In this edition of Sydney City News, we’ll take you through our $400 million plan to increase open space to 16.2 per cent of our area by 2020 – working with developers, neighbouring councils, schools and state agencies in new ways to unlock what was previously private land for public use.

This is despite NSW Government projects such as WestConnex claiming 2.77 times and 1.56 square metres of open space in Sydney Park and surrounding areas, while 250 trees along the route of 2.1 hectares of Moore Park have been lost to light rail. In addition, the revival of Sydney Football Stadium does not include adequate car parking, which means patron car parking will continue to be located in our precious parks.

Nonetheless, since 2004 the City has created new partnerships and sports facilities and expanded and improved the city’s outdoor spaces and programs.

We have increased our open space overall by 23.3 hectares and expanded our network parks including Pylepark in Parramatta, Harbour Park in Barry Hills, Dubbo Square in Narrabri, Waterfall, Ruby Grant Park in Green Square, and Harvest Park in Rozelle.

Major parks like Sydney Park and Randell Park have been transformed, as well as iconic parks like Beerwah Park in Epping and still have completed the 2.2 kilometre Green Walkway.

Citywide, sporting facilities including Ian Therry Aquatic Centre, Prince Alfred Park and Pool, Rushcutters Bay Park ocean and tennis courts, and our new Potts Park Recreation Centre have also opened. We have also improved lighting, irrigation, surfacing and maintenance at many sporting facilities, making them safer and more pleasant to use. We’ve also upgraded outdoor fitness equipment as well as planting facilities at Natured, Randell and West Parks, with work soon to commence at Sydney Park and The Crescent at Johnstons Creek, Annandale.

With 46 off-leash parks in our city, relishing with pets has never been easier.

I welcome the NSW Government’s announcement that they will provide open space spaces in our city and look forward to working with Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Rob Stokes, and Secretary for Place, Design and Open Spaces, Alex D’Miles, to secure outcomes for our city, especially in Moore Park.

Chris Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney
CREATING QUALITY OPEN SPACE IN SYDNEY...

SMALL PARKS AND PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

We are improving small parks and playgrounds in the inner-city and city-centre districts to ensure they remain popular and accessible places for play and exercise.

Some of the parks being added or improved include: Fitzroy Gardens, Potts Point; Wulaba Park, Waterloo; Pask Park, Randwick; Green Park, Randwick; The Crescent, Pirrama Park; and Steel Park, Bondi.

We are also improving the landscape and play areas in parks across the City, including the parks listed above. This includes adding new shade, seating, and play equipment to improve the overall experience for visitors.

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- The Daring Green, a new 622 square metre ‘village park’ for the Green Square town centre, which will provide a great and shaded community space.

- More green open spaces and recreational areas by the Crocquet and Falstaff Park at Johnstons Oceanfront. We’re upgrading two newly acquired of the Sydney coastal landscape and create a large play area near Sydney Park playing field. Shared bicycle and pedestrian pathways will be built throughout the park, and there will be views of native plant and native areas with walking and running tracks. This design is part of our Johnstons Creek renewal, which will create a ribbon of parklands around the Green Square.

- Rebuilding and replanting Wylde Park, Bondi Bell and Broulee Street in South Bondi. This upgraded design includes a communal space and seating, taking advantage of the views provided, a ‘food court’ and a ‘garden for children’ on the children’s playground. We will work with the Transport Authority to improve access for the elderly to the City, building light rail.

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SHARING PARKS AND FACILITIES WITH STUDENTS

The City has entered into an agreement with the NSW Department of Education to share facilities to create playground space and community facilities for two new multi-schools.

Students at the soon-to-be-opened Sydney High School on Cleveland Street, Surry Hills, will have access to a dedicated ‘tutorial’ play area within the popular Prince Alfred Park during school hours. Community members will be able to trial facilities at the High School outside of school hours.

Project Alexandra has been designed to build a sustainable sports field and two sports courts that will be shared between the Alexandra Park Community School and the inner community. The school will have access to the park facilities between 7:30am and 6pm on school days, and community members will be able to use them outside of school hours.

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