

SIGNIFICANT CITY EVENTS



KEYS TO THE CITY FOR MEDICALLY SUPERVISED INJECTING CENTRE

We're proud to commemorate the Centre's 21 years of service to the Sydney community in saving lives, helping injecting drug users address problematic drug use, and taking injecting off the streets. Congratulations to Centre Director Dr Marianne Jauncy, all centre staff and the Uniting Church for this impressive milestone and thank you for all that you do.



HAPPY 130TH BIRTHDAY TO PADDINGTON LIBRARY!

The City of Sydney and Woollahra Council run the popular Paddington Library in the Town Hall on Oxford Street as a partnership. The City provides and maintains the premises in Paddington Town Hall, while Woollahra operates the library. Libraries are incredibly important to our diverse community, even in our digital age. While our libraries may have changed, 130 years on, Paddington Library is cherished by our shared and local community.



\$3M TO ENLIVEN THE CITY WITH NEW AND EXCITING EVENTS

Our new grants program is designed to encourage businesses, creatives and communities to work together to bring cultural activity to precincts and neighbourhoods in our CBD and city villages.



CITYTALKS RETURN TO TOWN HALL

1500 people joined our first CityTalks post-pandemic, when London Mayor Sadiq Khan and Lord Mayor Clover Moore had a lively discussion on transforming cities, recovering from the pandemic and our long term plans to address climate change. Thanks to our moderator Patricia Karvelas and our panel members, who expanded the discussion - NSW Treasurer Matt Kean, President of the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council Ken Maher AO, Climate Council Councillor Nicki Hutley, Director First Nations, AO, Climate Council Councillor Nicki Hutley, Director First Nations, AO, Powerhouse Museum and Curator, Eora Journey/ Yananurula, Emily McDaniel, OzHarvest Founder and Co-CEO, Ronni Kahn AO and CEO of Committee for Sydney Gabriel Metcalf.



BIENNALE 2022: RIVUS

José Roca, the Artistic Director of this year's spectacular Biennale, titled "rivus", was inspired by rivers, wetlands and other ecosystems. The City is a strong supporter and funder of the Biennale. This image shows 'Flow', a mammoth bamboo sculpture by Sydney artists Cave Urban, at Barangaroo.

AND ONGOING CITY CAMPAIGNS

A LIMITED RETURN OF PUBLIC PARKLAND AT MOORE PARK



Kippax Lake, Moore Park

It's a small victory for the community around the perennial issue of on-grass parking on public lands at Moore Park. While it is generally prohibited in legislation, under the *Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2022*, the ban is not immediate, nor is it far-reaching. It will take place in stages, with parking at Lower Kippax to be removed in 2023 and other grass areas near the Hordern Pavilion in 2025.

Our Paddington residents in particular will be happy that the Upper Kippax area will be landscaped for community use again.

The construction of light rail to the area with a dedicated station for patrons attending events and games, presented opportunities to reduce private car access to the area, but a large new carpark is being constructed and much on-grass carparking is being retained.

PETITIONING FOR A LIGHT RAIL STOP AT WIMBO PARK

Petitions from the local community for a light rail stop at Wimbo Park in Surry Hills will be presented to the State Parliament by Alex Greenwich, Member for Sydney. During the construction of the light rail, former Transport Minister Andrew Constance agreed to the Lord Mayor's request to install conduits and piping necessary to serve a new station there. Both the Lord Mayor and Alex Greenwich MP have had subsequent positive meetings with current Minister David Elliot about the proposal.

We encourage people concerned to visit bit.ly/wimboparklightrail to sign the petition.



Artist's impression of landscaped Wimbo Park

PUSHING FOR A BETTER OUTCOME FOR BLACKWATTLE BAY



The proposed NSW government plans for Blackwattle Bay.

NSW Infrastructure is now considering more than 2,400 submissions, including from the City - about the Government's initial plan for the site.

The current government plans show a wall of buildings up to 45 storeys high along the Western Distributor. The development would overshadow existing and future public and foreshore spaces, much of which would be located under the freeway, as well as dominating existing apartment blocks.

The affordable housing component is only five per cent of the proposal, and the scheme proposes a narrow, overshadowed foreshore promenade, with few trees and accessed by dangerous intersections that prioritise trucks and cars. Additionally, the scheme does not include provisions to re-open

the Glebe Island Bridge as a pedestrian and cycle path and a vital link to Balmain.

While the City supports maximising harbour foreshore renewal, the Government's scheme for Blackwattle Bay restricts community benefit and fails to exploit unique site opportunities.

The City has undertaken a thorough design analysis, identifying flaws and offering improvements that could be made. The Lord Mayor has met with Planning Minister Rob Stokes, and he seemed impressed with our designs and he committed to do his best to respond to our and the community's concerns.

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Dancers from Burrundi Theatre for Performing Arts unveiling bara by Judy Watson.

RECOVERY AND REVITALISATION KEY TO CITY'S NEW BUDGET

Despite significant losses to our revenue through the pandemic, and increased expenditure on programs to help our community and businesses survive, our new budget maintains this high level of service and continues our work to facilitate our city's recovery.

We have allocated more than \$530 million in this financial year towards these goals and maintaining facilities, parks and open spaces is also a high budget priority.

We have also increased funding for the City's community centres, which are much needed places for exercise, workshops, events and for the provision of services.

Council supported my proposal to increase resources for the centres, including additional staff, and we have allocated an additional 20% - or \$1.25 million - in this budget.

Impact of lockdowns

The lockdowns cost the city's economy an estimated \$250 million a week and the loss of 40,000 jobs.

Just four per cent of workers were in their offices at the end of last year, but the city is now reopening with consumer confidence indices higher than average, suggesting a strong, pent-up demand, especially in services and hospitality. We will continue to support our local businesses and communities who have done it so tough over the past two years, but we need to remain cautious in the face of new variants.

Please continue to wear masks in enclosed spaces and get booster shots when possible.

Keys to the City for Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

I was pleased to recently commemorate 21 years of the Kings Cross Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, by awarding it the Keys to the City of Sydney.

I became aware of the need for such a Centre as Member for Bligh. Young people were dying from drug overdoses and injecting on the street was common. It was a rare week when my office was not contacted about the impacts of drug use.

I was a member of the Parliamentary Committee that considered whether a safe injecting centre could help save lives and take injecting off the streets.

The Committee met with drug users, health experts, residents and families who had lost friends, sons and daughters to drug overdoses.

The re-elected Carr government held a Drug Summit in 1999, and I

successfully moved the motion for a trial of a medically supervised injecting centre in Kings Cross for 18 months.

Twenty-one years on the centre has prevented deaths, helped drug users seek treatment and stopped unsafe, unsanitary drug use in our city streets.

The Federal Election

The Federal Election outcome signalled that the incoming government and the increased Independent and Greens representation is in response to the majority of Australians who want to see urgent and meaningful action on reconciliation, accelerating climate change, affordable housing, and the establishment of an effective Anti-Corruption Commission.

Clover Moore

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CITY OF SYDNEY CREATIVE STUDIOS NOW OPEN

It was exciting to officially open the City of Sydney Creative Studios on Bathurst Street which is now operating after a decade of planning. This new five-storey facility gives artists "a room of their own" in the city, at an affordable price. There are spaces for painters to paint, musicians to compose, dancers and actors to rehearse, film and digital creatives to make, and all creatives to mingle and collaborate.

Read more about the studios inside.



Elvises serenade Lord Mayor Clover Moore on opening day.

NINE HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 2022 CITY BUDGET

The City of Sydney will spend more than \$530 million in the next financial year to support the city's recovery.



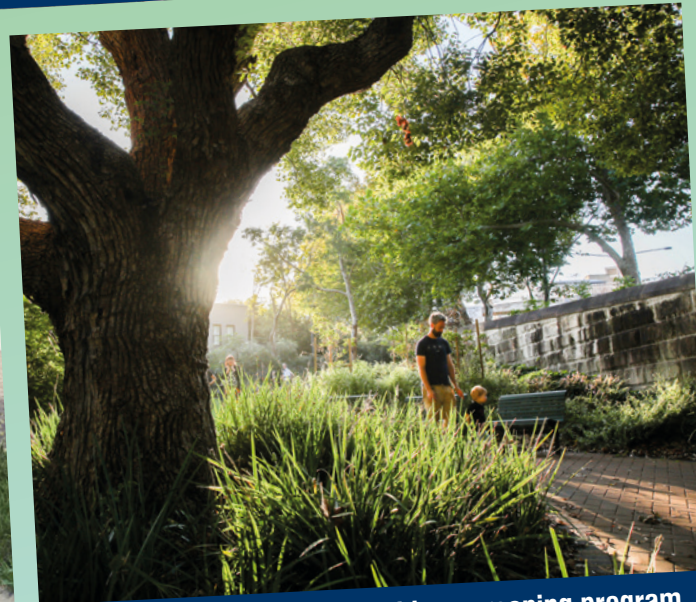
1 \$4 million to see our successful "Summer Streets" programs throughout the city, all year round.



2 \$1.3 million to deliver the Oxford Street LGBTQIA+ Place Strategy, providing funding for a new queer pride museum and additional support for WorldPride 2023.



3 \$3.5 million for the upgrade of Crown Street in Surry Hills and \$7.7 million for the Green Square to Ashmore Street Connector.



4 \$4.2 million for our ambitious greening program. We aim to plant 700 new trees every year for the next decade and have set new targets of 27 per cent canopy cover and 40 per cent vegetation and green cover by 2050.



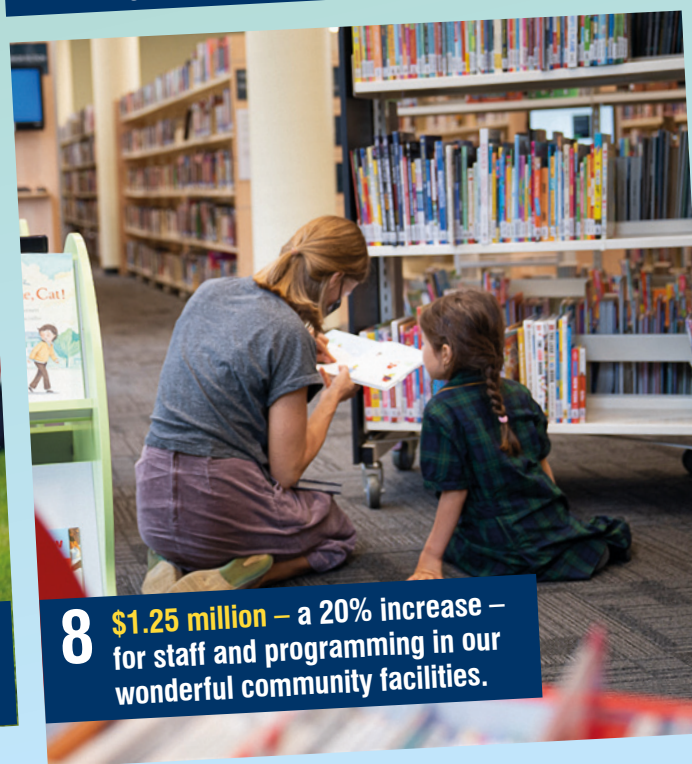
5 \$18.4 million for new parks, including Gunyama Park stage two (pictured), Wimbo Park in Surry Hills, North Rosebery Park and more than 120 new street gardens.



6 \$15 million for further George Street pedestrianisation, creating more space for people north to Circular Quay as well as additional funding for domain upgrades in Chinatown and new cycleways better to connect our network.



7 \$1 million allocated for new grants programs supporting First Nations initiatives and for vulnerable communities.

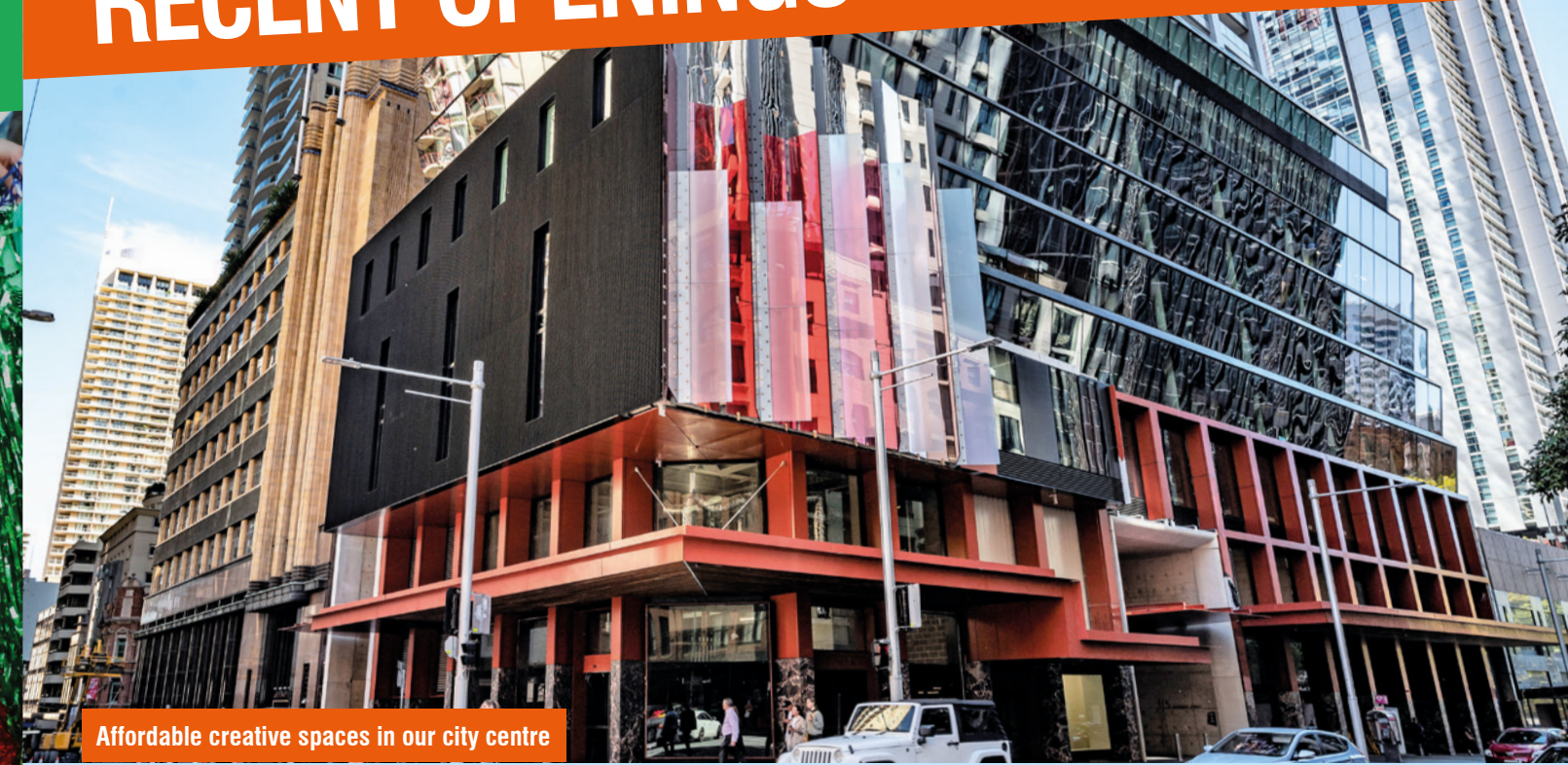


8 \$1.25 million – a 20% increase – for staff and programming in our wonderful community facilities.



9 \$9 million for the Eora Journey's Yananurula project – a commemorative harbour walk recognising Indigenous heritage along the foreshore.

RECENT OPENINGS



Affordable creative spaces in our city centre

CITY OF SYDNEY CREATIVE STUDIOS NOW OPEN

Spanning five storeys, the City's new creative studios on Bathurst Street have two rehearsal studios with sprung floors, five soundproof recording studios for musicians, production suites for filmmakers, wet-dry creative studios, an artist-in-residence apartment, meeting spaces, dressing rooms, storerooms and a cafe in the lobby of the facility. This space was negotiated as part of a Voluntary Planning Agreement with developer Greenland eight years ago, and the City has a 99-year lease for a peppercorn rent. **We have engaged the not-for-profit arts organisation, Brand X Productions, to manage the Studios for three years, and we hope that this will supercharge creative opportunities in our city. Look up 'City of Sydney Creative Studios' in your search engine to book a space today!**



ADDITIONAL INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES AT PERRY PARK

We have completed two new courts at Alexandria's Perry Park Recreation Centre – we now have four multipurpose, enclosed courts, for sports including netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton and futsal. Land nearby has also been purchased for more sporting grounds.

Councillors shooting hoops at Perry Park



Enjoying car-free George Street

PEDESTRIAN EXPANSION OF GEORGE STREET SOUTH

The extension of pedestrianisation at the southern end of George Street is complete. This adds 9,000m2 additional car-free space – with street trees, seating, lighting and spaces for outdoor dining. The pedestrianised boulevard now runs from Central to Hunter Street. *Image shows Alex Greenwich MP, Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Minister for Active Transport Rob Stokes enjoying the extra space in the city.*



Exciting new eateries at Quay Quarter

QUAY QUARTER LANES: NOW OPEN!

Historic laneways next to Customs House at Circular Quay have been restored and repurposed as the successful result of a planning agreement between the owner AMP Capital and the City of Sydney. The area once dominated by sandstone wool stores now has a mix of shops, eateries, the Gallipoli Memorial Club and museum, and residential apartments. The space is framed by sandstone and major public artworks by Jonathon Jones and Olafur Eliasson – a stone's throw from the harbour foreshore.