

RECENT OPENINGS...

FRANCES NEWTON RESERVE



Lord Mayor Clover Moore with Surry Hills resident Marjory, who was enrolled in the Frances Newton Memorial Free Kindergarten established by the City on this site in the 1920s

On Saturday 16 March, our new pocket park on Palmer Street in Darlinghurst was officially opened.

We worked with the community on the design, which features an imaginative playground with stepping stones, speaking tubes, distorting mirrors, a rain wheel, and timber animals.

We've also installed new park seating and entry steps from Palmer Street and we are working with locals to establish a community garden.

The Reserve backs onto our East Sydney Early Learning Centre, the state-of-the-art childcare and community facility designed by Andrew Burges Architects which was opened in 2017.

This lovely park pays tribute to Frances Newton, the principal of the Sydney Kindergarten Training College from 1902–1905, who was responsible for setting up free kindergartens in Sydney.

PERRY PARK RECREATION CENTRE

The City has invested more than \$12 million in the Perry Park Recreation Centre. This new sports centre in Alexandria provides locals with sporting facilities for competition and practice and can be hired by both individuals and organised sporting groups.

With two indoor and two outdoor multipurpose courts, it caters for netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, futsal and other community-focused sporting activities. We already have plans to expand the centre, by enclosing the two adjacent outdoor courts and building an additional synthetic sports field.

The centre makes a significant contribution to the inner city's need for diverse and accessible recreational facilities, as outlined in our Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study endorsed in 2016.

We will also convert a recently purchased warehouse nearby in Huntley Street,

Alexandria, into another indoor sporting complex with four multi-purpose indoor courts. This means that by 2022, we hope to provide our community with 10 indoor sports courts in Alexandria!

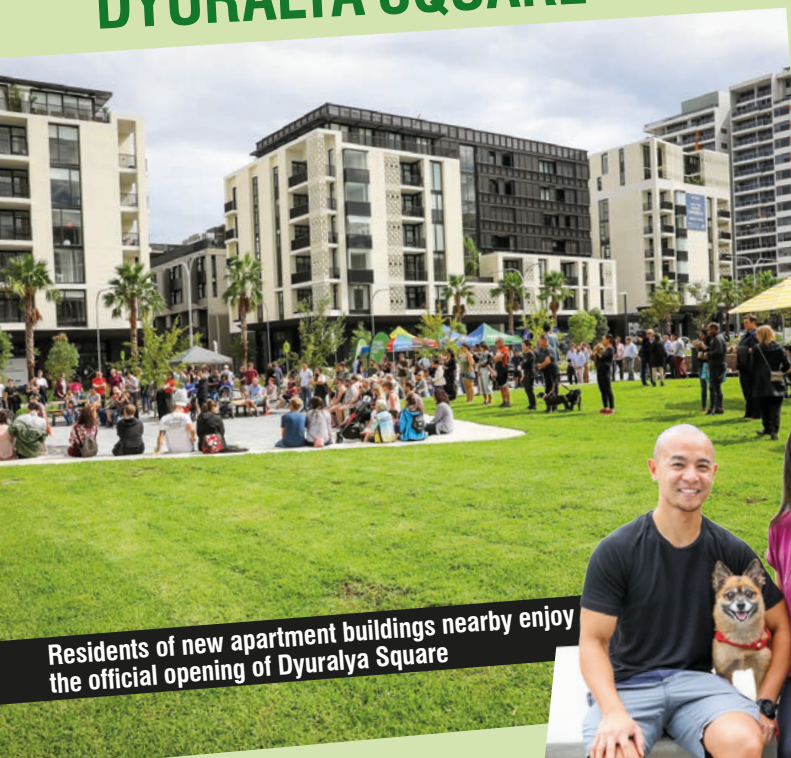
Perry Park Recreation Centre is 700 metres from Green Square train station and right next door to the Bourke Road separated cycleway. It is perfectly located to meet the needs of our growing city communities, including families with young children.

Perry Park is now open. Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/perry-park for more information.



Local sporting groups try out the facilities at Perry Park Recreation Centre

DYURALYA SQUARE



Residents of new apartment buildings nearby enjoy the official opening of Dyuralya Square

Dyuralya Square, a new 2,000 square metre community meeting space on the corner of Gadigal Avenue and Murray Street in Waterloo, is now open to the public.

Connected by footpaths and a cycleway, it is part of the network of 40 parks we are building in the Green Square urban renewal area. It is 20 minutes' walk from Green Square train station and within minutes of the proposed light rail stop along the future mass transit corridor set aside by the City.

Meaning 'brilga' in the Sydney Aboriginal language, the name recognises the species of crane that thrived in the local wetland habitat, providing an abundant food source for the First Peoples of Australia prior to European settlement.

In the 1880s and 1890s, this area was cultivated by Chinese market gardeners, with abundant water and alluvial soils providing perfect growing conditions for vegetables and other produce. Later in the first half of the 20th Century, the area was subsumed by heavy and often polluting industries.

Dyuralya Square features garden terraces, a paved courtyard, dozens of new trees and space for performances, markets and community events.

TACKLING OUR WASTE CRISIS

There is a waste crisis in NSW, and landfill figures are set to rise due to China's more stringent rules around importing waste, a lack of reprocessing facilities in NSW, and a weak regulatory framework around waste and recycling service delivery.

We need a commitment from the NSW Government to work with local governments to transition our state towards a circular economy.

City of Sydney residents generate around 65,000 tonnes of waste each year. In 2018, 67 per cent of this waste was recycled, but the rest went to landfill – with no further opportunity for reuse, recycling or recovery for energy.

To achieve our target of 'zero waste' by 2030, we all need to work together to increase our recycling rates.

FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING TRIAL

Food waste accounts for 35 per cent of the average resident's red lid bin, which is why we're starting our food scraps recycling trial with 100 apartment buildings and 300 houses this year.

E-WASTE COLLECTIONS

Last year, we recycled 90 tonnes of electronic waste from more than 2,800 households, and later this year we'll start kerbside e-waste collection, so we can divert even more e-waste from landfill, recycle valuable metals, and keep harmful chemicals out of landfill sites.

Our next e-waste drop-off day is Saturday 8 June 2019 from 9am to 3pm at the Alexandra Canal Depot, 67C Bourke Road, Alexandria.

CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT DAYS

Take part in our yearly Chemical Clean Out Day in late August. Leftover chemicals such as paints, solvents, pesticides, cleaning products and even make up should not go in your household bins. They could be hazardous and should be disposed of safely. Last year, 656 households disposed of 28 tonnes of chemicals, with much of it able to be reused or recycled.

The next Chemical Clean Out Day is Saturday 24 August 2019 from 9am to 3.30pm at Alexandra Canal Depot.

Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/waste for more info.



E-waste drop-off day at Alexandra Canal Depot



Paints and solvents diverted from landfill at our Chemical Clean Out Day last year

AND REPAIRING HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS

You can also learn to repair your household electronics at the Banga Community Shed in Green Square. It is located in the former pathology building of the historic South Sydney Hospital, which is now the community and cultural precinct for Green Square. 'Banga' means 'make' or 'do' in the Sydney Aboriginal language, which is the perfect name for a community space dedicated to teaching residents new skills, repairing electronics, and preventing them from going into landfill.

The Banga Community Shed is run by charity co-operative, The Bower.

Simply drop in, attend a workshop or become a volunteer. Visit bower.org.au/sheds for more information.



Locals explore the Banga Community Shed at its official opening in March

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Clover supporting school students at the 'Strike4Climate' rally

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE ACTION

In March, hundreds of thousands of school students around the world – including almost 20,000 students here at Sydney Square – went on strike to demand climate action from their governments.

It was heartening to see this generation stand up for the future of our planet. They are the ones who have most to lose from climate change, yet are least responsible for accelerating global warming. In a Lord Mayoral Minute, Council also voted to support the Australian Youth Climate Coalition to put on a supporting event in Sydney Town Hall to keep pressure on our politicians and demand climate action.

Earlier this year, I attended the inspiring C40 Cities Women4Climate Conference in Paris. I was very impressed to hear about the work that mayors around the world are doing to reduce emissions in their cities, often without support from other levels of government. I spoke about the outstanding results the City has achieved and was proud to hear how well respected our work on climate change is, which is a testament to our staff and their years of dedicated effort.

Next year, we will proudly host the fourth annual Women4Climate Conference, bringing global mayors, business leaders, change makers, and no doubt many of the young women who have contributed to the global Climate Strike movement, here to Sydney.

In London, I met Mayor Sadiq Khan. We spoke about the challenges our cities share, including the crisis in affordable housing and how to foster a vibrant late night economy while balancing the needs of a growing city population.

It was revealing to see how London is measuring air quality and reporting it to citizens. Monitoring air quality is the responsibility of the NSW Government, however successive governments have failed to implement this critical infrastructure here in Sydney.

Many residents would be shocked to discover there are no government air quality monitoring stations in the local government area, so we simply do not have accurate measurements of our air pollution.

I have asked the CEO to work with the NSW Government to investigate options to install air quality monitoring stations in critical areas as soon as possible.

Clover Moore

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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Sydney commits to 100% renewable energy

100 per cent of the energy used to power City operations will be generated by renewable sources, including solar power

The City of Sydney is taking the lead on renewable energy, after Council unanimously endorsed a plan to purchase 100 per cent renewable energy to power our own operations. This means that the electricity used to power our operations and facilities will be generated by wind or solar, with preference given to energy generated by community-based sources.

This commitment will cut a further 18,000 tonnes from the City of Sydney's emissions each year – equivalent to the emissions from the power consumption of around 4,000 local households.

As a result, the City expects to reach its emissions reduction target at least five years ahead of schedule. We committed to a 70 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in our landmark Sustainable Sydney 2030 strategy, but we are now on track to reach it by 2024.

The City of Sydney was also the first local government to become carbon neutral in 2007. By 2050, our goal is 'net zero' emissions.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FOR CENTRAL SYDNEY

After almost three years of work, the City of Sydney requested permission from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to put the draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy on formal public exhibition in mid-2016.

The first of its kind to be developed for Sydney in over forty years, this long-term plan aims to balance the growth of the Sydney CBD responsibly by building sustainability goals into our planning controls and future planning proposals. The plan aims to provide floor space for jobs growth, deliver more affordable housing, protect existing and future public spaces, and provide our growing population with appropriate inner city infrastructure.

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

However, the NSW Government has so far refused to issue 'gateway determination' needed for formal consultation of the proposed changes. Therefore Council has endorsed the plan going for public consultation anyway, so residents, businesses, landowners and industry leaders can finally have their say on the future of our city centre.

Your feedback will also shape Central Sydney's 'local strategic planning statement'. This needs to be adopted by Council by the end of the year, which is a new requirement in NSW planning legislation for all Councils to set their 20-year vision for their local area's land use, in line with the Greater Sydney Commission's District Plan.

Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/central-sydney-planning-strategy for more information.

WHAT IS CENTRAL SYDNEY?

'Central Sydney' currently extends from Circular Quay to Central Station. It helps generate over \$118 billion of economic activity every year, which is over seven per cent of Australia's economy. This hugely significant area is more than a business district - it is home to 12,000 businesses, 330,000 workers, 35,000 residents, and many of Sydney's 640,000 domestic and international visitors every day.

The City of Sydney, by M.S. Hill, in 1888. A height restriction was first placed on buildings in Central Sydney in 1908 through a Council resolution to limit buildings to 150 feet (45.72 metres)

The Central Spine in 1970. This image is from the City's first comprehensive planning strategy. The 1971 City of Sydney Strategic Plan became the blueprint for Central Sydney's future growth and development

The draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy proposes:

- Expanding 'Central Sydney' to reabsorb The Rocks, Darling Harbour, Central Railway and Central Park, as well as the Goods Line and UTS in Ultimo, which would expand City jurisdiction, make planning more consistent, and reduce red tape

- Tower clusters where appropriate to provide for hotel and employment growth and prioritise floor space for enterprise and cultural uses, limiting residential to 50 per cent of new tower development

- Greater consideration of wind, sunlight, public views and setbacks on small sites, encouraging landowners to work with their neighbours to reach better overall development outcomes and preserve our city's heritage and character

- Plans for three new public squares along George Street, at Circular Quay, Town Hall and Railway Square

- Expanding public open space, with better accessibility and connections, to make moving around the city more enjoyable, and easier, for workers, residents and visitors

- Requiring all towers and major developments to go through a design competition process to promote design excellence

- Ensuring transport and social infrastructure keeps pace with growth

- Moving toward 'net zero' energy for all buildings and minimum NABERS standards for new office and hotel buildings (NABERS stands for the National Australian Built Environment Rating System and is used to measure a building's energy efficiency, carbon emissions, and water and waste management)

The Central Sydney Planning Strategy identifies tower clusters which would allow the Sydney CBD to grow sustainably, but also maintain sunlight to important spaces

PLANNING FOR GROWTH AND CHANGE

FUTURE TOWN HALL SQUARE

The City began planning for Town Hall Square more than 30 years ago, purchasing properties in the area to make way for vital public space.

The future location of Town Hall Square is one of a few areas left in the CBD that enjoys sun from 3.15pm in winter, through to 6pm in summer.

However, without the protection that the Central Sydney Planning Strategy would give to Town Hall Square, it is now facing unacceptable overshadowing from a government-backed, 42-storey high office tower at Cockle Bay Wharf.

Have your say on the draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy

The City has developed a plan to responsibly manage development in the Central Business District that balances residential and commercial needs for the long-term.

It's vital that people who live, work and travel into our city centre give us their feedback on our plan for its future.

You can now read the draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy on our website, at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/central-sydney-planning-strategy, and provide your feedback in June.

PROTECTING OUR WATERLOO COMMUNITIES

The City of Sydney has prepared a better alternative to the gross overdevelopment proposed by the NSW Government for the Waterloo Housing Estate, and is calling for planning control for the site to be returned to the City of Sydney.

The Waterloo Housing Estate is already dense.

But the NSW Government wants to triple the density to a staggering 6,800 dwellings across the 19-hectare site – all for just 28 new social housing units.

At a community meeting held by the City in Alexandria Town Hall in March, serious concerns about this massive overdevelopment of valuable inner-city public land were expressed. The proposed 103 buildings range in heights of up to seven, 15, 32 and 40 storeys and will overshadow large parts of the Estate. 4,300 parking spaces will also worsen traffic congestion in Waterloo, Redfern and nearby residential neighbourhoods.

Residents are also concerned about the proposal's failure to address our social and affordable housing crisis. Only 35 per cent social and affordable housing is proposed by the NSW Government on this public land, with no commitment to secure the five per cent of affordable housing in perpetuity or to create dedicated affordable housing for the area's Aboriginal community.

Artist's impression of the City of Sydney's alternate approach

In response, the City of Sydney's alternate approach would reduce heights and densities, with most of the new buildings around eight storeys high, with 13 storey towers around the park, a built form more aligned to that in Potts Point or Elizabeth Bay. The Matavai and Turanga towers would be retained and refurbished, and residents would have access to community facilities and many public spaces, including a 2.2 hectare park with good access to sunlight.

And we propose to change the housing mix, delivering 20 per cent affordable, 50 per cent social and 30 per cent private housing, which is a more appropriate response to city housing needs.

With homelessness on the rise, a social housing waitlist of 60,000, and an affordable housing crisis in our city, this is a critical housing development mix for inner city public land.

Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/saving-waterloo for more information about the City of Sydney's alternate proposal for Waterloo.

CITY OF SYDNEY PURCHASES CUSTOMS HOUSE

The City has purchased the iconic Customs House building at Circular Quay from the Federal Government.

Customs House is one of Sydney's most recognisable and historically important buildings. This investment will ensure the heritage-listed building remains a City and community asset well into the future.

Customs House has a rich 174-year history and its state heritage listing recognises the work of three successive and distinguished government architects: Mortimer Lewis, James Barnet and Walter Liberty Vernon.

Originally, the building served as the gateway for imports into Sydney from 1845 to 1930. After the Australian Customs Service moved out, the City began leasing the building from the Federal Department of Finance.

During this time, Customs House has become home to a public library, cultural centre, exhibition space and an ever-evolving scale model of our city centre.

As the new owners of Customs House, we will ensure this valuable public building is retained for public use and safe from Federal and State asset sell-offs.

On the ground floor of Customs House, a scale model of the City of Sydney is free for all to enjoy