

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



**New Year's Eve fireworks:** We're the New Year's Eve capital of the world, with one million people lining our foreshores and another 425 million people tuning in around the globe.

**Sydney Lunar Festival:** The largest celebration outside Asia, injecting millions into the local economy.

**Sydney Streets:** Outdoor parties that celebrate neighbourhoods, while bringing communities together and supporting high street businesses.

**Art & About:** Every year, the City seeks expressions of interest to create new works in unusual places around the city. The opportunity is open to anyone with a big idea that will create a moment of surprise and delight in the urban space.

**Yabun:** The largest one-day gathering and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in Australia.

**Sydney Festival:** A city-wide celebration of culture, creativity, and the questioning mind, that runs every January.

**Mardi Gras:** We're the government partner in this annual parade celebrating LGBTIQ+ rights and pride.

**Sydney Biennale:** One of the world's leading contemporary art events, showcasing local and international artists, in and around our city.

**Sydney Writer's Festival:** Australia's most beloved celebration of literature, stories and ideas.

**Vivid:** We support the NSW Government in staging this spectacular winter festival of light, music, ideas and food.

**Sydney Film Festival:** A 70-year-old celebration of film and culture, held annually in Winter.

**NAIDOC in the City:** Song, dance and stories from the oldest cultures on earth in the Sydney's Hyde Park.

**Sydney Fringe Festival:** The largest independent arts festival in NSW with over 450 events presented in 70 venues across greater Sydney each year.

**Sydney Christmas:** A month-long series of displays, festivals and concerts across the CBD and its neighbourhoods.

We invest at least \$40 million in Sydney's cultural life each year. This includes producing free major public events like Sydney New Year's Eve and Art & About, sponsoring major festivals like the Sydney Festival and Sydney Biennale, commissioning new public artworks and providing practical support and funding for our creatives.

Sydney New Years Eve fireworks  
Image: Keith McInnes



Sydney Lunar New Year



Sydney Festival  
Image: Martin Mischkulnig



NAIDOC in the City



Sydney Christmas

## FACILITATING AND BOOSTING DIVERSE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The City levies private developers, amends planning controls, sells land at a discount and provides grants to not-for-profit providers to boost more diverse and affordable housing.

This ensures resulting housing is rented to lower income households for affordable rents in perpetuity and cannot be sold off by future governments. Affordable and diverse housing is a key focus of the City's long-term vision for a city for all.

### DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEVIES



Green Square welcome party

The City has raised \$384 million in levies from market housing developers, which has been passed on to community housing providers to deliver 854 homes, including at:

- 68-80 Mary Ann Street and 346-348 Bulwarra Road, Ultimo/Pymont
- 7 Carriageworks Way, Eveleigh
- 3 Grandstand Parade, Zetland
- 1-5 Wentworth Street, Glebe

In 2021, after years of lobbying, the state government has finally approved an expansion of the levy, to include all of the city area, which is now expected to deliver a further 1,950 affordable homes.

### CHANGES TO PLANNING CONTROLS

The City introduced planning controls that permit affordable rental housing on certain land where other residential development is not permitted, keeping land values low for community housing providers. This has provided 381 affordable dwellings, including:

- 381 dwellings at 330-338 Botany Road, Alexandria.
- 52 supported accommodation dwellings built to provide services and support to people who had been homeless - the Common Ground project.

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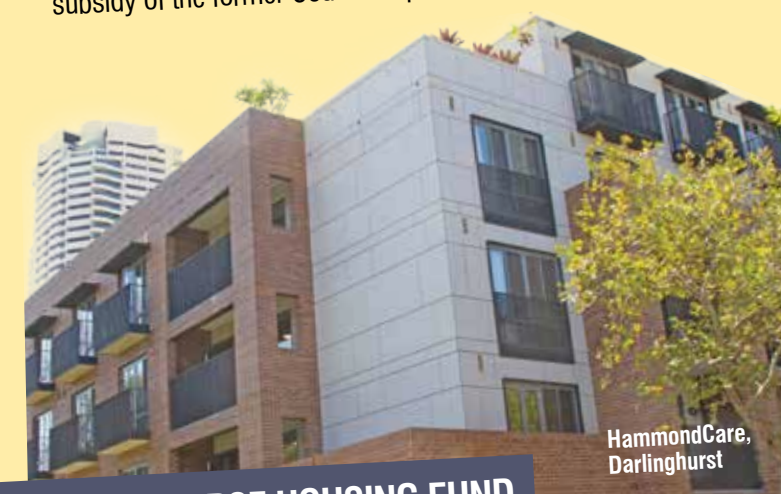


Gibbons Street, Redfern  
Image: St George Community Housing

### SUBSIDISED LAND SALES

We sell City land at a discounted rate to make affordable housing projects viable, including:

- 75 dwellings in Ross Street, Forest Lodge through a \$1.8 million subsidy of Harold Park land.
- 104 dwellings on Portman Street, Zetland via a \$2.18 million subsidy of former South Sydney Hospital land.
- 122 affordable housing dwellings and 40 social housing dwellings at 11 Gibbons Street, Redfern through a \$10.3 million subsidy of the former Council depot.



HammondCare, Darlinghurst

### AFFORDABLE AND DIVERSE HOUSING FUND

In 2015, we established the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund to help leverage private finance for affordable rental housing, including:

- 42 aged care units built for older people at risk of homelessness at HammondCare Darlinghurst, a City investment of \$1.5 million.
- 53 rooms for young people at risk of homelessness and 20 rooms for key workers in Chippendale by St George Community Housing, a City investment of \$3 million.
- Refurbishment of the Wesley Eagar Lodge in Surry Hills, a City investment of \$1 million.
- 250 dwellings planned for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student housing at UTS in Ultimo, a City investment of \$1 million.
- 74 affordable rental houses for women aged over 55 at risk of homelessness and for key workers at Wesley Mission in Glebe, a City investment of \$3 million.
- \$345,000 to St George Community Housing to employ staff to increase opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons to access affordable housing.

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Oz Harvest, Food Rescue Image: Joyce Ong

## CREATING A CITY FOR ALL

Access to affordable housing, food and cultural opportunities is essential for a diverse, cohesive and economically successful global city, but more importantly, these are basic human rights.

In our global city, more than 1,000 households are on the social housing waitlist, with people sleeping rough each night.

**BOOSTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING**  
Through levies, amended planning controls, discounted property sales and an Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, we do everything we can to boost affordable housing. So far we have 1,427 built affordable housing units in our local government area, with another 1,793 in the development pipeline.

**A WIN AT WATERLOO**  
The City battled for more affordable and social housing as part of the Waterloo Estate redevelopment. Now we welcome the new government's acceptance of 50% social and affordable homes on the site. We are not going to address the housing crisis without greater provision for social and affordable projects on public land.

**HELPING THOSE SLEEPING ROUGH**  
We were the first Council in Australia to have a dedicated homelessness unit and we invest more than \$2.2 million each year to help people sleeping rough. Every day our Public Space Liaison Officers walk the streets linking people with the services they need. Access to affordable and social housing is critical.

**ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY**  
Shockingly, food relief organisations report that demand for free food is now higher than during Covid, with employed people on low incomes joining the queues of people who can't afford to buy food. This shouldn't be happening anywhere, let alone in a country as wealthy as Australia. The City has allocated \$4.5 million to support projects that give access to affordable, healthy and culturally appropriate food for our diverse communities.

**FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT - AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO CULTURAL SPACE**  
The fast pace of residential development, growing populations, and increased property prices have had unintended impacts on cultural spaces like live music venues, small theatres, galleries, studios, and rehearsal spaces. Our creative spirits must have places to live and work. The City of Sydney is investing in the provision of cultural infrastructure, providing more than 10,000m<sup>2</sup> subsidised space to cultural, arts and creative industries and organisations, making us the single largest provider of subsidised creative workspace in the greater Sydney area. Inside you can read more about our work to address this critical shortage.

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## AND NOT FORGETTING OUR PETS

There are more than 32,000 dogs and 26,000 cats living with their human companions in the City of Sydney. I had a beautiful day out recently with Bessie at the Northcott Pet Day, meeting locals and their four-legged friends. We provide social housing residents access to free pet health checks, microchipping, flea and worming treatments and free desexing for their pets. Pets provide both physical and mental health benefits for their owners, and we want our city to be as pet-friendly as possible. That's why I continue to advocate for pets to be allowed on public transport and support the community-led petition now before the Legislative Assembly calling for Transport for NSW to allow companion animals on public transport. I urge the NSW Government to make this simple regulatory change and allow pets to travel with their humans!





# PROVIDING SPACE FOR CULTURE



Samantha Leon performs with Danza Del Arte.  
Image: Christina Mishell



Image: Matt Lambley

**CITY OF SYDNEY CREATIVE STUDIOS 119 BATHURST STREET**  
Spanning five stories, the Creative Studios have double-height rehearsal studios with sprung floors, soundproof recording and rehearsal studios, production and editing suites and wet-dry floors, soundproof recording and rehearsal studios, production and editing suites and wet-dry floors, soundproof recording and rehearsal studios, production and editing suites and wet-dry floors for visual artists. There's an artist-in-residence apartment and a café. Not-for-profit charity Brand X Productions manage this affordable space, which is available for booking.



A Murder Story Retold in Three Symphonic Vignettes



Image: Jessica Lindsay

**EAST SYDNEY COMMUNITY AND ARTS CENTRE**  
34-40 BURTON STREET, DARLINGHURST  
Operated by Brand X, the upper floor contains multi-purpose spaces available to hire for rehearsals, classes, events, performances, workshops and meetings. It's across the road from the Eternity Playhouse Theatre in East Sydney.



Image: Rhiannon Hopely Photography

**JOYNTON AVENUE CREATIVE CENTRE 3A JOYNTON AVENUE, ZETLAND**  
The venue has several beautifully designed, award-winning community and event spaces. Formerly nurses' quarters within the South Sydney Hospital, this centre is now managed and curated by 107 Projects who provide affordable work spaces for small creative businesses and jewellery makers, host exhibitions and provide a program of events and workshops for the community including regular arts and crafts markets.



The Lucky Country  
Image: Hayes Theatre

**HAYES THEATRE 19 GREENKNOWE AVENUE, ELIZABETH BAY**  
Hayes Theatre Co is a not-for-profit musical theatre company. It produces new and reimagined musical theatre, including support for writers with a season of 10 shows a year.



**LOCAL ABORIGINAL KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE CENTRE**  
119 REDFERN STREET, REDFERN  
Opening later this year, this new centre has 2 levels with a range of spaces for community use. It's located in the heart of Redfern, near other community and cultural services.



Opening night  
Image: Capitol Theatre

**CAPITOL THEATRE 13 CAMPBELL STREET, HAYMARKET**  
This City owned world class theatre is on long term lease to Foundation Theatres. It has been a market, circus and hippodrome in its lifetime. Next year will see audiences enjoying big productions Chicago, Grease, Shen Yun and Alice in Wonderland.



SEIMS Orchestra  
Image: Rhiannon Hopely Photography

**FIRSTDRAFT 13-17 RILEY STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO**  
A leading contemporary art space for early career creatives, First Draft has been focused on presenting emerging and experimental art since 1986.

**4A CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ASIAN ART 181-187 HAY STREET, HAYMARKET**  
4A is a leading contemporary art space for celebrating the work and experiences of Asian-Australian artists since 1996. The centre presents exhibitions and public programs in Haymarket and across Australia, as well as international exchanges.

The nurturing of imagination and creativity is vital for great cities to thrive. Artists of all kinds bring our city to life, help shape its identity and spirit, and give it depth and resonance.

After extensive consultation in 2014, we launched Creative City, the City's first Cultural Policy and Action Plan. While the City has had a long track record supporting major events and festivals, grants programs, and public art, we wanted to hear what was working and what we could do better. Since then we have introduced Art Money, an interest-free loan scheme for original art purchases, and PlayWave a digital platform that makes live performances available to young people at affordable prices. The City commissioned 32 new public artworks, given more than \$10.8 million in cash grants and invested \$27.5 million in festivals and events. We've also built a cultural precinct at Green Square, five stories of cultural space on Bathurst Street in the CBD and continue to provide discounted space to theatres across the city.

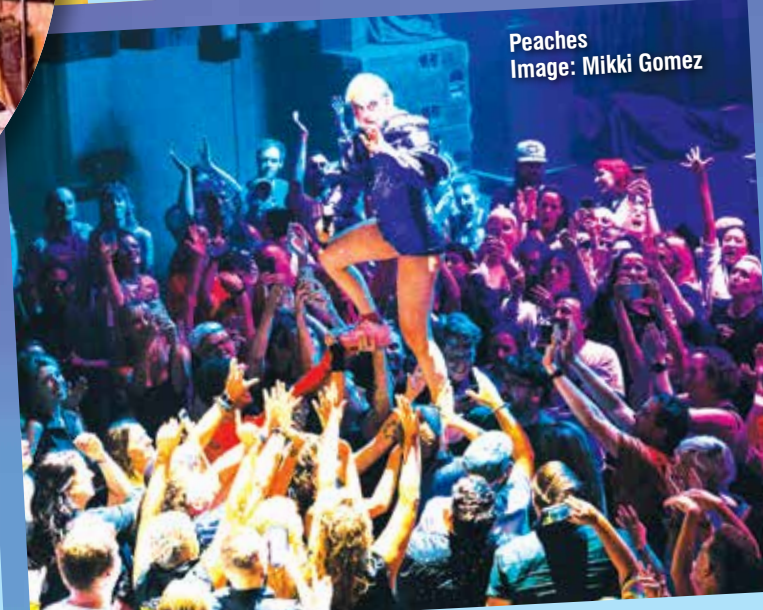


Image: Josef Nalevansky

**ETERNITY PLAYHOUSE 39 BURTON STREET, DARLINGHURST**  
This is the home of the Darlinghurst Theatre Company, which collaborated on the design of this world-class performance venue. The former 129-year-old heritage-listed Burton Street Tabernacle took its title from the work of legendary Sydney artist, Arthur Stace, who chalked "Eternity" on the footpaths of Sydney after hearing a sermon there.



Thirsty Thursday's Cabaret  
Image: Robert Catto



Peaches  
Image: Mikki Gomez

**CITY RECITAL HALL 2 ANGEL PLACE, SYDNEY**  
The City is the principal sponsor of City Recital Hall, which presents a curated program of contemporary and classical music performances. It is a purpose-built live performance venue with world-class acoustics and a spatial surround system.



Swamp Jangles  
Image: Jamie Williams

**107 PROJECTS 107 REDFERN STREET, REDFERN**  
This multi-purpose creative facility features exhibition and performance spaces, artist studios, a creative office and meeting spaces. There is also a rooftop permaculture garden.



Blake Rhodes  
Image: Rob Hookey

**CREATIVE LIVE AND WORK SPACES DARLINGHURST AND WATERLOO**  
We offer creative studios and living spaces for artists and creative workers. Reduced rents for 18 months allows space and time for them to focus fully on developing their creative practice, and helping to keep artists in the heart of the city.



**ORGAN RECITAL PROGRAM SYDNEY TOWN HALL, GEORGE STREET**  
Welcome Titus Grenyer, City Organist. Titus is producing the Town Hall organ recital program for the iconic 133-year old grand organ.