New library at Darling Square

The City of Sydney’s newest library is located on two floors of The Exchange – a stunning building designed by international architecture firm Kengo Kuma & Associates in the new Darling Square precinct in Alexandria.

The library has a collection of over 30,000 books, including a large urban design collection and daily newspapers, as well as a hot newsstand and microkitchen. It also has 91 study/quiet rooms and event spaces, including 3D printers, goldfingers and a kids’ area, offering every opportunity for mindfulness and learning, as well as supporting both enterprising and creative start-ups.

There is also a spectacular rooftop space to read, work and study throughout the year, and the library, including rooms that can be booked by the community.

MERRY CHRISTMAS SYDNEY!

This year we are hosting, ‘Christmas in the City’ on Saturday 23 December, followed by a month of celebrations to support the local government area.

Last year more than 20,000 people attended our new Christmas in the City event in the city centre.

This year we expect to host even more people and it’s so popular, this year we are spreading the festivities out across three streets: Elizabeth St – Pett St Mall; Bridge St and Alfred Place.

Once the Martin Place Christmas Tree has been lit, there will be a parade and light show at Christmas Tree from 9.15 to 10am for 15 minutes. This free event will take place every day from 28 December.

Performers will include Justin Clarke and Jeremy Ogawa. There will be more than 300,000 lights, live activities for the families, and a standard fireworks display over the city that can be watched from the rooftop.

And every night until Christmas, the Christmas Tree in Martin Place will be lit until 9pm, with light displays throughout from 7pm onwards. To support local businesses, the street stalls will be open until 10pm.

We will also celebrate in our villages, with free line-ups across our local government area:

- **Redfern**
  - **Children’s Christmas Concert** in Prince Alfred Park, Saturday 23 December from 10am to 12pm.
  - **SayFun Christmas Concert** in Reg Bartley Park, Saturday 23 December from 3.30 to 5pm.

- **Pyrmont**
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We have responded to calls from our communities in this urban part of the city and we this year have added a Village Christmas Concert in Pirrama Park, and next year we will hold a concert in Hay Park. Light displays are a great addition to the Pyrmont/Elizabeth and Glebe/Lyceum Library communities.

Every free and family-friendly event includes live entertainment, food, and a visit from Santa!

In Greens Square, we will be hosting our first Christmas Fair on Saturday 24 December from 10am to 3pm. It will be an opportunity to shop local and pick up some last minute Christmas gifts. There will also be a PC Hub, craft activities and a bar.

- **Pyrmont Village Christmas Concert** in Pirrama Park, Saturday 23 December from 3.30 to 5pm.

AIR QUALITY MONITOR INSTALLED IN SYDNEY

A temporary air quality monitoring station has been installed in Cook+Phillip Park in the Sydney CBD, to be replaced with permanent infrastructure. Additional sites in Central and/or Green Square are also planned.

Up until now, the City of Sydney had been unable to secure an air quality monitoring station in our local government area. However, when I met with new Environment Minister Matt Kean in August, I agreed that we must find a way to monitor and measure air quality in the city.

Air pollution is a global environmental challenge to public health globally, accounting for an estimated 4.2 million deaths per year according to the World Health Organisation. A study by Australia’s Monash University showed that air pollution, mostly from motor vehicles, kills over 1,700 Australians per year – with around 650 of those in NSW.

Air quality is an increasingly important issue for cities. Reducing the impacts of air pollution on our communities is one of the principal reasons why the City has boldly moved forward with projects that improve air quality – such as active transport, urban greening and advocating for public transport, even when it requires the sometimes unpopular step of removing some parking.

The air quality monitor is vital in providing real-time data and an easily accessible tool for the community to monitor the health impacts of major roads and cleaner alternatives such as new cycleways, electric buses and transformational light rail.

STATE CYCLEWAY FUNDING

In September, Minister for Transport Andrew Constance and I announced $125 million in NSW Government funding for four key cycleway connections in our local government area.

These vital links are Saunders and Miller streets in Pyrmont, Liverpool Street in the city centre, Chalmers Street in Barry Hills, and Lawson Street in Redfern. Since 2017, we have been committed to building a connected, comfortable and inclusive cycle network, making it easier and safer for residents and visitors.

It is good to see the NSW Government working closely with the City of Sydney as delivering our bike network, helping to reduce congestion, cut emissions and make cycling easier for everyone, leads active, healthy lives.
ART & ABOUT SYDNEY

The Eora Journey

Since 2008, the City of Sydney has sought to partner with more than 30 community organisations and Aboriginal groups. The Eora Journey was a collaborative project between the City of Sydney, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and Aboriginal artists. The project features seven major artworks, each reflecting the history and culture of the Eora people who are the traditional custodians of Sydney.

In September, we celebrated 50 years of Kaldor Public Art Projects at CityTalks event in Sydney Town Hall. We also announced that the City of Sydney has purchased the Redfern Post Office for future use as a local centre for First Nations creative producers. Last year we also announced that the City of Sydney has purchased the Redfern Post Office for future use as a local centre for First Nations creative producers.

Making Art Public: 50 Years of Kaldor Public Art Projects is a free exhibition created by British artist Michael Linley at the Art Gallery of NSW until 16 February 2020.

DAVIDSON MURAL

This year’s Festival of Sydney Fringe is a celebration of the arts in Sydney, with a variety of events and performances throughout the city. The festival features a range of cultural and creative productions, including music, theatre, dance, and visual arts. The festival is a great opportunity to experience the vibrant culture of Sydney and the creativity of its local artists.

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AUSTRALIAN LIFE & LITTLE SYDNEY LIVES

In September, the popular Aboriginal Art and Lippe Sydney Landscapes受到了热烈欢迎。These competitions are proof that everyone has a story to tell and a perspective on where they live.

The Sydney Lunar Festival is a vibrant and joyful celebration of multiculturalism in Sydney. Celebrate the Year of the Rat with family and friends and enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of Asia. The festival will be held on the streets of Chinatown from Friday 24 January to Sunday 26 January.

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The City of Sydney has been proud to support the Fringe Sydney Festival with cash and in-kind assistance. We helped the Emerging Artists’ Base in Carriageworks to help these artists achieve a new space in Potts Point to launch the festival.

Fringe Sydney has been on hiatus due to COVID-19, but the City of Sydney is pleased to support this year’s festival with financial assistance and in-kind support.

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On the highest level of FRINGE HQ is Top Shelf - an optional performance venue.

The World Bar, the once iconic Sydney cocktail bar, has re-opened in the heart of Kings Cross, re-opened for the Sydney Fringe Festival. The World Bar represents an innovative partnership between the City of Sydney, Greencliff, and Create NSW, who have invested $70,000 in the six-month pilot project. Local bar Dulcie’s is also operating a pop-up cocktail bar on the ground floor of the World Bar.

These four new spaces in the heart of Kings Cross will be taken over the former site of the Sydney Fringe Festival in September.

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