**BRIDGING THE GENDER PAY GAP**

The City will soon start paying superannuation to all staff on parental leave for up to 52 weeks, including those who return to work.

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAITS CULTURAL HUB**

The City has partnered with the ANZ Bank Redfern Office to place aboriginal and torres strait islander cultural hub.

**2050: HELP US PLAN FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE SYDNEY**

It may seem like a long time away, but we need to plan ahead to hit our goals and establish our future needs.

**CARING FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS**

For 11 years, Northcott Pet Day has helped residents, mostly on low incomes, to look after their much-loved pets — with nearly 2,000 pets receiving free check-ups, as well as over 300 cats and dogs microchipped, and over 100 pets booked in for free or discounted de-sexing.

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**NEW TRAINTED GARDENS**

Developed with an unprecedented level of collaboration across organisations — Sydney Water, government organisations, and more than 1000 residents.

**CULTURAL HUB**

The heritage-graded Victorian squat building is located in the heart of Redfern. It will house a range of cultural exhibitions and community events.

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Our festive season officially starts on Saturday 24 November at 6.30pm, with roaming entertainers, Moran, Sydney Philharmonia Choir, pop-up stages and choirs taking over the city centre. SplashDance, Ally Boom Boom & Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Santa will travel by sleigh from Circular Quay along Pitt Street, before lighting our new-look Martin Place Baecker with roving band The Glorious Sousaphonics.

This year, our Christmas celebrations will spread across five stages in Martin Place, George Street and Pitt Street, due to Metro/Macquarie Bank construction in the northern part of Martin Place and because our Christmas concert is so popular.

Family favourites Jimmy Giggle, Justine Clarke, Sam Moran and Ruby Grant Park will come alive for summer nights. Since opening to the public in October, the library is already a much-loved meeting place and the open air piazza will be lit up with a canopy of 94,000 sparkling lights.

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There is a wide range of free and family-friendly events, and you can also purchase $26 ‘Tix for Next to Nix’ ticket for most performances at the Sydney Festival ticketing booth. The ticket is valid from 24 November to 25 January, which is located next to the Sydney Town Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

Get the best out of SYDNEY FESTIVAL

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Australia’s First Peoples will be recognised with a light and projection show on Sydney Harbour Bridge as well as a Wemoo to Country and Smoking ceremony on Sydney Harbour.

We’d like to thank all the people who’ve been working hard to make the event look fantastic and run smoothly, including the 300 plus volunteers who will give their time on New Year’s Eve to help visitors and residents have a safe and enjoyable night. We also thank all involved in the remarkable changes to our operations to restore our city back to sparkle.

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See in a bigger and brighter 2019!

SYDNEY CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGES

Meet and celebrate with your neighbours at one, or all, of these family-friendly villages:

Christmas in Alexandea Village

Christmas in Quay Park

Christmas in Glebe Artisans Markets

Christmas in Rosebery

Christmas in Rushcutters Bay

Christmas in The VILLAGES

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Christmas in Green Square

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