

## THREE PARK RENEWALS OPENED ACROSS THE CITY!



Councillors and City staff enjoying the new park

### MINOGUE CRESCENT RESERVE, FOREST LODGE

This beautiful upgrade includes a nest swing, slide mound and nature play. There is new turf, more native plants and trees that will increase canopy for shade. We've added extra seats in both the sun and under trees, a wider footpath on Minogue Crescent, and an improved boundary with the PCYC.



Exercise equipment, gardens and shaded seating. Image: Damian Shaw

### LYONS ROAD PARK, CAMPERDOWN

Locals can now enjoy new fitness equipment and more seating when they visit Lyons Road Park. We've planted trees and left an area for a future community garden. Footpaths and connections between Lyons Road and Lambert Street have also been improved.



Playground for children of all ages. Image: Katherine Griffiths

### TOTE PARK, ZETLAND

This park upgrade has created a better-quality open space for everyone to enjoy, helping to keep our city cooler and with more plants supporting biodiversity. It has a more accessible entry and new children's play equipment with rubber soft fall, including swings, timber balance beams and nature play elements.

## ...AND OUR POST-COVID REVIVAL

### STUDENTS WELCOMED BACK TO SYDNEY!

Every year the Lord Mayor officially welcomes a new cohort of international students to Sydney with a special reception at Town Hall.

Paused during the pandemic, it was wonderful to welcome so many back again recently. As well as bringing students together with service providers to help make their time in Sydney more fulfilling and enjoyable, it's also an opportunity for students to meet and foster new friendships.

These receptions can inspire new journeys and hopefully life-long connections with our city.



Student reception in Centennial Hall, April 2023

## A VIBRANT AND DIVERSE NIGHTLIFE IS RETURNING!



Rocking at the Duke! Image: Jane Dempster

Live music is an essential pillar of our \$5 billion night time economy.

Recently the Lord Mayor joined James Thorpe from Odd Culture Group, Fangz, Downgirl and the folks from The Duke of Enmore to celebrate 666 days of live music since they took over the venue, in the midst of the pandemic.

Over the tough years of lockouts and lockdowns, the City has endeavoured to make it easier for businesses to operate longer, later and in new ways.

We've implemented a Live Music and Performance Action Plan, we've handed out hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to support entertainment and hospitality businesses, and we've released a Late Night Trading Development Control Plan which enables later operations and incentivises live music.

*Sydney is turning the tide as we work for a more active and diverse nightlife which our global city needs.*

## ...AND OUR CELEBRATORY SYDNEY STREETS PROGRAM IS BRINGING US TOGETHER AGAIN

Our economy is recovering, after the tough years of lockouts and lockdowns. Spending across the City of Sydney local government area has bounced back strongly, and even after adjusting for inflation, has now risen to 98% of pre-pandemic levels.

This is also true for our night-time economy which is currently at 97% of 2019 levels. However, CBD visitation is recovering more slowly at 81% of pre-Covid levels. Our street parties and expanded outdoor dining and events are playing an important role in our return to normality. Head to the City of Sydney website to read the full report.



Locals enjoy a Sydney Street event. Image: Katherine Griffiths

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Crown Princess Mary and Lord Mayor Clover Moore AO on the light rail

Crown Princess Mary riding on our separated cycleways

July 2023

**SYDNEY CITY NEWS**

## A CITY FIT FOR A PRINCESS!

It was wonderful to play host to Crown Princess Mary recently. The Australian-born royal requested to spend her brief visit to Australia riding on our separated cycleways and travelling on the light rail, both inspired by Danish urbanist, Jan Gehl.

Australia and Denmark have a long, proud association that continues to this day. Jørn Utzon was the visionary architect behind our most iconic building, the Sydney Opera House, while more recently, Danish firm 3XN worked with Australian firm BVN to create the multi-award-winning Quay Quarter Tower. Beyond buildings, I have taken inspiration from Jan Gehl's vision which has seen the introduction of light rail and the transformation of Sydney into a walkable and green city, with well-connected bike lanes, beautiful parks and public spaces.

*Princess Mary was impressed by the myriad changes since her last visit!*

### 2023/24 CITY BUDGET

The City of Sydney will invest more than \$750 million over the next financial

year as a changed but reinvigorated Sydney continues to adapt to and recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

Just over \$200 million is earmarked for capital works projects this coming year, split between new projects and renewing existing facilities. We'll commence the renewal of the Huntley Street and Alexandria indoor courts, the Crown Street upgrade and improving Dixon Street, as part of broader plans for Chinatown. We'll continue working on the George Street pedestrianisation, upgrading Pyrmont Community Centre, and support development of the George Street innovation hub.

*These are exciting projects to benefit our communities and advance our city.*

In 2023/24, much of Council's \$550 million operating expenditure will be used to support local businesses, as well as maintain community facilities, parks and open spaces while delivering quality road maintenance and waste collection services.

*Clover Moore*

Lord Mayor of Sydney  
Clover Moore AO

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## GOODBYE JESS, HELLO ADAM!

Congratulations to Adam Worling who was recently sworn in as our newly-elected City of Sydney Councillor. Adam has been a Surry Hills local for over 35 years and is a small business owner.

Adam's great passion is sustainability to foster change towards greater ecological integrity. He serves on the board of the not-for-profit charity Thread Together, an organisation that redistributes excess new clothing to people in need. He's also a great supporter of the arts such as the Sydney Dance Company and the Sydney Film Festival. He thoroughly enjoys cooking and entertaining at his home in Surry Hills with his partner Alex and their beloved dog, Bella.

Adam filled the vacancy left by Jess Scully, who resigned from her position to care for her growing family. Jess gave 6 ½ years of inspiring service to the City.

*My heartfelt thanks to Jess who also served as Deputy Lord Mayor for all she achieved for our communities during her tenure, and welcome to Adam, who I know will also serve our community well!*



Adam Worling, Lord Mayor Clover Moore AO and Jess Scully

## ...AND A NEW OPEN DESIGN FOR OUR PARK TOILETS



The first of our new open design park toilets has been installed in Pirrama Park.

Thankfully, long gone are the days of dark, potentially dangerous and ugly brick blocks for municipal council toilets. Our new template toilet is designed to blend seamlessly into parkland areas, with timber slats allowing maximum light and ventilation. Communal washing facilities are outdoors but under cover. *It will become the standard for our parks.*



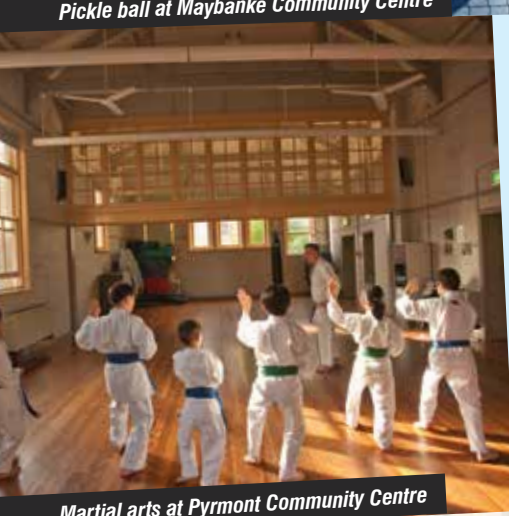
# LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY FACILITIES



A spectacular dance performance at the Ultimo Community Centre open day



Pickle ball at Maybanke Community Centre



Martial arts at Pyrmont Community Centre



Music and movement class at St Helen's Community Centre

Our community centres are vibrant hubs for people to come together. They offer inclusive activities, hireable spaces, and services for our diverse communities.

These include educational and creative workshops, exercise classes, dance, sport competitions and special events. There is something for every age and interest. Most of the centres have free wifi, and many have computers. If you haven't already connected with your local centre, drop by to meet the team, and hear about our wonderful programs and services. Find out what's on and explore the centres at [city.sydney/community-centres](https://city.sydney.gov.au/community-centres)



**1. Ultimo**  
40 William Henry Street, corner Bulwara Road, Ultimo

Sports competitions, courts, table tennis and outside school hours care. Digital support classes, music, dance, creative and exercise classes including for Chinese speakers. Ultimo Library is upstairs.

**2. Maybanke**  
87-89 Harris Street, Pyrmont  
Library link, book exchange, fitness classes, craft activities, social activities and sports courts.

**3. Pyrmont**  
Corner John and Mount streets, Pyrmont  
Will reopen in mid-2024 after a multi-million-dollar upgrade. This includes a community room with better accessibility, a larger gym, new outside school hours care facilities and play equipment.

**5. St Helen's**  
184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe  
Community garden, talks, exercise and creative classes next to our Glebe Library.

**6. Juanita Nielsen**  
31 Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo  
Modern gym, exercise classes, social activities, free co-working spaces and outside school hours care.

**4. Cliff Noble**  
24 Suttor Street, corner Renwick Street, Alexandria  
Wellbeing and exercise classes, art and craft activities and digital support classes.

**10. Redfern**  
29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern/Darlington  
Local gatherings and art, cultural and wellbeing programs. Digital sound recording studio and outside school hours care.

**12. Pine Street**  
64 Pine Street, Chippendale  
Creative arts workshops in ceramics, printmaking, jewellery, drawing and painting. Sessions available for all ages.

**13. Perry Park**  
1B Maddox Street, Alexandria  
Four indoor multipurpose courts for basketball, netball, futsal and badminton.

**14. Green Square Public School and Community Spaces**  
Opening early 2025  
The new school is a City/State partnership and will have facilities for community use including a hall, multi-purpose court and meeting rooms. They will be used by the school by day and available for the community after hours.



Piano for community use at Reginald Murphy Community Centre

**7. Reginald Murphy**  
19 Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point  
Community lunches, acting, painting and exercise classes.

**8. King George V (KGV)**  
15 Cumberland Street, The Rocks  
Gym, yoga and fitness classes, multipurpose courts, sports competitions and outside school hours care.

**9. Ron Williams**  
5-11 Kepos Street, Redfern  
Digital support classes and wellbeing, social and fitness activities, including for Chinese speakers.

**11. 119 Redfern Street**  
Redfern  
A local Aboriginal knowledge and culture centre opening later this year.

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Multipurpose courts at KGV. Image: Damian Shaw



Mahjong at Ron Williams Community Centre



Brolga Dance Academy performers at Redfern Community Centre



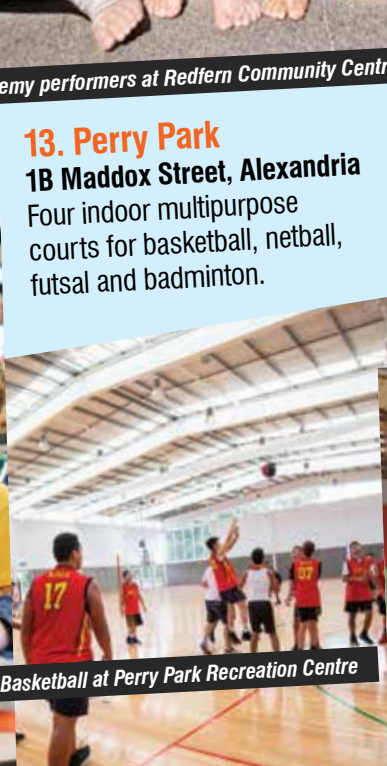
119 Redfern Street



Social art class at Juanita Nielsen Community Centre



Ceramics for kids at Pine Street Creative Arts Centre



Basketball at Perry Park Recreation Centre



New primary school and community space. Artist impression: BVN Real

## TRANSFORMING THE CBD

SYDNEY'S NEWEST PUBLIC SQUARE...



...NEW ACTIVATED LANEWAYS



Enjoying outdoor dining between George and Pitt streets

...COMMUNITY SPACE

Sir David Adjaye designed the community space and flew from London for the official opening which featured an Aboriginal smoking ceremony. The bold canopy artwork elevated above the plaza on George Street is the work of Sydney based artist Daniel Boyd together with Sir David. The beautiful space within the plaza building has great potential which we are exploring.



Inside the community space

...AND THE FIRST PUBLIC END OF TRIP FACILITIES!



Waiting for your bikes!

180 George Street, artwork and plaza building

George Street just gets better and better. The light rail has been transformative, and recently a new public square and major artwork has been created off George Street north.

This is the first public plaza in Sydney for decades and contributes substantially to the revitalised Circular Quay precinct and George Street as central Sydney's main boulevard.

By working closely with Lendlease, the City was able to secure this spectacular public artwork and plaza building for city dwellers, office workers, and visitors to enjoy. These negotiations, part of Lendlease's 180 George Street "Salesforce" voluntary planning agreement, include three floors of office space, dedicated to the City for 20 years for high-tech climate start-ups and scale-ups. There is also a public bike storage and changing facility.

A network of retail laneways built as part of the redevelopment connects George and Pitt streets and activates former private areas.

The new underground public cycle facility can be accessed from both George and Pitt streets. The community will be able to use the facilities on a membership basis including 200 bike racks, spaces for cargo bikes, tandems and e-bikes. There will be charging outlets, showers, 400 lockers and a bike maintenance workshop. Access will be 24/7.