

HELPING TO TRANSFORM OUR CITY



Jan Gehl, the world-renowned Danish urban designer, was commissioned by the City of Sydney in 2007 to undertake a *Public Spaces Public Life* study. Gehl's report coincided with the City's development of *Sustainable Sydney 2030*, our long-term strategic vision. Gehl reviewed his study in 2020, and he came back to Sydney recently to see how his vision, which included light rail, is helping transform the streets of our city.

The Lord Mayor with Jan Gehl during his 2011 visit

There are four overarching themes to Jan Gehl's vision for Sydney that we work towards every day in the city:

A GREEN AND COOL CITY

We're improving our urban forest with greater tree cover and more species diversity. Additionally, we have landscaped more than 28,000 metres of public space. We look after more than 50,000 trees and 400 parks for everyone to enjoy.

MOBILITY AND ACCESS

We're making more room for people with wider footpaths and increased open space. Since 2004, we have installed 25 kilometres of safe, separated cycleways. We also have over 60 kilometres of shared paths and 40 kilometres of other cycling infrastructure. Bike trips in the city have more than doubled in the past decade! The transformation of George Street has provided more than 18,000 square metres of public space.

A CITY FOR ALL

Sydney is a city made up of many nations including the original inhabitants, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Over 50% of our residents were born overseas, and 41% of people speak a language other than English at home. We also have a large population of international students, and are proudly a refugee welcome zone. The city is the epicentre of LGBTIQA+ life, history and culture in Australia.

A CITY FOR PEOPLE

The transformation of George Street – removing buses and cars – was the start of a broader re-visioning of all city streets, putting people first. This includes the main streets of our villages, most recently Macleay and Crown streets. Outdoor dining has expanded out into roadways which is revitalising our neighbourhoods.



George Street light rail

Image: Mark Mercan



Friends of Erskineville



Clover Moore and Alex Greenwich with City staff at Mardi Gras

Image: Damian Shaw

GET READY FOR THE MAGIC OF A SYDNEY CHRISTMAS!

Join the Lord Mayor on her annual sleigh ride through the city with Santa, visit the iconic Martin Place Christmas tree, or just enjoy wandering the streets this festive season. From markets to roving performers and carollers, our streets sparkle at Christmas-time. Our much-loved concerts will return to Alexandria, Glebe, Pyrmont, Rosebery, Rushcutters Bay and Surry Hills. Find out more: sydneychristmas.com.au



Sydney Christmas sleigh ride



Midnight fireworks

Image: Daniel Tran

PLAN AHEAD FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

While most vantage points for New Year's Eve are free, a ticket is required to secure your spot. There will be large crowds, so make sure you plan ahead. This year's celebrations begin with a smoking ceremony on the harbour, before projections to the pylons of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. 9pm features our Calling Country fireworks: a celebration of sky, land and sea, presented by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists through music, dance and illustration. At midnight prepare to be dazzled by the world's best fireworks. It's going to be an amazing night for all. Be prepared as there are road closures, diversions and parking restrictions in place to help people get around safely. Visit sydneynewyearsveve.com to plan your night.



Sydney Lunar Festival

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON!

The next Sydney Lunar Festival runs from 10 to 25 February, celebrating the Year of the Dragon. The dragon symbolises good fortune, wealth, prosperity and longevity. Sydney Lunar Festival gets bigger every year and has become the largest celebration of the Lunar New Year outside Asia. You can enjoy markets, traditional dance and food, dragon boat races and more than 80 partner events. For information visit: sydneylunarfestival.com

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Moore Park artist's impression

MORE PUBLIC PARKLAND AT MOORE PARK

The Premier has committed to converting 20 hectares of Moore Park golf course into public parkland!

It has been the policy of successive state governments since 1995 to convert the former South Sydney industrial area into the Green Square urban renewal area. By 2040, up to 80,000 people will be living within two kilometres of Moore Park.

Sydney has changed since public land at Moore Park was allocated for a golf course in 1913. At the time the surrounding land was predominantly industrial; now it neighbours one of the most densely-populated residential communities in Australia.

It's about equity and best use of public land now and into the future. The government accepted our proposal to convert the course from 18 holes to nine, retaining the larger area of land for golf including the clubhouse, depots, parking and the popular driving range, and transforming 20 hectares into public parkland.

The Sydney Morning Herald provided an interesting summary of the vast tracts of land devoted to golf near the city - some 13 courses, or 566 hectares, exist across our east.

I thank and congratulate the Premier for making a decision that benefits densely populated communities. And I thank the former Premier Bob Carr, Paul Nicolau of Business Sydney and Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich for their support and advocacy.

In this final edition of Sydney City News for 2023, we feature our six beautiful and unique aquatic centres which cater to mixed age groups and provide a range of exercise options. We also include our planned celebrations for Christmas, New Year's Eve, and the Sydney Lunar Festival. There's a lot to look forward to!



Lord Mayor Clover Moore with Premier Chris Minns, Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich and Paul Nicolaou from Business Sydney

REFLECTING ON THE REFERENDUM

In the City of Sydney, 70% of people voted Yes for a Voice to Parliament. Council unanimously endorsed my Mayoral Minute reflecting on the Referendum outcome, which expressed gratitude that the vast majority of City residents accepted the generous invitation from First Nations communities, and profound

disappointment and sadness at the overall result.

The City will consult with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel - our 'voice' to Council - the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal community organisations, and Elders about truth-telling initiatives in the public domain, such as bringing forward Eora Journey artwork projects and recontextualising colonial statues and other matters.

The Voice campaign brought Indigenous disadvantage to the fore, and the Federal Government and Opposition will now have to address that disadvantage.

The City is committed to helping build on the momentum of the Referendum and demand change that meets the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



Reko Rennie

Image: Adam Hollingworth

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney
Clover Moore AO

STAY COOL IN THE CITY THIS SUMMER!



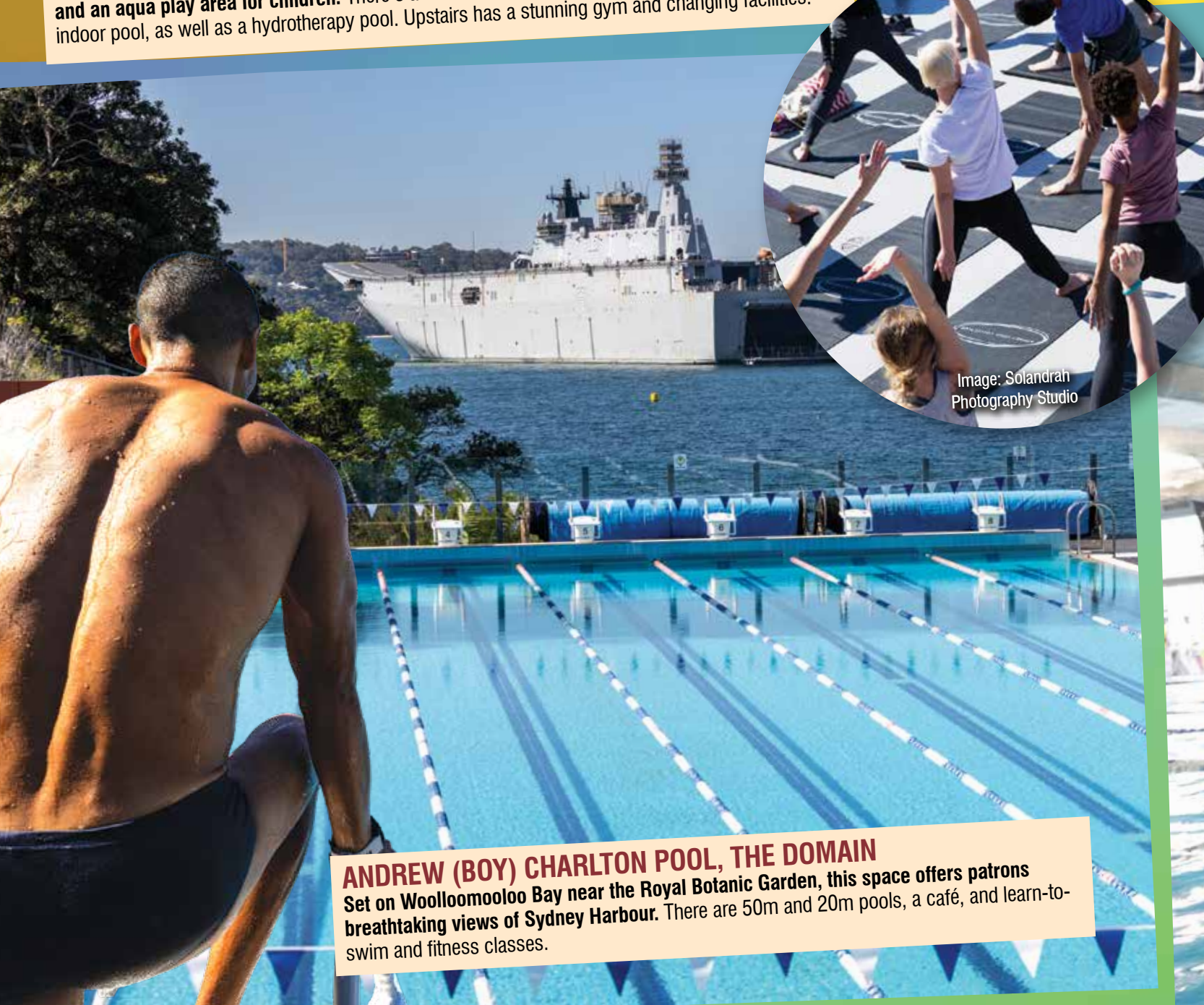
GUNYAMA PARK AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE, ZETLAND
Your urban beach in the heart of Green Square. Our newest aquatic facility features four pools and an aqua play area for children. There's a 50m outdoor pool, an outdoor leisure pool, a 25m indoor pool, as well as a hydrotherapy pool. Upstairs has a stunning gym and changing facilities.



PRINCE ALFRED PARK POOL, SURRY HILLS
Set in the heart of Sydney next to Central station and the lush greenery of the historic Prince Alfred Park, it has a 50m outdoor pool and splash pool for children.



IAN THORPE AQUATIC CENTRE, ULTIMO
This iconic facility, shaped in the form of a distinctive wave, offers the community a place to connect, train and swim. It has a 50m pool, swim squad training, aqua aerobics, a sauna, a heated leisure pool and a fitness centre.



ANDREW (BOY) CHARLTON POOL, THE DOMAIN
Set on Woolloomooloo Bay near the Royal Botanic Garden, this space offers patrons breathtaking views of Sydney Harbour. There are 50m and 20m pools, a café, and learn-to-swim and fitness classes.



COOK + PHILLIP PARK POOL, SYDNEY
Next to Hyde Park, this pool has world-class swimming, fitness, sporting and recreational facilities. Partially underground, the centre was designed to make the most of the natural light. Its pools are all indoors and include a 50m pool, a leisure pool with a wave machine and a hydrotherapy pool.

The City of Sydney proudly provides **six world-class aquatic centres** that feature Olympic-size and hydrotherapy pools, play areas for children, swimming lessons, squad training, aqua aerobics and gym facilities.

Our learn to swim program, GOswim, is a fun, practical way for people of all ages to learn to swim. With participation and practice time maximised during classes, it develops effective swimming techniques and essential water survival skills. Whether you are competitive or just want to swim for relaxation or fitness, we have a pool to suit you and your family. We have cost-effective memberships, allowing access to all centres. **Check out our website for info!** city.sydney/pools



VICTORIA PARK POOL, CAMPERDOWN
Opened 70 years ago, this was the first in-ground public pool in Sydney. An oasis in the middle of a tranquil, nine-hectare park, it has been refurbished many times, preserving the original building. There's a splash pool for children, a 50m outdoor pool, swim squad, aqua aerobics, a gym and a café in the park.