

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO KEEP OUR CITY GOING



Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Councillor Jess Miller and daughter Jemima, Councillors Jess Scully and Philip Thalys with staff at the opening of the Alexandra Canal Depot

Our new Alexandra Canal Depot opened in June.

We merged the facilities from former depots at Zetland, Redfern and Alexandria to create a modern, efficient and sustainable workplace, featuring natural ventilation and lighting, roof water collection and re-use, and energy and water efficient equipment.

It's home to the first industrial-scale Tesla battery in metropolitan Sydney, powered by over 1,600 solar roof panels and capable of storing 500 hours of electricity and even boosting the state grid when required.

Pictured are just some of the 150 staff who work hard every day to keep our city moving – providing cleansing, waste and maintenance services to the southern half of the City.

LED SAVINGS FOR CITY LIGHTING

The City of Sydney is working with Ausgrid to convert almost 10,000 of the network-owned streetlights across the city to LED lighting, thus reducing the energy usage of individual light fittings by around 50 per cent in the process.

There are 20,000 streetlights in Sydney and, almost a decade ago, we began converting the majority of the City-owned streetlights to LED – **saving ratepayers \$800,000 a year in energy and maintenance costs and reducing emissions by approximately 2,400 tonnes per year.**

We've also entered into partnership with Ausgrid to co-fund an innovative \$2.25 million incentives program, to encourage building owners and occupiers in targeted areas of the City to take up energy efficiency measures such as LED lighting and to install solar PV panels.

This program is expected to reduce emissions by another 8,000 tonnes per year – equivalent to the footprint of 2,000 households.

Our contributory agreement with Ausgrid will significantly help meet our ambitious carbon reduction targets by reducing our city's carbon footprint by nine per cent.



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Sydney Park



Harmony Apartments



Image courtesy of Responsible Cafés

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Marine ecologist Rebecca Morris



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Alone, we can't reach our ambitious environmental targets outlined in Sustainable Sydney 2030 – so, we work to empower our community and corporate sector to take meaningful actions.

Since we established the program in 2014, we've given a total of \$1,331,325 to 128 community groups and businesses.

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In 2013, marine ecologist Rebecca Morris received an \$11,000 grant to collaborate with University of Sydney students to engineer 'underwater flowerpots' aiming to increase marine biodiversity. These were first trialled along the Glebe Foreshore Walk, where new habitats were created for marine life. Following this initial trial success in 2016, the City installed 60 new concrete pots along the seawalls in Sydney Harbour to attract vulnerable marine life back into our popular waterways.

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Welcome to Green Square Library & Plaza

Join Lord Mayor Clover Moore at the official launch on Saturday 27 October 11am–2pm.

Visit whatson.sydney for more.

The City of Sydney runs nine library branches and two library link services – and in the last five years, we have invested more than \$111 million in new collections, technology and building infrastructure.

Our library members have access to more than 400,000 books, CDs and DVDs, as well as free Wi-Fi, access to computers and a huge range of intergenerational programs and events.

This investment includes the newly opened Green Square Library and the Darling Square Library opening in mid-2019.

Darling Square Library in The Exchange, artist's impression courtesy of Lendlease

OPENING IN 2019: DARLING SQUARE LIBRARY

The Exchange is Japanese architecture firm Kengo Kuma and Associates' first project in Australia.

Developed by Lendlease, it features a market hall, childcare centre, rooftop bar, restaurant and two levels for a library leased to the City for 99 years.

The current Haymarket branch, a quarter of the size of the new facility, will relocate to the Darling Square Library. It will feature approximately 30,000 items, a children's area, flexible spaces for meetings and events, and a 'makerspace' for hands-on workshops.

The collections of Asian literature and daily newspapers in multiple languages will still be available in the new Darling Square Library.

Customs House Library

Glebe Library's 20th birthday celebrations in 2017

OTHER LIBRARY NEWS...

Customs House Library occupies three levels of the heritage-listed Customs House at Circular Quay. Open seven days a week, it is a great place for residents, workers and visitors to the city to relax, read or research. The quiet Grand Reading Room and the scale model of the city are highlights and it is also home to the largest range of international newspapers and magazines in any Australian public library.

Our **Glebe Library** hosts Rhymetime, Storytime and Rock 'n' Rhyme every week as well as special programming such as Auslan Storytime. The Glebe Customer Service Centre is located at the same location, so you can drop in, pay your rates, enquire about a parking permit, register pets or lodge feedback on a development application.

Did you know **Paddington Library** is run by both Woollahra Council and the City? Located in the heritage listed Paddington Town Hall, it is a good example of Victorian Free Classical architecture and was built on Oxford Street in 1891. In 2015, we invested almost \$400,000 toward its refurbishment, commissioning JDH Architects to refurbish the building and create a contemporary, functional and flexible space for the library.

Ultimo Library is located in the Ultimo Community Centre. It is popular with local school children, with plenty of spaces to read and study, and a dedicated children's area featuring regular programming such as bilingual storytime in English and Mandarin. It has a large collection of Chinese language resources and a colourful light installation, *Portal*, by interdisciplinary artists Skunk Control.

Our **Waterloo Library** is home to the Koori Collection, more than 2,000 items including books, newspapers, CDs and DVDs relating to the living cultures of the First Peoples of Australia. Following community concerns over the planned closure of the Waterloo Library and the relocation of its books and services to the new, nearby Green Square Library, Council has endorsed that the Waterloo Library will remain open.

Seeking to Defend City Amenity and Public Spaces

The City has made every effort to defend residential amenity and public parkland especially against the State Government's WestConnex tollway and Moore Park redevelopment plan.

WestConnex is flawed, poorly governed and will increase traffic congestion. The project is destroying significant trees and reducing much needed inner city recreational and sporting space. With an estimated 120,000 extra vehicles channelled to our area every day from the St Peters Interchange, we are also concerned about air pollution and Sydney's liveability and competitiveness.

That's why we presented an alternative proposal to the Government which diverted traffic away from the city centre and instead linked the tollway with the airport and Port Botany. And in recent years we've invested significant funding to analyse the business cases; conducted local traffic studies; explored possible legal opportunities; supported local community groups; and raised awareness about the impacts.

More recently, the City presented evidence to a NSW Parliamentary Committee set up to investigate WestConnex. The presentation followed a detailed submission.

But the Government is still pressing ahead.

It's a similar story with the plan to demolish and rebuild a major sports stadium in Moore Park despite the fact that the Government's own Metropolitan Strategy says western Sydney should be the top priority for new sporting stadia.

Despite a flawed business case and overwhelming community opposition, the Government has already lodged a State Significant Development application to demolish Allianz Stadium with the Department of Planning and Environment. The application is currently being assessed and the Minister for Planning will make the final decision.

A NSW Parliamentary Inquiry was also set up to investigate the Government's Stadiums proposal. The City delivered a submission and presented our strong concerns at a public hearing.

Since then, the City has received three development applications from the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust – one to extend an existing approval for the use of Moore Park as a venue for temporary events and the other two to accommodate the relocation of existing offices and services on public land when the stadium is demolished and during construction of the new one. It's likely these DAs will be determined by the Local Planning Panel, which was mandated by the NSW Government and makes decisions on DAs in our area.

WestConnex and the Moore Park redevelopment significantly threaten the future liveability of our city and though we've done everything we can to raise our concerns the State Government has still not responded adequately to any of our issues.



The award-winning, Philip Cox-designed Sydney Football Stadium at Moore Park

100 per cent of NSW is now in drought, with almost one quarter of the state classified as being in intense drought – the worst in Australia in more than 400 years.

To help individuals and families to cope, the City of Sydney recently donated more than \$200,000 to the Country Women's Association of NSW's Disaster Relief Fund.

This support will help meet immediate household needs and expenses for those affected by the drought, including groceries, vehicle maintenance, schooling, and electricity, telephone, dental and medical bills. The City has also established a program to match funds raised and contributions made by staff, dollar for dollar, until the end of the year.

The severity of droughts is intensified by climate change and land clearing, and with the Federal Government's paralysis, this will only get worse.

Recently, it was reported that the clearing of native vegetation in NSW had jumped 800 per cent in three years. **This is expected to accelerate with the Native Vegetation Act scrapped by the NSW Government.**

Here at the City, we are striving for long-term solutions by leading on climate change. We have so far reduced emissions in our own operations by 25 per cent, and across the entire local government area by 20 per cent, since 2006.

We're also working with the 32 other councils in metropolitan Sydney to implement our first Resilience Strategy, ensuring we can respond to 'acute shocks' such as extreme weather into the future.

\$200,000 for NSW Drought Relief

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1. The Library and Plaza forms the new civic heart of Green Square and is located in the new Town Centre, right next door to Green Square train station. Influenced by the piazzas of Europe, the \$61 million project opened in September this year.

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2. Australian architects Felicity Stewart and Matthias Hollenstein (pictured with the Lord Mayor) won an international design competition for their inspired and unconventional plans, chosen from 167 high quality entries received from 29 countries around the world. We are one of the few organisations in Australia to conduct open architecture competitions for major developments.

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3. The heart of the library is nestled beneath the plaza, freeing up vital outdoor community space. It features a sunken outdoor garden, community meeting rooms and an amphitheatre.

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4. A six-storey tower provides quiet reading rooms space to hire for meetings and a music room with a piano so residents can practice their instruments without disturbing neighbours.

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5. Digital artwork *High Water* was created by Sydney based artists Michael Thomas Hill and Indigo Hanlee. Local weather patterns and tidal information are displayed as abstract watercolours on high-resolution screens, using sensors and live data feeds to influence what the viewer sees.

6. Within the library, *Cloud Nation* is a repurposed vintage Beechcraft Travel Air aircraft by local artists Sean Cordeiro and Claire Healy, suspended inside the library. It features a meticulously crafted miniature world atop the plane, recalling the fictional island of Laputa from Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*.

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AWARD-WINNING SURRY HILLS LIBRARY

The Surry Hills Library and Community Centre has been visited by 1.8 million people since it opened in 2009.

The building by Australian architects Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (FJMT) promoted environmentally sustainable design with planting in an internal glass atrium, geothermal bores, a green roof, photovoltaic cells, and water harvesting and re-use. It has won more than 15 national and international awards, including the Australian Institute of Architects' National Award for Public Architecture in 2010.

The Surry Hills Library is also home to an LGBTQ collection of books, CDs and DVDs, and is the birthplace of our much-loved Late Night Library program.