

Item 9**Questions on Notice****Centennial Hall Hire Statistics**

1. By Councillor Forster

Question

Please provide the following information for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 to date:

1. How many days and evenings was Centennial Hall booked out?
2. Of the total number of bookings, how many paid full commercial rates and how many received a discount of any kind?
3. What was the total venue hire revenue received by the City for Centennial Hall for bookings subject to full commercial rates?
4. What was the total venue hire revenue received by the City for Centennial Hall for bookings which were subject to discounts?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

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2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 YTD
185	147	127

*Note: This figure does not include Internal Bookings as data for all years was not currently available.

Due to the length of events and availability opportunity, the City does not differentiate between day or evening bookings.

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	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 YTD
Full Commercial	88	79	79
Discount	20	27	11
Grants	43	34	25

*Note: the numbers above are the number of events, not the number of days.

The number of days is always higher than the number of events due to the fact that a single event may run for one or more days, thus inflating the number.

Information on Grants has been included separately as these are events which successfully go through the City's Grants process.

Discounts are those which are provided by Venue Management, within the relevant delegation.

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2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 YTD
\$1,582,492	\$1,597,925	\$1,520,514

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	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 YTD
Discount	\$384,327	\$438,049	\$268,879
Grants	\$193,911	\$314,025	\$223,053

*Note: this question is understood to be the revenue received after the discount or Grant was applied.

City of Sydney Ad Hoc Grants

2. By Councillor Forster

Question

For 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 to date:

1. Please provide a breakdown of ad hoc grants awarded by the City.
2. Please provide a breakdown of ad hoc grants to not-for-profit organisations and to for-profit organisations.
3. What was the total expenditure of these ad hoc grants for not-for-profit organisations and for-profit organisations?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city. This policy provides an overarching framework to manage grant and sponsorship requests. It sets the parameters of support and highlights expected outcomes for each grant program.

Council may approve grants and sponsorship on an ad hoc basis outside this policy through a resolution of Council, with all information for consideration detailed in the report to Council. All grants are awarded by Council and details of these are included in the quarterly and annual report to Council.

In total, the Council has awarded 13 out of policy grants since the 2016/17 financial year totalling \$1,875,200 in cash and \$43,145 in revenue-forgone. All figures exclude GST and represent approved values only, noting that not all grants were taken up.

Grants first awarded in the 2016/17 financial year

	Cash	Value in Kind	Comments
Not-for-Profit Organisations	\$500,000	\$20,000	Grant of \$240,000 awarded over 3 years Grant of \$20,000 not taken up
TOTAL	\$500,000	\$20,000	5 grants awarded

Grants first awarded in the 2017/18 financial year

	Cash	Value in Kind	Comments
Not-for-Profit Organisations	\$198,000	\$14,245	
Government	\$400,000		
For-Profit Organisations	\$750,000		Total over 3 years Permanent Demand Reduction Incentives Program (Ausgrid)
TOTAL	\$1,348,000	\$14,245	7 grants awarded

Grants awarded in the 2018/19 financial year to date

	Cash	Value in Kind	Comments
Not-for-Profit Organisations	\$27,200	\$8,900	
TOTAL	\$27,200	\$8,900	1 grant awarded to date

Park Fitness Equipment

3. By Councillor Scott

Question

The Park Fitness Equipment Plan 2015 identifies the following locations as potential sites for the installation of park fitness equipment:

- (a) Turruwul Park, Rosebery
- (b) Alexandria Park, Alexandria
- (c) Waterloo Park, Waterloo
- (d) Observatory Hill Park, Millers Point (upgrade existing)
- (e) Pirrama Park, Pyrmont
- (f) South Sydney Rotary Park, Eveleigh (replace existing)
- (g) Embarkation Park, Potts Point
- (h) Johnstons Creek Parklands, Glebe
- (i) James Hilder Reserve, Surry Hills
- (j) Gunyama Park, Green Square
- (k) Victoria Park, Chippendale.

Could Councillors please be advised of the following:

- 1. Please outline the completion dates for the installation of park fitness equipment at each of these locations.
- 2. Please outline the budget for the installation of park fitness equipment at each of these locations in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years.
- 3. Please outline the budget in total for the maintenance of park fitness equipment in the local government area in the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

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 - (a) Turruwul Park, Rosebery – completed 2016;
 - (b) Alexandria Park, Alexandria – mid-2023 as part of the Alexandria Park School Project;
 - (c) Waterloo Park, Waterloo – June 2019;

- (d) Observatory Hill Park, Millers Point (upgrade existing) – late 2021, delivered by RMS as part of the cycleway project;
 - (e) Pirrama Park, Pyrmont – mid-2020;
 - (f) South Sydney Rotary Park, Eveleigh (replace existing) – late 2021;
 - (g) Embarkation Park, Potts Point – end 2022;
 - (h) Johnstons Creek Parklands, Glebe – February 2020 as part of the Crescent Lands Project;
 - (i) James Hilder Reserve, Surry Hills – October 2020;
 - (j) Gunyama Park, Green Square – mid-2020 as part of the Gunyama Park Project;
 - (k) Victoria Park, Chippendale – end 2023;
2. Budgets for each project delivered in 2019/20 and 2020/21 are:
- (a) Pirrama Park, Pyrmont – \$272,000 in 2019/20 (park fitness equipment program);
 - (b) South Sydney Rotary Park, Eveleigh (replace existing) – \$40,000 in 2020/21 (park fitness equipment program - \$300,000 total project);
 - (c) Johnstons Creek Parklands, Glebe – approx.\$60,000 (part of park upgrade project budget - 2020);
 - (d) James Hilder Reserve, Surry Hills – approx. \$50,000 (part of park upgrade project budget - 2020);
 - (e) Gunyama Park, Green Square – approximately \$60,000 (part of project budget - 2021).
3. Budget for inspection and maintenance of Park Fitness Equipment is part of the playground repairs operational budget. \$80,000 is budgeted for playground inspection and repairs in 2019/20.

Sydney Park Skate Facility

4. By Councillor Scott

Question

Councillors were advised in May 2019 that construction will be completed on the Sydney Skate Park Facility by early-2020.

Could Councillors please be advised of the following:

1. When will construction commence on the Sydney Park Skate Facility?
2. When will Sydney Park Skate Facility be open to the public for use?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

Construction is expected to commence on the Sydney Park Skate Facility in July 2019. It is estimated that construction will be complete by May 2020, and the facility will be opened soon after.

Johnston's Creek Skate Facilities

5. By Councillor Scott

Question

Councillors were advised in November 2018 that construction was expected to be completed on skate facilities at Johnston's Creek by the end of 2019.

Could Councillors please be advised of the following:

1. When will construction commence on skate facilities at Johnston's Creek, if this has not yet occurred?
2. Is construction on skate facilities at Johnston's Creek expected to be completed by the end of 2019?
3. When will skate facilities at Johnston's Creek be open to the public for use?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

Construction is expected to commence on the Johnston's Creek Skate Facilities in June 2019 with an estimated completion date of early 2020. Construction of this facility was delayed due to a redesign of the facility following notification from RMS that the original design was not supported. The facilities will be opened for use by mid-2020.

Gunyama Park Skate Facilities

6. By Councillor Scott

Question

Councillors were advised in November 2018 that construction was expected begin on Gunyama Park skate facilities as part of Stage 2 of the Gunyama Park Project. In December 2018, a motion was carried unanimously by Council that, where possible, the works be brought forward to Stage One of that project.

Could Councillors please be advised of the following:

1. When will construction commence on skate facilities at Gunyama Park, if this has not yet occurred?
2. When is construction on skate facilities at Gunyama Park expected to be completed?
3. When will skate facilities at Gunyama Park be open to the public for use?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

Construction on the Gunyama Park Skateable moments has commenced with an estimated completion date of June 2020, and will open to the public soon after. The skateable moments comprise a range of skateable elements for intermediate/junior riders and provides a variety of incidental and specific/structured opportunities for skateboarding that are sympathetically integrated within the park. Further skate facilities will be delivered in Stage 2.

Redfern Park Skate Ramp

7. By Councillor Scott

Question

Councillors were advised in November 2018 that a new skate ramp would be installed in Redfern Park in 2019.

Could Councillors please be advised of the following:

1. When will construction commence on the skate ramp at Redfern Park, if this has not yet occurred?
2. When is construction on the skate ramp at Redfern Park expected to be completed?
3. When will the skate ramp at Redfern Park be open to the public for use?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. Construction commenced on Monday, 29 April 2019.
2. The project is expected to be completed at the end of May 2019, weather permitting.
3. The facility is scheduled to be opened to the public at the end of May 2019.

Indoor Sporting Facilities in Alexandria

8. By Councillor Scott

Question

It was announced in August 2018 that the City had procured property on Huntley Street, Alexandria, for the purpose of construction of indoor sporting facilities. Further, in March 2019, the Perry Park Recreation Centre, including indoor sporting facilities, was opened.

Could Councillors please be advised of the following:

1. What is the timeframe for the construction to begin, and to be completed, of indoor sporting facilities at the site on Huntley Street, Alexandria?
2. How much is budgeted for the construction of indoor sporting facilities at the site on Huntley Street in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years?
3. What plans, if any, are currently in place to upgrade existing indoor sporting facilities at the Perry Park Recreation Centre, particularly enclosing the courts?
4. What is the timeframe for such an upgrade to begin, and to be completed?
5. How much is budgeted for the upgrade of these facilities in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

Construction is expected to commence at Huntley Street, Alexandria in mid-2020 with an estimated completion date of late 2022. The draft budget includes funds for the Huntley Street Project.

Plans are in place to enclose the existing external courts at Perry Park, including extending the change room and associated administration facilities, to provide a total of four internal courts. Development approval has been obtained with tender documentation currently in progress. Construction is expected to commence in early 2020 with an estimated completion date of mid-2021. The draft budget includes funds for the Perry Park Stage 2 works.

Notification of Local Parking and Traffic Changes

9. By Councillor Scott

Question

The City is required to notify local residents and businesses of local parking and traffic changes under relevant legislation and policy.

Could Councillors please be advised of the following:

1. What is the process for providing notification to local residents and businesses for local parking and traffic changes?
2. When notification is sent via post, is notification sent to the registered owner of the premises?
3. When notification is sent via post, is notification sent to the occupier of the premises?
4. If the owner and the occupier of the premises are different persons or groups - for example, a business owner renting a shop premises, or a tenant renting a home - is notification sent to both the owner and occupier of the premises?
5. Is there a policy which outlines whether owners, or occupiers, or both, should be notified?
6. Does the City use letterbox drops as well as mailed letters as part of this process?
7. If letterbox drops are used, could Councillors please be advised as to the rate of reply to the City for mailed letters as compared to letterboxed materials for all consultations on for local and traffic matters for the 12 months to date?

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Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. The City consults the local community in accordance with Section 8A (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 and the City's Community Engagement Strategy 2017. General parking and traffic changes are notified by mailed letters (via Australia Post) to properties within a 50 metre radius of the proposal. Major projects are additionally exhibited on the Sydney Your Say section of the City's website for feedback and shared through digital channels. Traffic changes in accordance with Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993, must be notified in a local newspaper for at least 28 days.
2. Letters are sent to the registered addresses of the property and addressed to "The Occupant".
3. Letters are sent to the registered addresses of the property and addressed to "The Occupant".
4. Letters are sent to the registered addresses of the property and addressed to "The Occupant". Letters also advise to "please pass this information onto any tenants or lessees in your building who may not have received this letter".

5. No. Notification processes are currently being reviewed in response to changes to the Environmental Assessment and Planning Act 1979, new technologies and available communication channels.
6. The City currently notifies of general parking and traffic changes by mailed letters (via Australia Post) only, however the Chief Executive Officer has recently requested that traffic changes also be notified to businesses in the vicinity via letterbox drops as well as via Australia Post.
7. All parking and traffic proposals have been notified via mailed letters since prior to 2011. The rate of reply varies dependant on the engagement of the community and the proposal being considered.