

SIGN UP FOR OUR FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING TRIAL

In the City of Sydney, food waste makes up about 35 per cent of the general waste we collect from our red lid bins.

We have a target of 35 per cent 'source separation' by 2021, which means setting up new processes so residents can separate their waste more effectively at home.

We're looking for up to 100 apartment buildings and approximately 300 single-occupancy houses to be involved in a food organics collection trial, starting mid-2019. Participants will be provided with bins, kitchen caddies and compostable liner bags – everything you need to start separating organic waste from general waste.

The food scraps collected as part of the trial will be turned into nutrient-rich fertiliser that can be used to grow plants and improve our soil. The results of the trial will shape food scraps collections across our local government area in the future.

This is all part of our Waste Strategy, outlining the actions we're taking to achieve our 'zero waste' target by 2030.

To register your interest, sign up at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps



NSW Critical Infrastructure Resilience Strategy



Lord Mayor Clover Moore with CEO of Transgrid Paul Italiano and Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant. Image courtesy of NSW Office of Emergency Management

Launched in July, Sydney's first resilience strategy, *Resilient Sydney*, was developed with an unprecedented level of collaboration across metropolitan Sydney – involving the other 32 local councils, 100 business and government organisations and more than 1000 residents.

Overseen by the City of Sydney's Chief Resilience Officer, Beck Dawson, the councils and government agencies who have signed on to Resilient Sydney have each committed to do their bit to create a truly resilient city. The plan outlines five flagship actions, from an overall 35 actions, to be implemented over the following two years.

In September, Minister Troy Grant, Lord Mayor Clover Moore and CEO of Transgrid Paul Italiano, launched one of these actions. As part of Resilient Sydney, the NSW Government's Office of Emergency Management agreed to create the NSW Critical Infrastructure Strategy. This is a plan to ensure our major utilities cope with 'acute shocks' in the future, including extreme weather events, and cyber and terror attacks.

It is an outstanding example of Resilient Sydney and the collaboration we need across all levels of government and with industry to be prepared for the future.

BRIDGING THE GENDER PAY GAP

The City will soon start paying superannuation to staff on parental leave for up to 52 weeks, cementing our position as a national leader on gender pay equity.

We were the first local government organisation to measure and publicly report on staffing pay equity. Our latest review revealed a gap of 7.5 per cent in favour of women, meaning on average we have more women employed in higher paying jobs, organisation-wide.

Comparing men and women in equivalent roles, the gender pay gap in favour of men was 1.7 per cent, an improvement of 1.1 per cent on last year and significantly lower than the national average of 14.6 per cent.

Globally, no country has achieved full equality for women. In fact, the World Economic Forum predicts if change does not happen faster, it will take 217 years.

That's why we are proud that we have closed the gender pay gap at the City of Sydney and are now addressing the gap between men's and women's superannuation.

Achieving gender equity is not only the right thing to do, it's also linked to economic growth.



CEO Monica Barone, Director of Workforce Services Susan Pettifer and Lord Mayor Clover Moore



Julianne Ellaby and Sweetheart

CARING FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

For 11 years, Northcott Pet Day has helped residents, mostly on low incomes, to look after their much-loved pets – with nearly 2,000 pets receiving free health checks, as well as over 300 cats and dogs microchipped and over 200 pets booked in for free, or discounted, de-sexing.

Supported by the City, Northcott Pet Day was founded by former vet Jennie Churchill. The event has gone from strength to strength thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers, including University of Sydney vet science students, practising vets, Northcott residents, and event partners including the Surry Hills Public Tenants Association, RSPCA NSW, Family and Community Services (FACS) and the Cat Protection Society.

Pets play a vital role in our wellbeing and in the life of our city, so it's critical we support our communities in looking after them.



Northcott Pet Day

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURAL HUB

The City has purchased the iconic, former Redfern Post Office with plans to transform it into a cultural hub for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The heritage-listed Victorian Italianate building is located in the heart of Redfern on the corner of Redfern and George streets, the heart of activism for Indigenous rights and self-determination. Its proximity to the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern Jarjum College, the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence and other important Aboriginal organisations make it the perfect location for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural hub.

The current tenants will remain in the building until late 2019. During that time, we will support the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to develop a plan for the best use of the property.



Auntie Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor, Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Delilah MacGillivray and Auntie Millie Ingram outside the former Redfern Post Office

2050: HELP US PLAN FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE SYDNEY

How will our city and neighbourhoods function in 2050?

It may seem like a long time away, but we need to plan ahead to set our goals and establish our future needs.



Sydneysiders take part in consultation for Sustainable Sydney 2030

In 2007, you helped us create our long-term plan, Sustainable Sydney 2030.

This vision for a green, global and connected city underpins our ongoing action on climate change and our commitment to creating a liveable, equitable and creative environment.

Now, it's time to look even further ahead and we are inviting you to work with us again to plan for the future of Sydney.

Next year, we'll extend our consultation program to the business, environment, sporting and creative sectors.

And we will start with the following early community sessions:

Glebe Town Hall
Tuesday 20 November 2018, 6pm

Green Square Library
Thursday 22 November 2018, 6pm

East Sydney Community and Arts Centre
Thursday 29 November 2018, 6.30pm

Check cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ community-sessions to register.



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



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Harold Park

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Harold Park now open

On 27 October, I officially opened the 3.8-hectare public park at Harold Park, the site of the former paceway.

Located between the Glebe cliff face and new apartments and adjacent to the restored Tramsheds, the park is extensive, featuring adventure playgrounds, barbecue and picnic areas, and cycling and walking paths.

Preserving one third of the Harold Park site as public open space, equal to the proportion previously as private open space, was insisted upon by the City as a condition of the re-zoning of the former harness racing venue. *It was a big win for local residents that many people doubted could be achieved.*

After Mirvac acquired the site, we adopted new planning controls in 2011, following extensive community consultation to balance the interests of residents, businesses and land owners.

As well as the substantial parklands, we negotiated the preservation and restoration of the Tramsheds, including

a new community centre, and for affordable housing – 75 of those homes are now under construction.

The park creates 19 hectares of parklands from Wigram Road and The Crescent, connecting through to the 2.2 kilometres of the Glebe Foreshore walk from Annandale to Wentworth Park.

It also includes an extensive stormwater harvesting and treatment scheme, the third largest in our local area, providing 80 per cent of the irrigation needs at Harold Park, Jubilee Oval and the northern end of Federal Park. We have planted a wildlife corridor, creating tree canopies to encourage more birds, lizards, bees and other insects.

Harold Park's design incorporates elements from the local environment and the area's history. The shelters reflect the shapes on the nearby sandstone cliff face, while the canopy patterns echo

pressed metal ceiling designs in early 20th century homes nearby.

The new Tramshed Garden features native plants and is a modern interpretation of the original rose garden tended by workers during the heyday of Sydney's tramways.

In this edition of Sydney City News, you'll also find out about our plans for Christmas and how to start planning for another exciting Sydney New Year's Eve!

I wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a wonderful 2019.

Clover Moore

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL RESTORED AND RETURNED

As part of the Glebe Tramsheds restoration and re-purposing, the WWI Memorial, commissioned by Rozelle tram workers to honour their colleagues killed on the Western Front, has been restored by the City.

Originally dedicated on 26 November 1916, the memorial fell into disrepair after 40 years in the Rose Garden at the Rozelle tramsheds. From 1958, the statue was located outside the Leichhardt bus depot.

Brought to our attention by the Glebe Society and restored by International Conservation Services, we have worked with landscape architects JMD Design and the State Transit Authority to restore the statue and put it back, close to its original site.

Cast out of cement and painted white, the digger was created by Irish-born sculptor Edwin McGowan and depicts a young battle-ready digger, with hat, rolled-up sleeves, an open collar and rifle. This statue of a 'digger' was unique at the time and is thought to be the first of its kind designed in Australia.

Ahead of the 100th anniversary of Remembrance Day, Lord Mayor Clover Moore was joined by the RSL and members of the local Glebe Society for a memorial rededication and wreath-laying ceremony to honour the Digger statue returning home.



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CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY!

Our festive season officially starts on **Saturday 24 November at 6.30pm**, with roaming entertainers, pop-up stages and choirs taking over the city centre.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Santa will travel by sleigh from Circular Quay along Pitt Street, before lighting our new-look Martin Place Christmas tree at 8.30pm.

This year, our Christmas celebrations will spread across five stages in Martin Place, George Street and Pitt Street, due to Metro/Macquarie Bank construction in the northern part of Martin Place and because our Christmas concert is so popular.

Family favourites Jimmy Giggle, Justine Clarke, Sam Moran and more will perform and kids can enjoy free activities including face painting, gingerbread icing and decoration making.

We will also have late night shopping specials and festive decorations!

The QVB Christmas tree and the David Jones windows will be worth a visit.

The evening will wrap up with fireworks at 9.30pm.

This is just the beginning of our Christmas fun.

- From 24 November to 24 December, Pitt Street Mall will be lit up with a canopy of 94,000 sparkling lights. Choirs from all around Sydney will perform on Thursday evenings and weekends.
- From 24 November to 1 January, the Martin Place Christmas tree will light up at dusk along with local choirs, performing 6–8pm on weeknights and 7–8pm on weekends.
- From 5 to 25 December, the St Mary's Cathedral will be lit up each night with the Lights of Christmas starting at 7.30pm.

There are \$5 Santa stockings jam-packed with goodies at every event. All proceeds go to our charity partner, Variety – The Children's Charity.

CHRISTMAS IN GREEN SQUARE

**Sunday 2 December
6.30pm–8.30pm**

Green Square Plaza and Matron Ruby Grant Park will come alive for Christmas, with free activities for the kids, including outdoor table tennis and a visit from Santa.

Enjoy performances by Sam Moran, Sydney Philharmonia Choir, SplashDance, Ally Boom Boom & The Cool Bananas and DJ Peter Baecker with roving band The Glorious Sousaphonics.

Our new Green Square Library will be all dressed up for Christmas, with a stunning star in the glass entry to the underground library.

Since opening to the public in October, the library is already a much-loved meeting place and the open air piazza is the perfect promenade on long summer nights.

Green Square Library will be transformed for Christmas

**Starts
Saturday
24 November
6.30pm–9.30pm
in the CBD**



CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGES

Meet and celebrate with your neighbours at one, or all, of our free, family-friendly Village concerts. Each event will include live entertainment, stunning fireworks and a visit from Santa – only if you've been good this year!

Alexandria Village Christmas Concert

Alexandria Park
Alexandria
Friday 7 December
6.30pm–8.30pm

Rushcutters Bay Village Christmas Concert

Reg Bartley Oval
Rushcutters Bay
Saturday 8 December
6.30pm–8.30pm

Rosebery Village Christmas Concert

Turrulwul Park
Rosebery
Sunday 9 December
6.30pm–8.30pm

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Saturday 1 December
6.30pm–8.30pm**

This year, we're turning Christmas in Prince Alfred Park into the best gig for little ones.

Just a two minute walk from Central Station, our new Children's Christmas Concert is not to be missed. Join MC Jimmy Giggle, The Listies, Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom, Justine Clarke, Santa and more for a fantastic, free concert for little kids...and big kids!

ALSO IN OUR CITY...

Local community groups will also celebrate Christmas with concerts and markets throughout November and December. It's a great chance to pick up some locally made gifts or produce.

CHRISTMAS IN PYRMONT

John Street Square, Pyrmont
Sunday 25 November
3pm–8pm

LIVE NATIVITY & CAROL SINGING

Quarry Green, Ultimo
Friday 14 December
7pm

GLEBE ARTISANS MARKETS

Foley Rest Park, Glebe
Saturday 15 December
10am–3pm

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See in a bigger and brighter 2019!



New Year's Eve 2018 once again promises to be the biggest, brightest and best fireworks celebration in the world, with more than 100,000 individual pyrotechnic effects over our wonderful Sydney Harbour.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge will come to life with family fireworks at 9pm. Then at midnight, fireworks from both the Bridge and the Sydney Opera House will light up the sky.

Australia's First Peoples will be recognised with a light and projection show on Sydney Harbour Bridge as well as a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony on Sydney Harbour.

We'd like to thank all the people who'll be working hard to make the event look fantastic and run smoothly, including the 300-plus

volunteers who will give their time on New Year's Eve to help visitors and residents have a safe and enjoyable night. We also thank all involved in the mammoth clean-up operation to restore our city back to sparkling!

Last year, over 1.5 million people flocked to Sydney Harbour to enjoy the spectacle, so make sure you go to sydneynewyearseve.com to plan your night, see a map of the best vantage points, or get details on how to bring the party to wherever you are via live stream.

Get the best out of SYDNEY FESTIVAL

Every January, Sydney Festival entertains with music, theatre, dance, opera, visual arts and ideas.

Sydney Festival endeavours to capture our city's unique personality and is a celebration initiated by the City of Sydney and supported by the NSW Government. It is based on big ideas, big gatherings and cutting-edge art and performance, and is currently directed by Wesley Enoch.

There's a wide range of free and family friendly events, and you can also purchase a \$26 'Tix for Next to Nix' ticket for most performances at the Sydney Festival ticketing booth at World Square, located next to the Fly Me to the Moon installation.

Here are some highlights:

Always

A large-scale installation by artist Jacob Nash will be installed on the Barangaroo headland for the duration of the festival. At dusk on 25 January, festival-goers are invited to an overnight vigil to reflect on life before invasion.

Bayala

Learn how to speak local Sydney language with classes, talks and a mass choral performance developed with Eora and Darug community leaders and language experts.

Counting and Cracking

A powerful new play by S. Shakthidharan, staged in Sydney Town Hall and including a communal meal. Sixteen actors play four generations of a family in a story about Australia as a land of refuge.

Fly me to the Moon at World Square

Mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by collectively cycling 384,400 kilometres to the moon. Pedal on the Lunar Velocipede at World Square, created by arts company Erth Visual & Physical, or donate the kilometres from your daily bicycle travel or gym sessions.

Pigalle

The Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent in the Festival Garden is transformed into a Parisian nightclub. Marcia Hines and iOTA lead an international cast of performers in a fusion of burlesque, circus and discotheque.

Seidler Salon Series

Music and architecture come together in a series of concerts inspired by, and hosted in and around, Harry Seidler's iconic buildings.

Visit sydneyfestival.org.au for the full program

**9–27
January
2019**



Australian world premiere of cabaret show *Pigalle*



Head down to Hyde Park North for food, drink and free entertainment