

OUR BID TO ENLARGE INNER CITY PARKLANDS



Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Buster and Bessie outside the fenced off golf course at the end of the Redfern footbridge over South Dowling Street

Our increasing population highlights the need to enlarge inner city parklands for the current and future physical and mental wellbeing of our constituents.

Responding to this need, we are proposing to have the Moore Park golf course converted from an 18-hole facility to 9-holes. This would add up to 20 hectares of publicly accessible land to serve our expanding population.

When parkland at Moore Park was set aside for a golf course in 1913, surrounding land uses were predominantly industrial with very small residential populations.

By 2040, up to 90,000 new residents will be living less than two kilometres from Moore Park. This includes 70,000 residents in Green Square by 2031, which was earmarked for urban renewal by the NSW Government in 1995, and 20,000 additional residents in Redfern and Waterloo because of the NSW Government's planned redevelopment of social housing estates in Redfern and Waterloo.

THE FUTURE OF THE PYRMONT PENINSULA

Following the Independent Planning Commission's rejection of a tall tower proposed by The Star Casino, the NSW Department of Planning has released its draft Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy which will direct any future changes to the City of Sydney's controls.

In response to the invitation by the State for public comment, we have called for the City to lead master planning of the precinct and for control over 'State Significant' and 'key sites' to be returned to us.

In terms of the area's future, we argued for a vibrant, mixed use precinct with more diverse housing; new development to prioritise jobs and industries of the future; and increased building heights to be subject to site specific criteria, including sun access.

Pyrmont Ultimo is the third densest village in Sydney, so we argued further development must be served by adequate public transport and increased open space. We also called on the NSW Government to deliver a Pyrmont Metro Station and return Wentworth Park to the people as parkland, earlier than 2027.



Pyrmont's 1.8 hectare Pirrama Park, created on land purchased off the NSW Government by the City of Sydney in 2005

The Star Casino's submission includes plans for two tall towers. It also called for all developments over \$10 million to be designated 'State Significant' and to remove control from the City of Sydney completely.

The City will continue to work with the community for the best possible living environment and continue to oppose tall towers overshadowing important public spaces.

PLANNING A BETTER FUTURE FOR OXFORD STREET



City of Sydney staff take part in the Mardi Gras Parade on Oxford Street earlier this year

We are reviewing the planning controls for the cultural and creative precinct in and around Oxford Street.

Oxford Street, once a sacred walking track of the Gadigal, has a rich and varied cultural history. It is the spiritual home of the Mardi Gras Parade and, in 2023, will host Sydney WorldPride. It also includes cultural institutions such as the National Art School and the UNSW art and design campus, as well as the Palace Verona cinema complex.

Over recent years, a high level of retail vacancy, a noisy road environment, underused public spaces and lockdown laws have led to a decrease in activity and patronage of Oxford Street.

It is hoped that new planning rules will help breathe new life into Oxford Street and reinforce its vibrant creative and cultural possibilities. They will consider land use options supporting growth and diversity, protect heritage and character, and promote day and night-time economies for both the local community and visitors.

Recently we spoke to the community to find out what a better Oxford Street might look and feel like in the future. We are working through these ideas and getting expert advice before putting new draft planning controls on exhibition in 2021.

Visit cityofsydney/oxford-street for more information.

PROVIDING SAFER ACCESS TO OUR CITY WITH POP-UP CYCLEWAYS



Pop-up cycleway at Henderson Road.

THE SIX POP-UP CYCLEWAYS

1. Pitt Street, Sydney
2. Dunning Avenue, Rosebery
3. Pyrmont Bridge Road, Glebe
4. Sydney Park Road, St Peters
5. Bridge Street, Railway Parade & Henderson Road, Erskineville
6. Moore Park Road & Fitzroy Street, Surry Hills

With physical distancing difficult on footpaths and public transport, one urgent response to Covid-19 was installing six pop-up cycleways together with the NSW Government.

Seven additional kilometres of pop-up cycleways connected crucial gaps in our existing bike network. This helps commuters in Sydney's south, east and inner west to travel safely to the city, taking pressure off key public transport routes such as Broadway and Erskineville.

The new routes are popular, with about 15,000 trips per week across the six pop-up cycleways.

As an urgent public health response, it was not possible to consult with the community before their installation. However we are continually assessing their safety and performance, and taking on board community feedback before considering which of the cycleways might become permanent. For those not on state roads, Council will ultimately decide whether or not to proceed with a permanent cycleway proposal after community consultation.

You can give us your feedback online and register for future consultations by visiting cityofsydney/popupcycleways

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

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Lord Mayor Clover Moore with Treasurer Dominic Perrottet, CEO of Sydney Symphony Orchestra Emma Dunch, Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello and members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra on Barrack Street

SYDNEY CITY NEWS

OUR AL FRESCO SYDNEY SUMMER

The physical distancing measures recommended by medical advice to prevent another devastating outbreak of Covid-19 continue to impact on the livelihoods of so many in our community. This is especially true in Sydney's CBD, with up to 50 per cent of office workers still working from home.

On Friday 2 October, \$20 million in joint funding with the NSW Government was announced to bring people into the CBD and help boost the economy.

Our initiatives include:

- setting up a stage in the city centre and programming cultural performances;
- programming roving entertainment through CBD streets at lunchtimes;
- funding live music, performance and public art in city venues, bars, restaurants and laneways;
- encouraging our major cultural institutions to stay open late; and
- making it quicker and easier for businesses to apply to extend their outdoor dining.

Waiving fees for outdoor dining was one of our first responses to the coronavirus pandemic and this has been extended until October 2021. We have identified and are now reclaiming extended hospitality spaces in Pitt Street, Barrack Street, Wilmot Street and Tankstream Way.

Crucially, the NSW Government has responded to our advocacy and have cut regulatory red tape to streamline the process for pubs and small bars looking to extend out onto the footpath.

We also launched a new program of Covid-19 recovery grants to revive the local economy, support the cultural sector and help even more community organisations to provide food relief and other services. More than \$4 million is available and applications close 7 December.

Summer is fast approaching and our hope is that borders will open and Sydney will become once again an attractive destination for visitors from around the state and Australia.

I'm also looking forward to Sydney Festival, from 6-26 January 2021, which will focus on new Australian works while bringing audiences safely together.

I encourage you to participate in a Covid-safe summer and to enjoy our outdoor entertainment while supporting our local businesses to recover.

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney
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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

We are doing everything we can to provide Christmas cheer in a pandemic environment.

While our Village Christmas Concerts can't be held safely, we are presenting staged and on-street roving music performances around our city.

Every Wednesday to Sunday from 2-24 December, there will be daytime and evening entertainment in Union Square, Pyrmont; Taylor Square, Darlinghurst; Fitzroy Gardens, Kings Cross; HJ Foley Rest Park, Glebe; and the amphitheatre at Green Square Library.

Parts of our city centre and villages will be decorated and you can visit our Martin Place Christmas Tree and Pitt Street lighting effects, as well as festive window displays by city centre retailers.

We look forward to coming together again in 2021 when it is hopefully safe to do so.

sydneychristmas.com

AND NEW YEAR'S EVE...

The NSW Government has taken temporary custodianship of this year's New Year's Eve celebrations.

It is better placed to manage the transport and crowd management risks of hosting such a large and popular event. And they are prepared to cancel the event if necessary.

sydneynewyearseve.com



Our beautiful Christmas Tree will light up Martin Place from 28 November

ENJOYING A COVID-SAFE SUMMER IN SYDNEY



Members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra perform in the CBD

With the NSW Government's financial support, we're planning outdoor cultural experiences in various locations around our city. This includes al fresco dining, live music and performance, and late opening hours for museums and galleries. This builds on our long-term work pre-Covid to create a 24-hour economy.

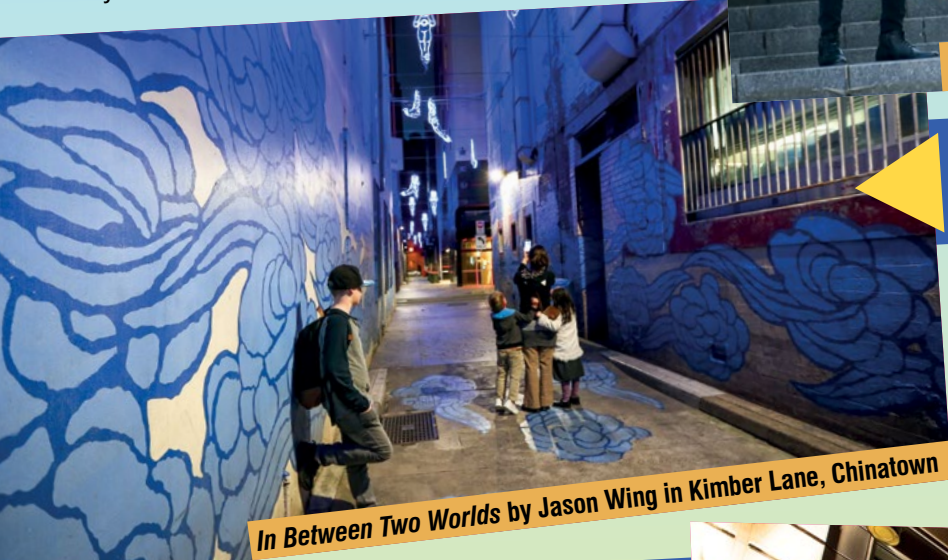
Here's a taste of what you can expect this summer and beyond.

OUTDOOR THEATRE & MUSIC

From 24 November, we are programming live music performances in the city centre every lunchtime from Tuesday to Friday until Christmas Eve. There will be a new program in the New Year. And, we are setting up a stage in the CBD from January 2021 to present a program of live music and performance, supporting our city's small and large arts organisations.



Rhythm Brazil drummers perform for workers in Martin Place



In Between Two Worlds by Jason Wing in Kimber Lane, Chinatown

AL FRESCO DINING

We are increasing the amount of space businesses can use for patrons outdoors by fast-tracking approvals and waiving fees for outdoor dining until October 2021. We are looking at reallocating more space for people, with pilot projects on sites such as Tankstream Way, Pitt Street, Barrack Street and Wilmot Street. And from December, we're bringing back 'Chairs in Squares' and launching 'Lunch Club' to animate public spaces and attract office workers outside to eat their lunch and enjoy live music!

For more info or to apply, visit city.sydney/outdoordiningSCN

Outdoor dining at China Lane in Angel Place



Kensington Street is pedestrianised from Thursday to Sunday this summer

Spotlight on Kensington Street

Spice Alley off Kensington Street, Chippendale, is a wonderful place to enjoy delicious food from al fresco hawker-style eateries. We supported Spice Alley with a \$10,000 Small Business Grant to pivot their business model and keep workers employed in the height of the pandemic, with free home delivery and drive-through pick-ups.

In further consultation with the City of Sydney, the precinct is now closed to vehicles from Thursday to Sunday. We are working with Kensington Street businesses to help them extend their outdoor dining, including related liquor licences.

Kensington Street's al fresco dining precinct is further enlivened with live music every Friday and Saturday evening.

Visit kensingtonstreet.com.au for more info.



ENJOY OUR POOLS, LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES

From 21 November, Andrew (Boy) Charlton, Prince Alfred Park and Victoria Park pools will be open Monday to Friday from 6am to 7pm, and weekends from 7am to 7pm.

To enable physical distancing, there are restrictions on using outdoor seating and limits on the number of people allowed in our pools at any one time. At least one lane will be dedicated for recreational use or free play, which includes families with children.

All our parks, playgrounds and outdoor sports fields are open and we are reopening our community facilities and libraries, where practicable.

Visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au for more info.

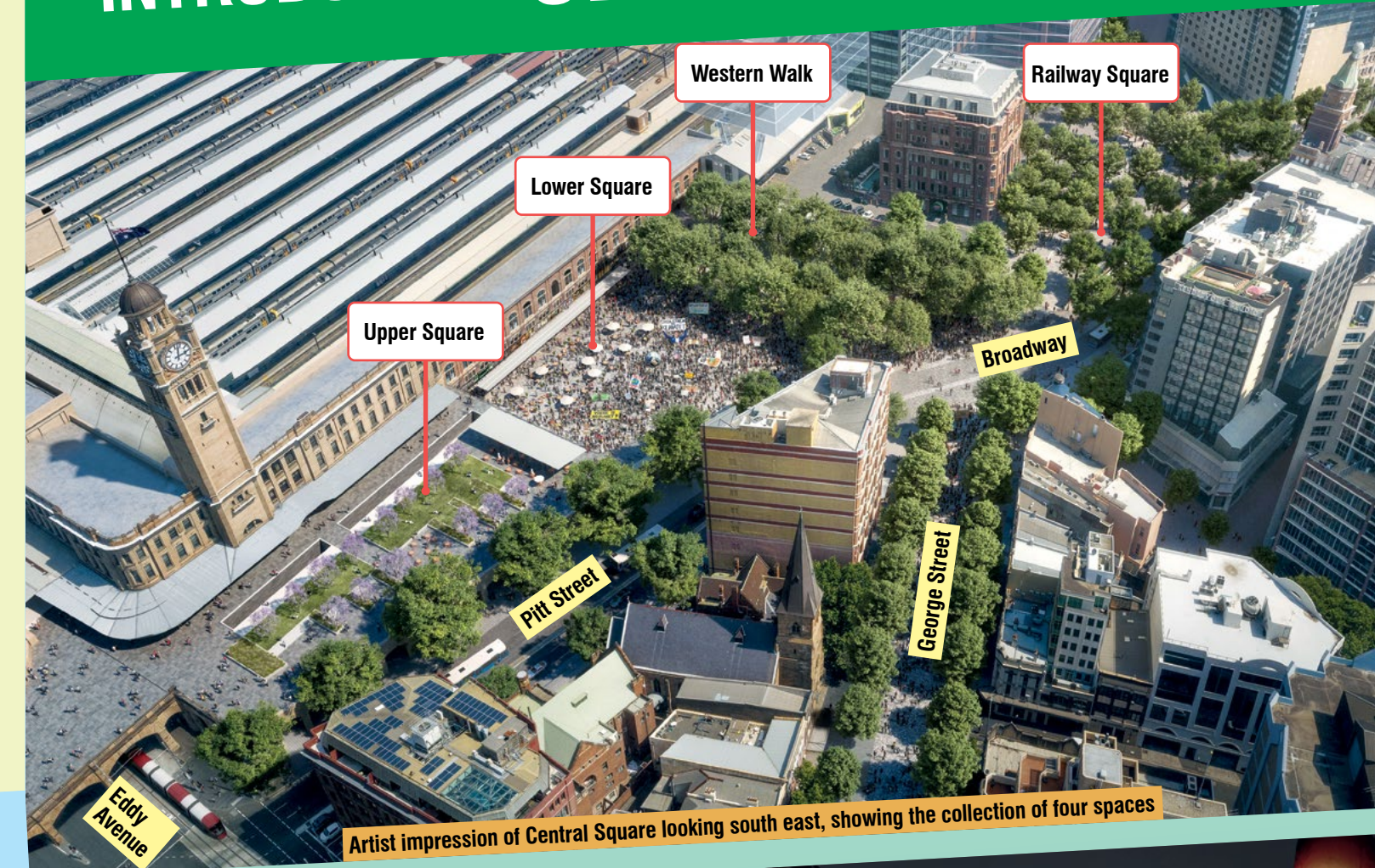


The Sydney Opera House will host a Covid-safe program this summer

... AND VISITING CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AFTER DARK

The NSW Government has agreed that our museums, galleries and arts institutions will stay open at night. This will give visitors and residents more reasons to come into the city and more opportunities to enjoy exhibitions, programs and events.

INTRODUCING CENTRAL SQUARE



Artist impression of Central Square looking south east, showing the collection of four spaces

The NSW Government is revamping Central Station as part of the innovation precinct 'Tech Central', including reducing bus and car traffic to make a more pleasant place for people.

The City of Sydney has identified an opportunity for a major new public square connecting a pedestrianised George Street, Railway Square and Belmore Park.

Our vision for Central Square, as endorsed by Council, is made up of four connected public spaces:

- The tree-lined Western Walk, connecting Central Station to the wide pedestrian crossing at George, Pitt and Quay Streets.
- A lively Lower Square suitable for activity 24 hours a day, next to the heritage brick station buildings.
- A quiet and passive Upper Square, next to the Central Station Grand Concourse connecting through to Belmore Park.
- The transformation of Railway Square into a cool, green space.

Central Square will provide circulation and recreation space for the 450,000 people expected to pass through Central Station every day by 2036, as well as the 25,000 people working at Tech Central, including Atlassian's new headquarters.



Artist impression of the Lower Square, looking north east from Railway Square, hosting Sydney Lunar Festival



Artist impression of the Upper Square, looking south towards the Western Gateway

Tech Central stretches from Central Station to Camperdown, including South Eveleigh, and Central Square is located between Central Station and along Pitt Street and Broadway. And while most of Central Station and its surrounds is a designated State Significant Precinct, the land for the proposed Central Square is owned by both the NSW Government and the City of Sydney.

We look forward to working with the NSW Government to realise this exciting extension to the public domain.

Visit whatson.sydney for information about programming and events