

**ITEM 7. STREET EVENTS – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – VIVID
LIGHT FESTIVAL 2015**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/094967

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the temporary road closures associated with the Vivid Light Festival from Friday 22 May 2015 to Monday 8 June 2015 between 5pm and Midnight subject to the following conditions:

- (A) The Applicant must comply with the temporary road closures conditions as stipulated in Schedule B of this Agenda.
- (B) The Applicant must contact the Sydney City Police to discuss deployment of user pay police for the event.
- (C) The Applicant must contact the City's Venue Management Unit to discuss the event.
- (D) The Applicant is to obtain a Road Occupancy Licence from the Transport Management Centre prior to commencement of the event.
- (E) The Applicant shall submit a Traffic Management Plan for approval by the RMS, Sydney Buses, SHFA and the City of Sydney.
- (F) The Applicant must implement the approved Traffic Management Plan.
- (G) The Applicant must provide a telephone number of the supervisor responsible for the proposed event and include contact details in the notification letters to be distributed to affected stakeholders.
- (H) The Applicant must contact Sydney Buses and arrange and pay for the rerouting of bus services around the closures, the temporary relocation of bus stops and any additional staff required.
- (I) The Applicant must submit a Traffic Control Plan for approval prior to the temporary road closures.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The Vivid Light Festival is now in its sixth year of operation and attracts visitors from all over Sydney, interstate and overseas. The proposed road closures are to assist with pedestrian movements, improve safety for the large crowds and minimise traffic congestion around The Rocks, Circular Quay and Pyrmont during the event nights.

Destination NSW has applied for the temporary road closures associated with the Vivid Light Festival period from Friday 22 May 2015 to Monday 8 June 2015 between 5pm and Midnight.

COMMENTS

The Vivid Light Festival is an annual event that requires the temporary closure of City streets and traffic detours around The Rocks, Circular Quay and Pyrmont.

The 2015 event is proposing a City-wide Traffic Management Strategy over the event's 18 nights with 3 levels of operation. Each level has different road closure requirements and pedestrian control to manage crowd sizes.

Level 1 operation will be on Monday to Thursday evenings for both weeks with road closures between 7pm and Midnight each night. The Level 1 closures are in The Rocks and Walsh Bay.

Level 2 operation will be on Fridays from 7pm to Midnight and Sunday nights (excluding the Sunday of the long weekend) between 5pm and Midnight and the Monday of the June long weekend. The Level 2 closures are in The Rocks, Walsh Bay and Circular Quay.

Level 3 operations will be on Saturday nights and the Sunday night of the June long weekend between 5pm and Midnight. The Level 3 closures are in The Rocks, Walsh Bay, Circular Quay and George Street.

Level 1 - Temporary Road Closures – 7pm to Midnight – Monday 25 May to Thursday 28 May 2015 and Monday 1 June to Thursday 4 June 2015.

Argyle Street between George Street and Circular Quay West;

Circular Quay West (entire length);

George Street between Alfred and Lower Fort Streets; and

Hickson Road between George and Napoleon Streets.

Note access for local residents and businesses will be maintained.

Level 2 - Temporary Road Closures – 7pm to Midnight – Friday 22 May, Friday 29 May and Friday 5 June 2015 and from 5pm to Midnight on Sunday 24 May, Sunday 31 May and Monday 8 June 2015

Alfred Street between George and Phillip Streets;

Argyle Street between Harrington and Lower Fort Streets;

Argyle Street between George Street and Circular Quay West;

Blue Anchor Lane between George St and Rugby Place;

Circular Quay West (entire length);

George Street between Essex and Lower Fort Streets;

Harrington Street between Essex and Argyle Streets;

Hickson Road between George Street and Towns Place;

Loftus Street between Bridge and Alfred Streets;
Macquarie Street between Albert Street and Opera House Roundabout;
Philip Street between Bridge and Alfred Streets (northbound);
Phillip St between Alfred and Albert Streets (southbound);
Pitt Street between Alfred and Bridge Streets; and
Young Street between Bridge and Alfred Streets.

**Level 3 – Temporary Road Closures – 5pm to Midnight - Saturday 23 May,
Saturday 30 May, Saturday 6 June, and Sunday 7 June 2015**

Alfred Street between George and Phillip Streets;
Argyle Street between Harrington and Lower Fort Streets;
Argyle St between George Street to Circular Quay West;
Blue Anchor Lane between George Street and Rugby Place;
Bond Street between Pitt and George Streets;
Bridge Street between Pitt and George Streets;
Bulletin Place from Pitt Street;
Circular Quay West (entire length);
Essex Street between Harrington and George Streets;
George Street between Hunter and Lower Fort Streets (southbound);
George Street between Market and Lower Fort Streets (northbound);
Grosvenor Street between York and George Streets (eastbound);
Grosvenor Street between Lang and George Streets (westbound);
Harrington Street between Essex and Argyle Streets;
Hickson Road between George Street and Towns Place;
Loftus Street between Bridge and Alfred Streets;
Macquarie Street between Albert Street and Opera House Roundabout;
Margaret Street between York and George Streets (eastbound);
Margaret Street between George and Carrington Streets (westbound);
Philip Street between Bridge and Alfred Street (northbound);
Phillip Street between Alfred and Albert Streets (southbound);

Pitt Street between Alfred and Bridge Streets;

Reiby Place between Loftus and Pitt Streets; and

Young Street between Bridge and Alfred Streets.

A series of vehicle movement plans will be developed to provide assistance to areas affected by the road closures (hotels, residential precincts, public car parks and other areas where people may require access to go about their normal course of business).

It should be noted that in late 2015 through to 2019, there will be major road works on George Street, Alfred Street, Rawson Place and Chalmers Street associated with the CBD and South East Light Rail project. This will impact on next year's event as sections of the route may not be available. All event organisers need to review their future event route and form-up areas in consultation with the City, Police, Transport for NSW, Transport Management Centre and Roads and Maritime Services.

CONSULTATION

The Applicant will be required to notify affected stakeholders as stipulated in Schedule B.

A Traffic and Transport Working Group has been established for the Vivid Light Festival with representatives from Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, Overseas Passenger Terminal, Walsh Bay Precinct Committee, City of Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Harbour City Ferries, State Transit Authority, Wilson Car Parks, Sydney Ports, Taxi Council, Sydney Trains, Transport Management Centre and NSW Police.

Notification will be made to all areas affected by the road closures.

FINANCIAL

All costs associated with the proposed closures will be borne by the Applicant.

ATTACHMENTS

Street Events – Temporary Road Closures – Vivid Light Festival 2015

Julian Sanderson, Event & Sports Projects Australia Pty Ltd (ESPA)

Claudia Calabro – Business Support Officer.

2015 Vivid Light Festival - Level 1 Traffic & Pedestrian Management Plan

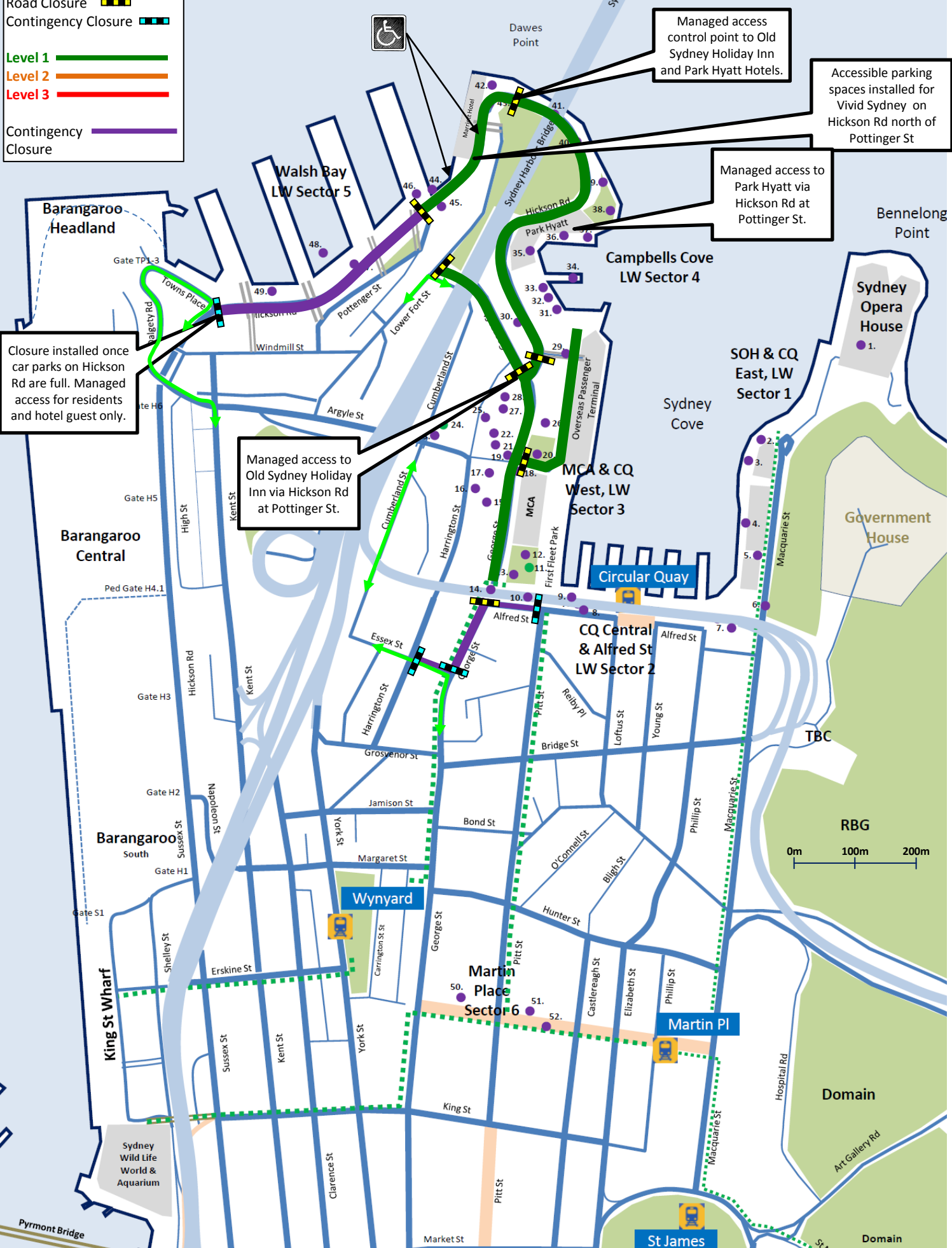
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Timings: 7pm – 12midnight (Monday 25 – Thursday 28 May; Monday 1 – Thursday 4 June 2015)

Key:

- Road Closure
- Contingency Closure
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Contingency Closure



2015 Vivid Light Festival – Level 2 Traffic & Pedestrian Management Plan

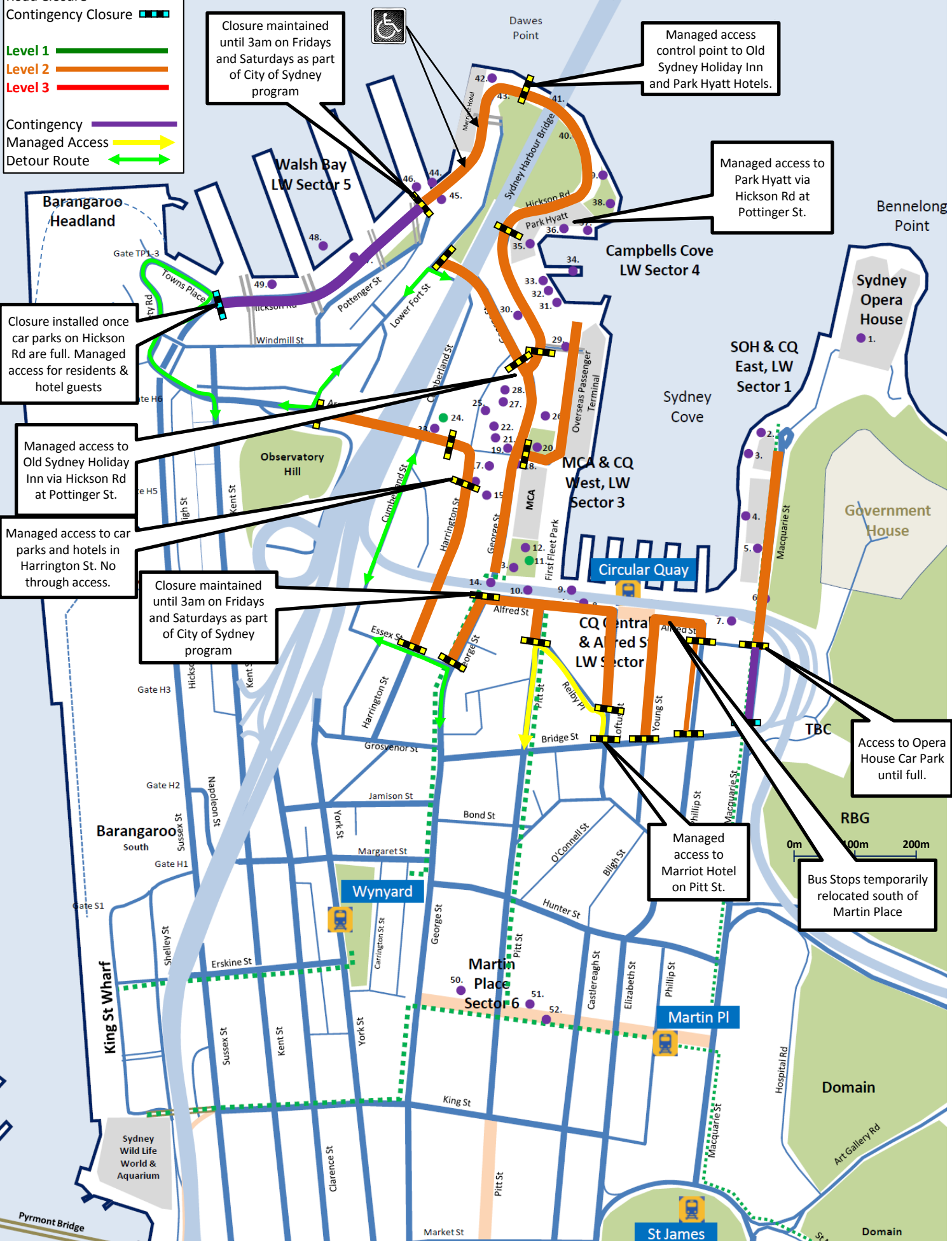
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Timings: 7pm-12midnight (Friday 22 May, 29 May, 5 June 2015)

5pm-12midnight (Sunday 24 May, 31 May and Monday 8 June 2015)

Key:

- Road Closure
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- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Contingency
- Managed Access
- Detour Route



Closure maintained until 3am on Fridays and Saturdays as part of City of Sydney program

Managed access control point to Old Sydney Holiday Inn and Park Hyatt Hotels.

Managed access to Park Hyatt via Hickson Rd at Pottinger St.

Closure installed once car parks on Hickson Rd are full. Managed access for residents & hotel guests

Managed access to Old Sydney Holiday Inn via Hickson Rd at Pottinger St.

Managed access to car parks and hotels in Harrington St. No through access.

Closure maintained until 3am on Fridays and Saturdays as part of City of Sydney program

Access to Opera House Car Park until full.

Managed access to Marriot Hotel on Pitt St.

Bus Stops temporarily relocated south of Martin Place

2015 Vivid Light Festival - Level 3 Traffic & Pedestrian Management Plan

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Timings: 5pm-12midnight (Saturday 23 May, 30 May, 6 June and Sunday 7 June 2015)



Key:

- Road Closure
- Contingency Closure
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Contingency
- Detour Routes

