

EXCITING CITY PROJECTS



Clover turning the first sod

CROWN STREET UPGRADE BEGINS!

The first sod has been turned on our multi-million-dollar revamp of Crown Street in Surry Hills. The \$34 million project will beautify Crown Street between Devonshire and Oxford streets and includes wider footpaths, new paving and street furniture including bubblers, bins and bike racks. There will be new garden beds and more street trees, boosting canopy cover by 50%. Additional car parking spaces are also planned. Powerlines will be placed underground and efficient and high-quality lighting will be installed on smart poles. Construction will be carefully staged to limit disruption.



Artist impression by Flood Slicer

A NEW PLAYGROUND FOR WOOLLOOMOOLOO!

Construction will start early next year. The plans are the result of extensive community consultation. The fully-fenced playground will feature a hamster wheel, climbing nets, slides, swing set, see-saw, monkey bars, a rock-climbing structure and new nature play elements. We're also planting new shrubs and trees and increasing seating throughout the park.



AND NEW SPORTS FACILITIES AT PERRY PARK

We're upgrading and building new sports fields across our area to meet the needs of our communities. This includes a new FIFA-sized synthetic sports field at Alexandria and a new amenities pavilion. There will be better park lighting and seating with more convenient access. This is in addition to other excellent community facilities nearby including the Perry Park Recreation Centre which features four indoor multipurpose courts, the Getiela sports field in Alexandria, which meets world rugby and FIFA standards, and the Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre sports field nearby at Green Square.

Artist impression by Aspect Studio

EORA JOURNEY



bara by Aboriginal artist Judy Watson

ANNUAL SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL EVENTS

Each year we host our NAIDOC in the City event in Hyde Park showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, drawing thousands of visitors. Last year's New Year's Eve fireworks opened with a smoking ceremony, followed by a spectacular "Calling Country" display curated by Indigenous artists. In July, 5000 people came to Prince Alfred Park for a Yes23 event.



Brolga Dance Academy at Redfern Community Centre Reconciliation event

LOCAL ABORIGINAL KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE CENTRE

This is nearing completion in the former Redfern Post Office building at 119 Redfern Street. The City purchased this landmark building in the heart of Redfern. Located close to inner city Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and services, it is highly visible and culturally significant.

AND BEYOND EORA...

We use our grants program to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations. We have provided \$4.5 million since July 2017 on events like the ANZAC Day Coloured Diggers March and organisations including IndigiSpace, in support of employment and training, economic development, and cultural productions. In 2022, we established the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund valued at \$500,000 a year. In its first year, the fund supported several programs including First Nations Response which provides food to 250 local families, and Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program - an organisation that provides tailored, culturally appropriate care services to Elders in their homes. We strongly advocate for affordable housing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, most recently as part of the proposed redevelopment of the Waterloo housing estate. We also fund a coordinator for Aboriginal housing who works with local community housing providers, and we recently sold land at a discount to enable the Gibbons Street apartments in Redfern.

Artist impression by Aileen Sage

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In the recent past, the heritage and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities were not visible nor celebrated, so the City committed to redressing that omission. This recognition work is guided by our Eora Journey program. Eora means "the people" in Aboriginal language of Sydney, so the Eora Journey is "the people's journey".

The Eora Journey has four linked commitments:

RECOGNITION IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

We're committed to creating works of national significance by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and designers. Already we have installed four major artworks: "Welcome to Redfern" by Reko Rennie; "Born in darkness before dawn" a projection on the Australian Museum by Nicole Foreshe; "Yininmadyemi", (Thou didst let fall) in Hyde Park by Tony Albert, and "bara" by Judy Watson on the Tarpeian Precinct Lawn. We are also developing "Yananurala" (Go, walking on Country) a harbourside walk which will highlight sites of significance for Aboriginal peoples and histories.



Artist: Reko Rennie
Image: Sarah Rhodes

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Adopted by Council in November 2016. One of the actions was for the City to implement an employment strategy. In 2023, the City launched its inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy 2023-2026 which aspires to make the City an employer of choice by creating a culturally competent and skilled workforce.



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SYDNEY CITY NEWS

THE CITY OF SYDNEY SAYS YES

I will be voting yes at the referendum. In the words of Noel Pearson, "It falls to our generation to unite three stories of Australia: our ageless Indigenous Heritage, our esteemed British Institutions, and our glorious Multicultural Unity."

Noel was a key speaker at our most recent CityTalk event: "Why the Voice to Parliament is essential for all Australians".

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Linda Burney also gave a keynote address, then Professor Stan Grant facilitated a discussion on the important aspects of the Voice with Kerry O'Brien, Thomas Mayo, Anne Twomey AO, Dr. Shireen Morris and Shane Phillips.

WE HAVE HAD A VOICE AT THE CITY SINCE 2008

I talked about our "Voice" to Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel. This was established by unanimous vote in 2008, and provides advice on the plans,

policies, strategies, and programs that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in our area.

Elected Councillors still make the decisions, but they are now better informed.

In 2014, Council resolved to support Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In 2018 Council supported the full recommendations of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and last year I presented the Sydney Peace Prize to Pat Anderson AO, Professor Megan Davis and Noel Pearson on behalf of the architects of the Statement.

This year, Council has committed to campaigning to promote a "Yes" vote. Our version of the Voice works for the

City, and it will work for the nation.

The upcoming referendum provides all Australians with the long overdue opportunity to help right the wrongs of the past 200 years and recognise the history and ongoing relationship of First Nations people with this land.

I believe that it's our moral duty to vote Yes on 14 October!

Authorised by Clover Moore on behalf of Sydney City Council, 456 Kent Street, Sydney NSW

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THANK YOU EMERGENCY SERVICES!

Recently I invited local Emergency Service officers and workers including NSW Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance, Public Works, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, and City of Sydney Council staff, to a reception at Town Hall to thank them for their brave and effective action that averted disaster during the large building fire on Randle Street in Surry Hills. I also acknowledge the roles played by the Department of Communities and Justice and the Australian Red Cross. While the fire destroyed a large heritage building and had a severe impact on surrounding residents and businesses, it could have been much worse. Through their quick-thinking, expertise, and clear communications, the fire was contained with no loss of life. The City of Sydney was proud to acknowledge their efforts with a special reception.



Thank you event for Surry Hills fire response

LIBRARIES: THE CULTURAL ANCHORS OF OUR COMMUNITIES

In the last 10 years we have invested more than \$159 million delivering library services, including new library branches and enhanced technology for our growing communities. Membership is free, we have no late fees, and all our spaces offer free wifi and computer access. If you prefer reading on a device, we have online magazines, newspapers, audiobooks and comics.

1

Green Square, 355 Botany Road, Zetland

This unique underground library has large open spaces, an open-air amphitheatre and an accessible sunken garden. There are multiple areas to study, including a colourful Instagram-worthy rainbow reading room. A music rehearsal room with a baby grand piano is available for hire.

Green Square Library children's section

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Kings Cross, 50–52 Darlinghurst Road, Potts Point

A calm oasis in the heart of Darlinghurst, above our customer service centre. Kings Cross library offers lounge seating for reading, researching and relaxing. There are plenty of computers and a light-filled, dedicated children's area.

6

Ultimo, 40 William Henry Street

Located on level 1 of Ultimo Community Centre, this browse and borrow library is home to a large collection of Chinese language resources.

2

Darling Square, 1 Little Pier Street, Haymarket

Spanning two floors of The Exchange building, there are places to read, work and study, including a unique banded encircling balcony. Visit the City's What's On website for all programming in the purpose-built makerspace.

Darling Square Library open-air balcony

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Newtown, 8–10 Brown Street

Just off Newtown's bustling King Street, in a historic building known as the Salvation Army Citadel, Newtown Library is a popular local destination for residents, students and families.

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CUSTOMS HOUSE

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Customs House, 31 Alfred Street, Circular Quay

This contemporary library in Sydney's historic former Customs House, now owned by the City, is a great place to relax, meet friends, read or research.

Customs House Library reading room

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Surry Hills, 405 Crown Street

Conveniently located in the heart of busy Crown Street, Surry Hills library offers all regular services and more. The impressive building also contains a rooftop childcare centre and has won architectural awards for its sustainable design.

Surry Hills Library multipurpose space

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Glebe, 186 Glebe Point Road

Set in a beautiful inner-city garden, Glebe library offers a relaxing community environment. There are many spots to read and study, as well as a large children's area.

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Waterloo, 770 Elizabeth Street

In the former Waterloo Town Hall building, this library has been popular with locals since it opened in 1972 and has recently received a new roof.

Our libraries are home to books and more!

Explore this map and enjoy all the cultural offerings in our city!



Darling Square Library makerspace