the existing 2,012 homes to 6,800 – up 388 per cent.
- The existing two tall buildings on the site are 29 storeys, but towers up to 40 storeys high are planned.
- Of the 4,788 additional homes, there will only be 28 additional units of social housing and a total of just 340 affordable housing units. And this on public land!
- Fails to consider the impact of the Waterloo Metro development just next door, with another 700 apartments in three towers up to 25, 27 and 29 storeys. Only 70 of these will be social housing and 35 affordable housing.

The Waterloo Housing Estate and Metro Quarter developments propose 4,300 additional parking spaces, and therefore more vehicles, on roads in the predominantly residential area.

Star Casino Tower

- Plan to increase the existing height control of the Casino site, which is owned by the State, from 28 metres to 237 metres (AHD) – approximately nine storeys to 60 storeys. This is a whopping 877 per cent increase which will impact on Pyrmont, ignoring City controls developed in consultation with the community.

Cockle Bay Wharf

- A proposal to increase the existing building heights in that area from approximately five storeys to 60 storeys, increasing overshadowing on the future Town Hall Square.
- Importantly, this could set a precedent for other surrounding developments and further reduce sun access to this future important public place.

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40 STOREYS PROPOSED

At the Waterloo Housing Estate, the Malawai and Tarunga towers currently stand at 29 storeys high

RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER

Australia is the driest inhabited continent on earth. As the climate changes, governments must put in place responsible policies to supply water to the growing number of people living in our cities. We can no longer afford to use precious drinking water to flush our toilets or water our gardens when we are in drought.

That's why acting on climate change is our first priority. As part of Sustainable Sydney 2030, we set an ambitious goal to keep water consumption from our own operations and across the local government area at 2006 levels.

This is an enormous task.

Without intervention, water demand across the city would increase by approximately 30 per cent by 2030 due to population growth of at least 40 per cent and the consequences of climate change.

With much of NSW in drought, the NSW Government switched on its desalination plant in January which is an expensive, energy intensive quick fix, not a long-term solution.

Recycling water is a more responsible solution. More recycled water systems throughout the city and the state would relieve pressure on existing water infrastructure and reduce the amount of drinking water we waste every day.

But the rules set by the NSW Government are obstructing its growth.

The current pricing structure set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), in accordance with NSW Government rules, penalises people wanting to install recycled water systems. Under current rules, Sydney Water charges water recycling operators in residential developments more to dispose of remaining wastewater than other businesses that produce similar waste. These costs effectively make it cheaper for developers and residents to use perfectly good drinking water to flush toilets and wash clothes than to install recycled water schemes.

It should be more affordable for building owners and city residents to use recycled water.

The NSW Government must level the playing field by removing the financial disincentive, encouraging new developments across Greater Sydney to connect to environmentally-responsible recycled water schemes.

We've shown how it can work at the City by building some of Australia's largest urban stormwater recycling facilities. We want to replicate these projects in other areas, encourage our sustainability partners to do more with recycled stormwater, and expand into recycled wastewater, but we need the NSW Government to remove the policy barriers in our way.



City of Sydney Specialist Project Manager for Water Infrastructure Ebony Heslop inside the Green Square water treatment plant



The multi-award water re-use project in Sydney Park



How do raingardens work?

Since 2005, we've installed 154 raingardens in our city. They look like small street gardens, but play a vital role in filtering and reducing harmful stormwater pollutants that otherwise flow into our waterways.

Every year, it is estimated that nearly 3,000 tonnes of pollutants are carried via stormwater into our rivers and our harbour, degrading water quality. Stormwater run-off from roads or other hard surfaces such as driveways and footpaths is diverted into raingardens, which have layers of sandy soil, recycled crushed glass and gravel for filtration and drainage.

Raingardens, with their hardy plants and grasses, also help beautify and green our city streets!

SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS

Through our flagship sustainability programs, we're helping city businesses and owners of office buildings to reduce their water use.

- 620 businesses have saved over one billion litres of water annually, through simple actions such as installing water saving devices in taps and showers, through the **Smart Green Business Program**
- members of the **Better Buildings Partnership** have reduced their water use by 36 per cent since 2006
- 28 accommodation and entertainment organisations have committed to reduce their water use as part of the **Sustainable Destination Partnership**

- and 2,226 homes have been retrofitted in partnership with Sydney Water in nine buildings through the City of Sydney's Smart Green Apartments program. **This has saved building owners 211,995 kilolitres of water and a massive \$400,000 per year!**

We can't create a water sensitive city alone, so it's great to have significant partners on board.

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING IDEAS CHALLENGE



The City of Sydney is calling for new ideas to boost the diversity of housing across the city, with a focus on identifying and developing new models to increase affordable housing supply.

The Alternative Housing Ideas Challenge is open to anyone with new ideas for the housing sector, including property professionals, financiers, lawyers, community organisers, policy managers, planners, designers and students. Encouraging new ways of thinking about housing, six entrants will receive \$20,000 each to further develop their concepts, following consideration by an expert jury.

The Alternative Housing Ideas Challenge could hopefully refocus the future of housing in Sydney, exploring creative tenancy arrangements like shared or co-operative living and new funding or delivery models.

With less than one per cent of houses and apartments built in Sydney over the last eight years classed as affordable, we are in the midst of a growing housing crisis.

We define affordable housing as high quality rental housing for low income workers provided, in perpetuity, at a rate around 30 per cent or less of a household's gross income.

Affordable housing is essential so that key workers including teachers, nurses and paramedics can live close to their work,

improving their wellbeing, shortening travel times and reducing overall city congestion.

The City has assisted the construction of 835 new affordable housing dwellings since 2004, by collecting levies from developers in Pyrmont, Ultimo and Green Square, and selling land we own to affordable housing providers at discount rates.

While this is a proven mechanism, it's simply not enough and we need new ideas to help meet our future needs.

Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/sydney-2050 to find out more information about participating in the Alternative Housing Ideas Challenge.

Affordable housing development in Portman Street, Zetland, that has been built by provider City West Housing, with the City's support



CITY FUNDING FOR INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HOMELESSNESS IN SYDNEY

The City of Sydney has provided the St Vincent De Paul Society NSW with a \$100,000 one-off grant to set up "A Place to Call Home" in Sydney – an initiative of the Institute of Global Homelessness.

The Institute of Global Homelessness is committed to ending street homelessness in cities around the world, by creating a global movement, undertaking research and using effective, evidence-based policy.

The City has also signed a memorandum of understanding with the NSW Government, the Institute and a number of homelessness services to progress recently announced targets of halving street homelessness by 2025.

The City of Sydney was the first Council in Australia to establish a Homelessness Unit. Our Public Space Liaison Officers work seven days a week to connect people who are sleeping rough with specialist services and emergency shelter.

By working with NSW Family and Community Services, NSW Health and homelessness services such as St Vincent's Homeless Health

and Neami Way2Home, we help people move off the street and into housing with support when needed. However, building much more affordable and social housing remains the only certain and long-term solution for ending homelessness.

Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/homelessness

City staff and volunteers conduct our bi-annual street count



Leading by example

Around half of household water needs could be met by recycled water, which is why we're leading the way:

- In 2015, we completed the city's largest stormwater harvesting system in Sydney Park. This \$11.3 million project is designed to capture around 850 million litres of stormwater a year, which provides a sustainable water supply for the park's four wetland areas. The harvested stormwater will also be treated and used to irrigate areas of the park.
- During the construction of the light rail, we took the opportunity to install pipes for recycled water along the length of George Street, from Central Station to Circular Quay. This critical inner city infrastructure has the potential to supply future recycled water to nearby buildings and parks.
- We have installed a new two-kilometre underground stormwater drain from Zetland to Alexandria, critical in reducing flood risk in the area. The \$140 million project collects stormwater, which is filtered and fed into Alexandra Canal, helping to rejuvenate this long derelict waterway.

- Last year, we switched on Stage 1 of one of Australia's largest urban stormwater recycling schemes in Green Square. This facility can treat 900,000 litres of stormwater every day at capacity, and is used by local residents connected to the scheme for watering gardens, washing clothes, and flushing toilets. The City also uses this treated stormwater for surrounding parks and gardens.

Stage 2, which would treat wastewater from nearby apartments and community facilities, is currently hampered by NSW Utility and Government price structures which hinder its commercial viability. If there is a will to resolve these issues, schemes for stormwater and wastewater recycling could be applied across the state to other high density urban renewal areas – saving precious drinking water and reducing water bills for residents and businesses.