

MORE SPACE FOR LEISURE, COMMUNITY AND SPORT



NEW PLAYGROUND AND SKATE PARK FOR GLEBE

Recently we celebrated the official opening of the new skatepark, renewed and expanded children’s playground, and the opening up of the viaduct arches to link parklands at Federal Park. This playground caters for children of all ages, and has shared walking/bike paths, sandpits with a digger and water pump, a flying fox, climbing frames and swings. The skate park is surrounded by picnic areas with BBQs, and has large lawn areas surrounded by native trees.

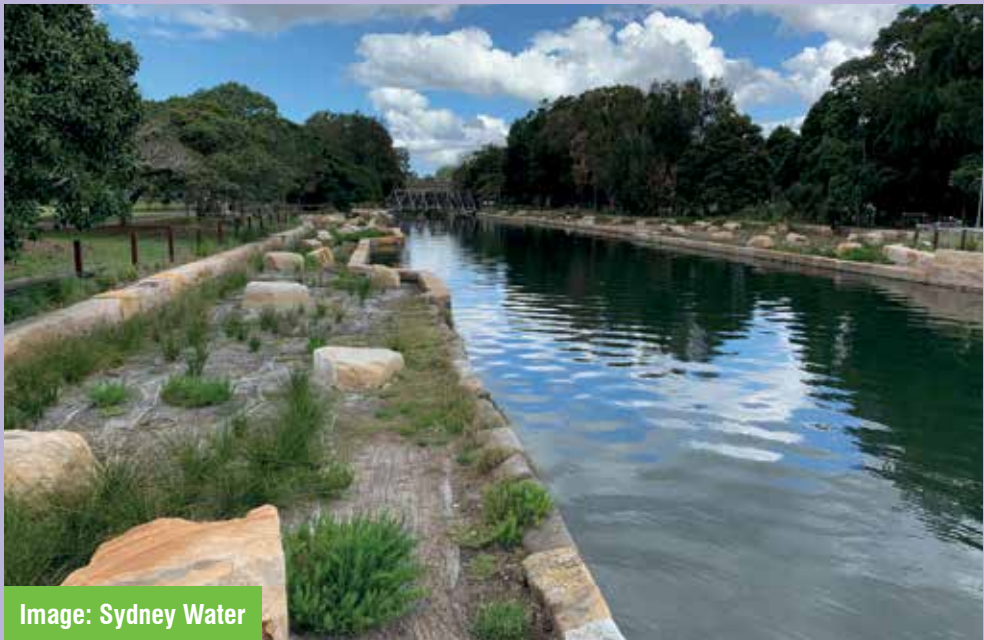


Image: Sydney Water

JOHNSTONS CREEK NATURALISATION

Our work in partnership with Sydney Water to naturalise the section of Johnstons Creek between Rozelle Bay and The Crescent is now finished. Built in 1898, Johnstons Creek was in need of repairs due to deteriorating banks. We have planted some 25,000 new native plants and vegetation along the Johnstons Creek channel. The naturalisation of Johnstons Creek has extended the asset life, while creating a better place for the community to enjoy. This is part of our broader work to clean the water of Sydney Harbour, restoring its ecosystems and ultimately making it more attractive for swimming.



Image: Welsh + Major

PYRMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE UPGRADE AND EXTENSION

Refurbishment of the community centre will include a new lift, entry foyer, ground floor toilets, gym, community rooms, and an upgrade of the out-of-school-hours care facility. There will also be an upgrade to the main community hall, library link, and level one community room. The project also includes a comprehensive fire services upgrade.



Image: Collins and Turner Architects in association with Gallagher Studio

INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY AT HUNTLEY STREET, ALEXANDRIA

We’re transforming a former industrial building into an impressive new sports and recreation centre in Alexandria. The centre at 6-8 Huntley Street is in response to the growing recreational demands of our increasing population. Facilities planned include four multipurpose indoor courts, a fitness area and outdoor practice spaces under a unique shade canopy.

AND ONGOING CITY CAMPAIGNS

CENTRAL STATION PRECINCT UNVEILED

The State Government plans for the Central station precinct – to be largely built over rail lines at Central Station – have been revealed, including a public presentation by Transport for NSW at Sydney Town Hall. As an important part of the Tech Central innovation precinct, the stated aims of this development are to develop and encourage high-tech industries of the future, providing laboratories for innovation and research, in fields like medicine, AI, climate and ecological sciences. The Atlassian headquarters are already approved for the area. The design will not impact on Prince Alfred Park or the Greek Orthodox Church. Finally, respect for heritage and design excellence must apply to this project. The Central station precinct should be just as special as the existing sandstone buildings that have served and enhanced our City for more than a century.



The proposed Transport for NSW plans for Central station precinct

EVELEIGH HERITAGE AND CULTURAL PRECINCT COMPROMISED



Image: Transport for NSW

The City is concerned about the Government’s plans for the distinctive and important Paint Shop sub-precinct in Redfern/ North Eveleigh. Proposed towers on their proposal for the site are out of context with the distinctive industrial architecture of the former workshops, and the extent could both limit and inhibit current cultural and creative uses. The City has prepared an alternative approach which removes any development above the heritage paint shop. It also expands and consolidates the public space, moves commercial space towards the tracks. The residential components have been redesigned and moved to more suitable locations.

LOSS OF PARKLAND AND OVERDEVELOPMENT AT BARANGAROO CENTRAL



Looking west from Observatory Hill

Modification 9 for Central Barangaroo has been referred back to the proponents by the Minister for Planning. This was after widespread objections from the community, heritage authorities and the City. In the original plans this area provided public space with cultural opportunities. Given the substantial increases in site development, building heights, and the extensive privatisation of the harbour foreshore, the State Government should salvage some of that lost public benefit originally envisaged for the site.

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Bourke Street: our first cycleway, and now part of a network. Image: Jonathan Ward

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SYDNEY CITY NEWS

A MEETING OF MAYORS, OUR CYCLEWAY NETWORK AND CITY DEVELOPMENTS

Recently the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors met members of the new Federal Government in Canberra. We put the case for greater and more strategic investment in our cities, which is critical for Australia’s post-Covid recovery. We stressed the need for Federal funding to increase the amount of social and affordable housing in our cities, and we called on Ministers to support and facilitate the return of international students.

We also committed to working with the Federal Government to address climate change given 75% of emissions are in our cities, and we summarised the various and effective actions we have taken.

CITY CYCLEWAY NETWORK TAKES SHAPE

Back when we began our safe cycleway program in 2008 I had to stare down a hostile press and vested interests, but the tide has finally turned with both Federal and State Governments now contributing to extending the network.

We have delivered 25.4km of separated cycleways, over 60km of shared paths and 40km of other cycling infrastructure, substantially increasing the number of people riding, including to work in the city centre each day.

More than 7000 people currently ride to work in the city centre, the equivalent of seven full trains

or 116 full buses. Bike trips in the city have more than doubled since 2010 when counts began.

As well as providing this essential infrastructure, the City of Sydney offers free one-on-one cycling courses and pop-up bike maintenance sessions. Next year we will open a public cycling facility at Circular Quay, with bike parking, showers and lockers.

CITY DEVELOPMENTS

It’s good news for the moment that the Planning Minister has referred over development proposals for Barangaroo Central back to the proponents for a rework. Given the massive number and size of buildings already built and approved for this important public harbour foreshore land, this remaining area should all be parkland connected through to the Hickson Road Reserve.

The \$11 billion mega-development as part of Tech Central over the rail lines at Central Station is intended to attract industries of the future and high-value knowledge jobs. The area already has meditech, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, applied robotics businesses, research facilities, and could become one of Sydney’s strongest drawcards for high-tech global companies.

Finally, the City has prepared an alternative development approach for the Paint Shop sub-precinct in Redfern/North Eveleigh which better respects the industrial heritage, encourages a broader range of cultural/artistic initiatives and relocates residential space.

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MEETING OF MAYORS IN CANBERRA

Left to right:

Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Adrian Schrinner

Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore

Deputy Lord Mayor of Hobart, Helen Burnet

Treasurer of Australia, Hon. Dr Jim Chalmers MP

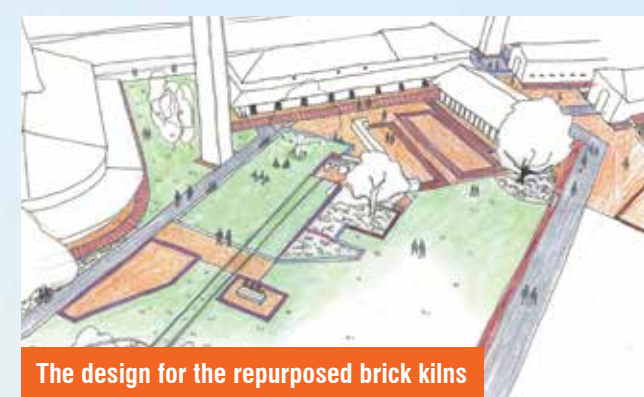
Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sally Capp

Lord Mayor of Perth, Basil Zempilas



CITY HERITAGE BEING RESTORED

SYDNEY PARK'S ICONIC BRICK KILNS AND CHIMNEYS TO BE PRESERVED!



The design for the repurposed brick kilns

The former brickworks are an important part of the area's past, but need complex restoration and stabilisation. The City has engaged Tonkin Zulaikha Greer, the architects who transformed Paddington Reservoir Gardens, to provide design ideas to better integrate them into parkland.



\$16 MILLION MAKEOVER FOR 343 GEORGE STREET

A heritage-listed investment property on George Street with commanding views of Martin Place is set for a comprehensive restoration and upgrade. Purchased by the City in 2010, the site was the headquarters of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney until the 1980s. The building at 343 George Street was opened in 1925 and was known as Barrack House. It has 10 office floors, plus ground-floor retail and basement storage. It is currently home to Atlassian and Burberry. Work includes remediation of the stonework, steel and bronze window repairs, and façade lighting for the George and Barrack street frontages.

CORPORATION BUILDING RENEWAL

This state heritage-listed building, owned by the City of Sydney, is being restored and getting a new lease of life. The ornate brick building was designed in 1892 by City Architect George McRae and formed part of the new Belmore Markets. It is close to our former Haymarket Library which is now the Museum of Chinese in Australia.



BUILDING A SAFE CITY CYCLEWAY NETWORK

Since we started building separated cycleways, bike trips have doubled across the whole council area.

Hopping on a bike has also become a popular pastime since lockdown forced us to isolate. This map shows how many new connected cycleways we've opened just this year!



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PORTMAN STREET, GREEN SQUARE COMPLETE
We've upgraded the southern portion of Portman Street, making the area safer for people walking and riding, helping calm traffic, and improving the streetscape with more trees and plants.



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ZETLAND AVENUE, GREEN SQUARE COMPLETE
Connects Joynton Avenue through to Portman Street, helping locals get around this rapidly growing area.



3

MACDONALD STREET, ERSKINEVILLE COMPLETE
This cycleway forms a connection between Bridge and Hadfields streets and serves the new Ashmore Precinct. It importantly forms part of the regional route between St Peters and Alexandria.



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GADIGAL AVENUE, POTTER STREET AND CRYSTAL STREET, WATERLOO COMPLETE
These paths connect Green Square East Village with the Bourke Street cycleway, to create a mostly seamless and safe route.



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ASHMORE AND HARLEY STREETS, ERSKINEVILLE CONSTRUCTION
This work is nearly complete and will connect Bridge and Belmont streets, and the Bowden Street cycleways. This link in the bike network connects to other routes that can be taken to reach destinations in all directions within the City and beyond.



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ALEXANDRIA AND ERSKINEVILLE CONSTRUCTION
Four new paths will create safer connections between local schools. The construction and signal work is complete, while line marking and signage will soon be installed. Shared paths are being built along Buckland Street, Mitchell Road, and Swanson Street and connect to quiet local streets.



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MITCHELL ROAD AND HUNTLEY STREET, ALEXANDRIA CONSTRUCTION SOON
These new links will provide a safe route between Sydney Park and the broader bike network. The two-way separated cycleways will link Sydney Park Road to Belmont Street. There will be a cycleway on Mitchell Road, between Sydney Park Road and Huntley Street, and on Huntley Street between Mitchell Road and Belmont Road.



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HENDERSON ROAD, RAILWAY PARADE AND BRIDGE STREET, EVELEIGH CONSTRUCTION
We're installing a permanent separated cycleway and shared path to replace the pop-up cycleway. This bike route provides a safe connection to the recently opened Wilson, Burren and Lawson streets cycleways and to the new cycleways on Ashmore and Harley streets.



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KING STREET, SYDNEY COMPLETE
This cycleway runs along the north side of King Street. It will cross Castlereagh, Elizabeth and Phillip streets with parallel pedestrian and bike crossings next to the NSW Supreme Court. This creates a safe, two-way cycling connection between the Pitt Street cycleway and East Sydney. This project is jointly funded by the Federal and NSW Governments.



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CASTLEREAGH STREET, SYDNEY APPROVED
This forms a north-south spine through the heart of the city and is to be funded by the NSW Government. It includes street widening and streetscape improvements.



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COLLEGE STREET, SYDNEY UNDER CONSTRUCTION
The removed two-way cycleway on the western side of College Street is being rebuilt, between Prince Alfred Street and Liverpool Square. The 650m cycleway will again connect to Queens Square and a planned separated cycleway lane on King Street in the north, and also a planned separated cycleway on Liverpool and Oxford streets in the south. This work is jointly funded by the Federal and NSW Governments.



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PITT STREET NORTH, SYDNEY OPEN FOR USE
Serving the whole of our city centre.



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ROSEBERY QUIET WAY APPROVED
This project uses different measures to calm traffic including garden beds and trees on Primrose Avenue, connecting Rosebery to Green Square. Through traffic will be reduced with changes to street access including closing Spring Street at Epsom Road and Primrose Avenue at Gardeners Road. Vehicle access to all properties will be retained, sometimes via alternative routes. The street design will encourage safe vehicle speeds to make the street safer for everyone and encourage more people to walk and cycle.