Leisure in Sydney this summer

The City of Sydney’s three fabulous outdoor aquatic centres are the best places to swim, picnic and play this summer. They all have 50 metre pools for lap swimming as well as smaller pools for learners and leisured swimmers. In addition, there are two indoor pools, open longer hours for city workers and residents.

Our New Plan for Sydney’s Nightlife

24-hour trading will be extended across the Sydney CBD

Proposal changes which allow businesses to open later, extend 24-hour trading across the Sydney CBD and allow clubs and bars in low-impact zones to trade until 4am, followed by an offshoot of 2am at eight of the city’s nightclubs created new employment opportunities in the city’s night-time economy, boosting the City’s nightlife, to the 132,000 jobs and generating $4.2 billion to the state’s economy annually.

Our new plan for nightlife before 2am

Sydney City News

Sharing our global city with the world

This year, we are hosting the Sydney Lunar Festival, an evolution of Sydney’s Chinese New Year Festival — the largest celebration of its kind outside of Asia. It is the City’s largest cultural festival, attracting over 1.3 million visitors across seven days. The Chinese New Year Festival supports local retailers and restaurants and presents a good opportunity for all of Sydney to enjoy a cultural city-wide summer night.

9 City for All” addresses our social sustainability policy and its action plan was launched last year. It is a call to action in which our priorities are measured in terms of social inclusion and community resilience and I am proud to work with you to create the kind of city we want to live in.

An Australia’s global city, we’re promoting a more vibrant and safe night-time economy. We are moving forward with backlane access and proposing changes to city planning controls to establish new, designated late night areas,

... And welcome international students to Sydney

Sydney is one of the world’s most popular cities for overseas students, with more than 260,000 international students studying here. From 2016-2017, international student intake was $2.5 billion to the Australian economy. We have adopted our first International Education Action Plan to help make our system better, welcoming these students and their contribution.

We welcome you to your new home in the City of Sydney — our City of Lights. We hope you enjoy your time here and make the most of all the City has to offer. Whether you are here for a few weeks or many years, we look forward to welcoming you to our City.

Every year, the Lord Mayor hosts an International Student Welcome by more than 10,000 students in Sydney Town Hall. We work with international students and businesses such as Sydney Tourism and NSW Police, and Sydney Airport, to ensure our students feel safe and supported.

Visit our website sydney.com/study to discover more about Sydney's International Student Guide.
**LUNAR FESTIVAL**

**CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PIG!**

Sydney Lunar Festival will take place from 1–10 February 2019.

**Visit sydneylunartestival.com for more information.**

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**HAPPY MARDI GRAS!**

The 41st Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the 1978 Sydney Mardi Gras parade, will have the theme of ‘Wild! Wild! Wild!”

Visit [High5.mardigras.org.au](http://High5.mardigras.org.au) for detailed information.

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**Cycling in the City**

The City has long supported cycling as a great way for our residents and visitors to get around the city, whether it’s for exercise, getting to work or to enjoy our parks.

**80 kilometre Bondi to Manly coastal walk**

**Why Sydney needs more cycleways**

The City is committed to building more cycleways across the city, from the northern beaches to the Royal National Park. This will provide some of the best drinks, food and entertainment this year. The 80 kilometre Bondi to Manly coastal walk will have a 12.8 billion dollar impact by 2050.

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**Equity Green**

This year, we are celebrating just over one year of marriage equality.

The Hayes Partnership has been a key player in the push for marriage equality in Australia, and has been instrumental in advocating for change.

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**Curtin University Shop is a visual artist, jeweller and storyteller who founded the Australian Writers’ Centre in 2005. She says:**

"Lunar New Year is one of my favourite times of year. It’s always full of family, friends and ridiculous amounts of delicious food… What’s not to love?"

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**Prince Alfred Park ‘Equality Green’**

This is a permanent reminder of Thursday 15 November, 2018, when tens of thousands of Sydneysiders gathered there to hear the results of the marriage equality postal vote.

Visit [marissagoldsmith.com](http://marissagoldsmith.com) for more information.