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## **Resilient Communities and Economy Committee**

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**Item 1.**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the following meetings of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 6 May 2024

**Item 2.****Statement of Ethical Obligations**

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

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## Item 3.

### Public Exhibition - Review of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

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#### Summary

In accordance with its legislative obligations under the Local Government Act 1993, the City considers valid applications for outdoor alcohol restrictions. These restrictions include alcohol-free zones which apply to public roads, footpaths and public carparks and alcohol prohibited areas which apply to parks and civic spaces. Council can resolve to establish an outdoor alcohol restriction for a maximum of four years or on a temporary basis for special events.

On 20 November 2023, Council resolved to approve the establishment of all existing alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas for a nine-month period and resolved that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) continue to work with local residents and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to co-design person-centred approaches to address alcohol-related harm alongside NSW Health, NSW Land and Housing Corporation, NSW Police and the NSW Department of Communities and Justice; and
- (ii) during the nine-month period approved, comprehensively review all existing alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas in broad consultation with local residents, communities in social housing estates, neighbourhood advisory boards, community services – including Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse organisations, business and relevant NSW government agencies to determine which specific restrictions have broad community support and should be retained, and which can be lifted, and report back to Council with revised recommendations.

The City engaged Urbis to undertake the review which included: analysing data from NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research; reviewing Sydney Your Say survey responses; conducting workshops with social housing residents, community organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations; and, conducting interviews with community legal centres and state government agencies such as NSW Health, Homes NSW, the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner and NSW Police.

Through the review it became clear there are very different views within the community on what approaches should be implemented to manage alcohol consumption in the public domain. Whilst there was some support for the establishment of outdoor alcohol restrictions there was also considerable support for adopting a harm minimisation approach given that the restrictions can lead to the 'proactive policing' of priority communities.

A broad harm minimisation strategy for managing alcohol consumption in the public domain could include health interventions, public education, community outreach programs, public space design and policies encouraging responsible alcohol consumption, rather than a focus on regulation and compliance through the establishment of alcohol free zones.

The review also highlighted the need for more engagement with our priority communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, social housing residents and people experiencing homelessness to better understand the impact of outdoor alcohol restriction on those communities and to design community-led approaches to managing alcohol consumption in the public domain.

The key insights from the review are:

- (a) take more time for consultation;
- (b) enhance collaboration by integrating services for strategic harm reduction work across government and the community to adopt a 'harm minimisation' first approach; and,
- (c) encourage the sharing of evidence on the efficacy of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions with communities, to allow informed and community-led decision-making.

A copy of the report by Urbis which brings together the feedback from community, relevant data and key insights is available at Attachment A.

Based on the findings of the review it is recommended that a reduced list of outdoor alcohol restrictions are placed on public exhibition for 30 days in accordance with section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993. This reduced list includes locations within late-night entertainment precincts, sports fields, playgrounds, open spaces within social housing estates, state-significant sites and areas with high incidents of alcohol-related crime.

Several new alcohol-free zones have been proposed by local business and community and will be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the NSW Ministerial Guidelines on alcohol-free zones. The City is required to exhibit all valid applications for alcohol-free zones.

To assist with monitoring the longer-term impact of reducing outdoor alcohol restrictions within the Local Government Area, the City will notify the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics of those areas where outdoor alcohol restrictions have been removed and request, they develop a methodology to appropriately assess the outcomes arising from these removals.

In addition, it is recommended the City write to the NSW Office of Local Government requesting that they urgently revise the 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-free zones to include the provision for the application of alcohol-free zones as timed sites where alcohol consumption is permissible within designated times on streets. This would mean that restrictions are only applied at times where alcohol related activity may potentially negatively impact on public safety and amenity. This aligns with the flexibility available in the establishment of alcohol-prohibited areas in parks and open spaces.

## Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the 30-day public exhibition of the list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces for a four year period as outlined in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
  - (i) write to the NSW Office of Local Government requesting the 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-free zones be revised to include provision for local governments to establish alcohol-free zones as timed sites where alcohol consumption is permissible within designated times as appropriate;
  - (ii) advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to work with social housing residents to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve the community's health and safety;
  - (iii) write to Homes NSW to take on responsibility and management of outdoor alcohol restrictions on their own land;
  - (iv) write to the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force to request NSW Police provide data on the use of enforcement under outdoor alcohol restrictions to inform the development and implementation of harm minimisation approaches to alcohol management within the community;
  - (v) write to NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics to notify them of those locations where outdoor alcohol restrictions have been removed and request they develop a methodology to appropriately assess the outcomes arising from those removals; and,
  - (vi) continue to work with community legal centres, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations, community groups, social housing residents, local business and NSW Government agencies to determine appropriate strategies for managing alcohol consumption in the public domain.



**Attachments**

- Attachment A.** Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions Review Report - Urbis
- Attachment B.** List of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions for Public Exhibition
- Attachment C.** Map of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions Currently in Place
- Attachment D.** Map of Alcohol Restrictions Proposed for Public Exhibition - New and Renewal
- Attachment E.** Map of Alcohol Restrictions Proposed for Public Exhibition - By Type

## Background

1. A safe city can contribute to increased economic prosperity, create a thriving, globally connected community, and further enhance Sydney's international reputation as a great place to visit, live, work, invest and study. Sydney was recently ranked the fourth safest destination in the world for travellers in the 2024 State of Travel Insurance Safest Destinations report.
2. In accordance with its legislative requirements under the Local Government Act 1993, the City considers valid applications for outdoor alcohol restrictions. These restrictions include alcohol-free zones which apply to public roads, footpaths and public carparks and alcohol prohibited areas which apply to parks and civic spaces. Council can resolve to establish an outdoor alcohol restriction for a maximum of four years or on a temporary basis for special events.
3. Alcohol-free zones apply 24 hours a day. Alcohol prohibited areas can be timed sites where alcohol consumption is permissible within designated times, usually between 10am to 10pm. The use of timed alcohol restrictions can contribute to balancing the operational requirements of NSW Police and the responsible consumption of alcohol in public places such as local parks.
4. NSW Police are responsible for enforcing outdoor alcohol restrictions. Restrictions provide NSW Police with the authority to tip out or confiscate alcohol within designated public areas. There are no fines associated with the offence in NSW.
5. Under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) ACT (LEPRA) 2002, the NSW Police have other powers for managing alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour however these can result in fines and/or detainment.
6. In comparison, other capital cities within Australia have 24-hour whole of local government alcohol restrictions with potential fines for non-compliance.
7. In November 2023, Council resolved that the CEO be requested to comprehensively review all existing alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas in broad consultation with community, business and other stakeholders to determine which specific restrictions have broad community support and should be retained, and which can be lifted, and report back to Council with revised recommendations.

## Review process

8. In January 2024, the City engaged Urbis to undertake the comprehensive review which included the following:
  - (a) reviewing data from NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR);
  - (b) analysing Sydney Your Say survey responses;
  - (c) conducting interviews with community legal centres and state government agencies including NSW Health, Homes NSW, the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner and NSW Police; and
  - (d) conducting workshops with social housing residents, community organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations.

**Key issues and insights**

9. To inform the review an analysis of BOCSAR 'Consume alcohol in alcohol free zone' incidents (2019 to 2023) data was undertaken. The analysis identified the number of incidents reported by NSW Police across the City's 10 Villages. According to the data the recorded incidents of 'consume alcohol in an alcohol-free zone' in the City's LGA have decreased by an average of 26 per cent per year over the period 2019-2023.
10. The City requested data from NSW Police for each of the six Police Area Commands that operate within the City. It was identified that the recording of incidents is not consistent across NSW Police Area Commands. The NSW Police Regional Command advised that their preference is not to record incidents under the restrictions to avoid unnecessary recording and administration.
11. Through the survey on Sydney Your Say, which was open from 29 January to 1 March 2024, a total of 373 responses were received. Of the responses from community and business, 57 per cent indicated they support the restrictions in public places, 36 per cent indicated they did not support the restrictions, and 5 per cent had no opinion. There was a strong indication that the restrictions should remain in place for parks, either timed to allow drinking alcohol during the day or ensuring alcohol consumption is restricted near land uses, such as children's playgrounds and sporting fields.
12. Through the five interviews with community legal centres and state government agencies including NSW Health, Homes NSW, the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner and NSW Police the following issues and insights were identified:
  - (a) NSW Police, Homes NSW, Liquor and Gaming NSW and the NSW Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner advised that outdoor alcohol restrictions and enforcement play an important role in managing alcohol consumption in the public domain and preventing the escalation of anti-social behaviour or crime. They support these restrictions as an effective, pre-emptive tool that helps manage a safe vibrant night life without escalation to more serious offences.
  - (b) NSW Police advised that established restrictions help prevent alcohol related anti-social behaviour and crime including damage to property, public urination, littering and noise impacts. This intervention can also assist police in managing pre-drinking near licenced premises.
  - (c) Homes NSW advised they support outdoor alcohol restrictions on land owned by NSW Land and Housing Corporation and advised that these restrictions support safer neighbourhoods, with less issues related to antisocial behaviour when enforced by NSW Police.
  - (d) In contrast, NSW Health and community legal services advised they were supportive of a harm minimisation approach to alcohol management and raised concerns that outdoor alcohol restrictions can result in the 'proactive policing' of priority communities. They also advised that more data and evidence was needed on the efficacy of outdoor alcohol restrictions.

- (e) Community legal centres advised that outdoor alcohol restrictions create a pretext for NSW Police to approach populations who experience vulnerability to systemic injustice which may disproportionately cause harm to those communities. They advised that their clients often experience negative interactions with NSW police in the local area and expanding any restrictions would exacerbate these interactions. It was noted that more effective harm minimisation methods including expanding homelessness services, mental health services or managed alcohol services, are a better approach to managing alcohol consumption in public areas.
13. Through the three workshops with social housing residents, community organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations the following issues and insights were identified:
- (a) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations advised there is a need to consider how the structural and systemic impacts of outdoor alcohol restrictions disproportionately affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. They advised that gathering outdoors holds significant cultural value for people to share information and feel more connected to community. Waterloo Green was noted as a safe space for communities to gather.
- (b) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations raised concerns that many events and programs held in the public domain, such as alfresco dining are not inclusive. and support alcohol consumption for more affluent communities. It was noted that community safety is often considered narrowly and from the perspective of non-Aboriginal communities..
- (c) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations noted that more evidence on the efficacy of outdoor alcohol restrictions was required. In addition, they requested that more engagement with people who drink in public spaces is needed to better understand the impact of outdoor alcohol restrictions on their community and design community-led approaches to managing alcohol consumption in the public domain.
- (d) In contrast, social housing residents advised the restrictions help to manage outdoor drinking and reduce the potential for alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour in social housing estates, neighbouring streets and open spaces. Residents acknowledged that for some in the community, alcohol is a health issue, and support services need to be made available.
- (e) Generally social housing residents view the restrictions as necessary to ensure residential amenity and perceived safety, particularly for women, when walking through open spaces such as Waterloo Green. Social housing residents in Waterloo also acknowledged that late night noise from people drinking in the area can impact the amenity of those living in the nearby high-rise buildings.
- (f) Representatives of community legal centres, community service providers, public interest groups, and NSW Drug Health advised that the restrictions can lead to the 'proactive policing' of priority communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people experiencing homelessness and social housing residents. It was requested that consideration be given to the establishment of timed alcohol-free zones for City streets so that people within these communities could gather and drink in public spaces during the day, with restrictions only applied in the night time hours.

14. During the review, City Services staff advised that there are several locations within the City where the restrictions are important for managing ongoing issues with waste and broken glass, including Hyde Park, Belmore Park, Wynyard Park, Wentworth Park, Prince Alfred Park and Woollahroomooloo.
15. Through the review it became clear there are very different views within the community on what approaches should be implemented to manage alcohol consumption in the public domain. Whilst there was some support for the establishment of outdoor alcohol restrictions there was also considerable support for adopting a harm minimisation approach given that the restrictions can lead to the 'proactive policing' of priority communities.
16. The review also highlighted the need for more engagement with our priority communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, social housing residents and people experiencing homelessness to better understand the impact of outdoor alcohol restriction on their community and to design community-led approaches to managing alcohol consumption in the public domain.

### **Proposed approach**

17. Using the following criteria, City staff have developed a list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces to be placed on public exhibition for 30 days (See Attachment B):
  - (a) Late night management areas;
  - (b) Locations with high incidents of alcohol-related crime and assaults (including domestic violence);
  - (c) Areas of concerns as identified through the review;
  - (d) Resident applications and/or support for Restriction from Sydney Your Say survey;
  - (e) Internal advice from the City Cleansing and Resource Recovery, City Greening and Leisure, Security and Emergency Management and Major Events and Festivals units; and,
  - (f) Children's playgrounds, sports fields and state-significant sites.
18. In addition, alcohol-free zones which cover street locations have been reduced to only cover those areas along a street where crime is more likely to occur.
19. Given several areas of concern identified through the review are in social housing estates, such as Waterloo Green and Poet's Corner it is considered more appropriate for Homes NSW to manage outdoor alcohol restrictions on their own land. This would provide them with the opportunity to develop a community-led approach to managing alcohol consumption within social housing communities.

20. Through the public exhibition process we will also seek to determine if there is community support to reduce the operational hours of alcohol free zones by identifying sites where timed restrictions, i.e. from 10pm to 10am can be established. Timed restrictions would support a more balanced approach to managing alcohol consumption in the public domain over a 24-hour period with the restrictions focussed on addressing noise and antisocial behaviour late at night. It is noted that this is not an option that is currently available to councils and the City will contact the Office of Local Government seeking a review of their guidelines to provide greater flexibility in relation to timing of alcohol free zones.
21. Following the public exhibition period, a report will be provided to Council with recommendations on those alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas to be established based on feedback received from the community and local business.

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

22. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
  - (i) Direction 7 - Resilient and diverse communities - Objective 7.5 - People feel safe in the City.
  - (ii) Direction 10 - Housing for all - Objective 10.2 - Work in partnership to enhance the safety, liveability and amenity of social housing communities and properties.

## Risks

23. All restrictions are currently scheduled to expire on 20 August 2024. Public exhibition is required to ensure that alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas can be continued after that time in high priority areas and for events such as New Years Eve and the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

## Social / Cultural / Community

24. Communities have expressed concerns that the enforcement of alcohol restrictions can disproportionately impact people from our diverse communities who consume alcohol in public places, including those experiencing systemic racism, homelessness, or social and economic disadvantage. Conversely members of the community have also supported the establishment of alcohol free zones to reduce the impacts of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour.

## Economic

25. Outdoor alcohol restrictions aim to reduce anti-social behaviour and increase public safety and amenity. Maintaining and promoting Sydney's safety can contribute to increased economic prosperity; create a thriving, globally connected community; and further enhance Sydney's international reputation as a great place to visit, live, work, invest and study.
26. Liquor licensed areas are exempt from alcohol-free zone restrictions, including footway approvals and outdoor dining areas.

27. Outdoor alcohol restrictions prevent the drinking of packaged liquor in a public place and may increase revenue of small bars and other premises with a liquor licence.
28. The City supports a safe and vibrant night-time economy including the consumption of alcohol in managed locations such as liquor licensed premises and alfresco dining areas where the responsible service of alcohol is practiced. Liquor licensed areas, including footway licenses and liquor licensed areas at outdoor events are exempt from alcohol restrictions.

### **Financial Implications**

29. Sufficient funds signage updates and removals are provided for in City Business and Safety Unit's operational budget for the 2024/25 financial year.
30. Funding for updates, installation or removal of signage is included in the City Infrastructure and Traffic Operations capital works budget.

### **Relevant Legislation**

31. Local Government Act 1993
32. Liquor Act 2007
33. Roads Act 1993

### **Critical Dates / Time Frames**

34. All outdoor alcohol restrictions currently will expire on 20 August 2024.
35. All proposed alcohol restrictions are subject to a minimum of 30 days public exhibition and community consultation.

**Public Consultation**

- 36. A survey was conducted on Sydney Your Say from 29 January to 1 March 2024 and the survey was advertised in the 'Sydney Your Say' emailed newsletter. A total of 373 survey responses were received.
  
- 37. Notification of the survey was sent to local residents, community groups, government agencies and business representatives, including social housing residents, Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, community legal centres, homelessness services, health services, Women's advocacy groups, faith-based groups, LGBTIQ+ community organisations, community and resident groups, youth services, local business chambers, sports clubs, backpacker Premises, liquor licensees, community garden groups and the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board.

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# **Attachment A**

**Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions Review  
Report - Urbis**

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# OUTDOOR ALCOHOL RESTRICTION REVIEW

Insights and recommendations  
report

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# 1. THIS REPORT

The City of Sydney (the City) implements Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions under the Local Government Act (1993) with the aim of preventing alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour within its local government area (LGA).

In NSW, Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions (the Restrictions) can be established by councils under the Act for up to four years. The NSW Government is responsible for enforcing Restrictions through NSW Police. Every four years, Councils must review existing Restrictions and consider valid applications. Applications can be made by the NSW Police, local community representative or council. Councils must prepare and publicly exhibit the proposed Restrictions before a decision is made by the elected council.

The City of Sydney has 379 areas where the Restrictions apply, these are both alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas (defined below).

There are also other Restricted areas within the City of Sydney that are managed and regulated by the NSW Government. The Rocks, Barangaroo, Darling Harbour, and waterfront areas in Pyrmont are managed by Place Management NSW. Restrictions apply to all bus stops, train stations and ferry wharves and are managed by Transport for NSW and regulated under the Passenger Transport (General) Regulation 2017.

This Report, prepared by Urbis, forms part of an expanded review passed by resolution of the City of Sydney Council in November 2023. This resolution required a comprehensive review of all existing alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas in broad consultation with local residents, communities in social housing estates, neighbourhood advisory boards, community services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities – including Aboriginal community-controlled organisations – and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, business and relevant NSW government agencies, to determine which specific restrictions have broad community support and should be retained, and which can be lifted, and report back to Council with revised recommendations.

In addition, a rapid review of NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) 'Consume alcohol in alcohol free zone' incidents (2019 to Q4 2023) data was completed. To enable the expanded review, Restrictions were temporarily extended by the City by nine months (from 15 December 2023 to 15 September 2024).

In parallel, the City is undertaking a more detailed review of data from NSW Police for each of the six Police Area Commands (PACs).

The expanded review is intended to assess the Restrictions in the context of evolving community needs and gather additional feedback from a broad range of stakeholders and community members.

In doing so, it provides additional insights to assist the City to identify locations where restrictions are warranted, should be removed, changed, be made temporary or timed to support the management of alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour within the City.

## 1.1. ABOUT OUTDOOR ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS

Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions encompass several interventions:

- Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs): apply to public roads, footpaths and car parks – these apply 24 hours, 7 days a week
- Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APAs): apply to public open spaces, parks, and playgrounds – these apply 24 hours, 7 days a week
- Timed Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APAs): established to operate at certain times of the day (for example, between 6pm and 10am or 10pm and 10am)
- Temporary Alcohol Restrictions: established for special events (for example, New Year's Eve).

Restrictions apply to residential areas and late-night entertainment precincts. These areas have been defined in Section 1.3.

The Restrictions provide NSW Police with the authority to tip out or confiscate alcohol. There are no fines associated with this.

The NSW Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones (2009) note that Restrictions are more effective when they form part of a broader harm minimisation strategy including health interventions, public education, community programs, and public place design. Used in isolation, Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions may simply move a problem from one place to another.

## 1.2. RESTRICTIONS IN THE CITY OF SYDNEY

The map below shows where Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (including temporary or timed APAs) are located across the City of Sydney.

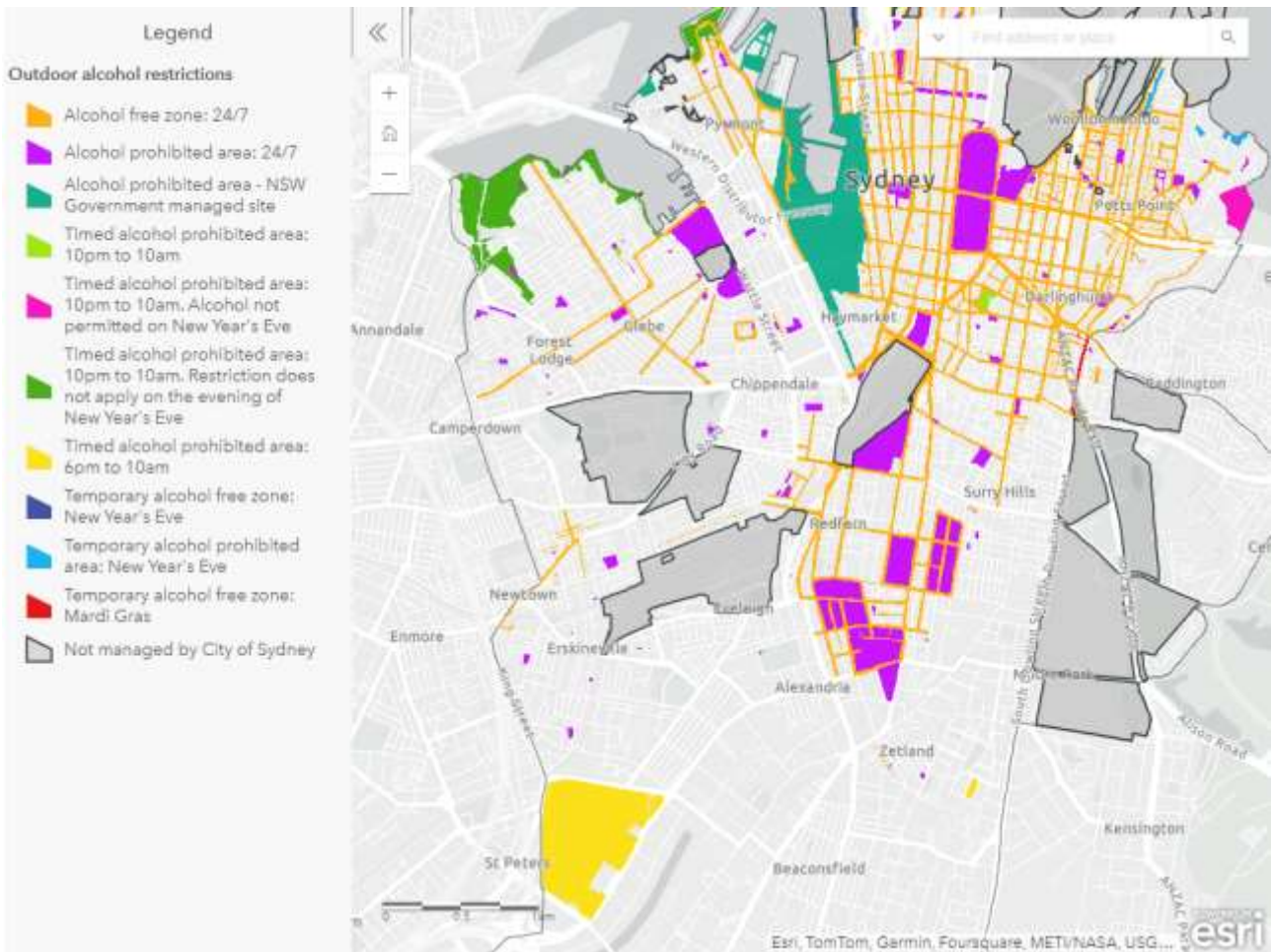


Figure 1 Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas

## 1.3. AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF SYDNEY

Restrictions apply to both residential areas and late night entertainment precincts.

For the purposes of this review, late night entertainment precincts have been defined as **Late Night Management Areas** (shown in the map below).

Residential areas are defined as **all other areas** (shown in the map below).

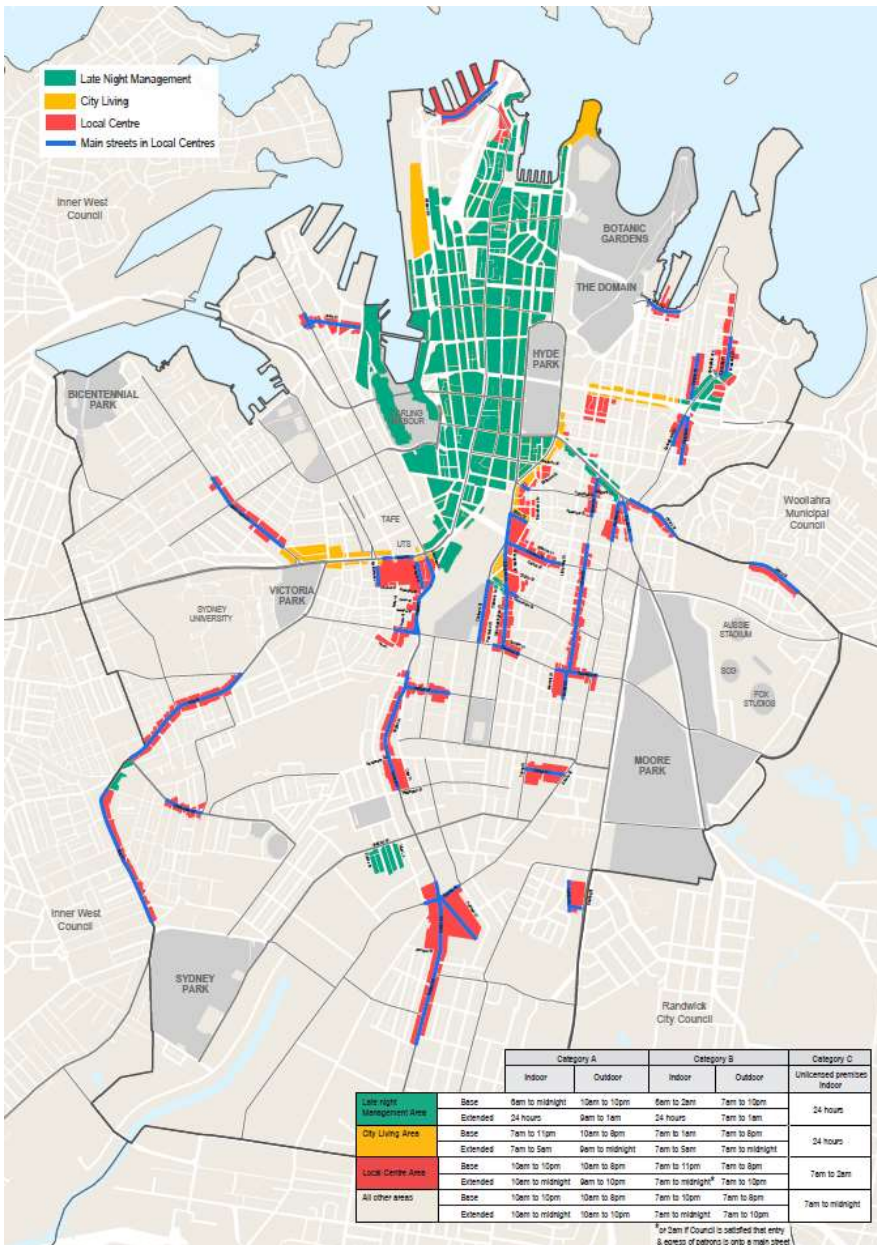


Figure 2 Late night trading area map



## 2. HOW RESTRICTIONS ARE USED IN THE CITY OF SYDNEY

### 2.1. OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO POLICE

#### 2.1.1. Under the Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

In locations where the Restrictions apply, NSW Police have the authority to:

- Seize, tip out, or dispose of alcohol:
  - Police can do this without issuing a warning.
  - No fine is issued.
- Use discretion to issue a warning to a person who is drinking in a restricted area (e.g. where the person may be unaware of the Restriction that applies).
- The NSW Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones (2009) note the power to seize and tip out or otherwise dispose of alcohol without the need to issue a warning applies within an alcohol-free zone. This is regulated under Section 642 and 648 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Act does not require Police to record this type of warning.

Table 1 Enforcement options available under Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

Legislation	Enforcement	Governance options
<b>Enforcement options under the Local Government Act 1993 (Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions)</b>		
Section 644	Proposal for establishment of alcohol-free zone	A council may prepare a proposal for the establishment of an alcohol-free zone, either on its own motion or on the application of one or more of the following people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a person who the council is satisfied is a representative of a bona fide community group active in the area,</li> <li>▪ a police officer,</li> <li>▪ a person who the council is satisfied lives or works in the area.</li> </ul>
Section 646	Guidelines for alcohol-free zones	Police and local council enforcement officers have the power to enforce alcohol-free zones (in compliance with Guidelines for alcohol-free zones).
Section 642	Confiscation of alcohol in alcohol-free zones	Confiscation of alcohol in alcohol-free zones; <p>A police officer or an enforcement officer may seize any alcohol (and the bottle, can, receptacle or package in which it is contained) that is in the immediate possession of a person in an alcohol-free zone if--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ (a) the person is drinking alcohol in the alcohol-free zone, or</li> </ul>

Legislation	Enforcement	Governance options
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person is about to drink, or has recently been drinking, alcohol in the alcohol-free zone.</li> </ul>
Section 632	Acting contrary to notices erected by councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A person who, in a public place within the area of a council, fails to comply with the terms of a notice erected by the council is guilty of an offence.</li> </ul>
Section 660	Obstruction	<p>A person who wilfully obstructs [authority] in the exercise of any function under this Act, or any other Act or any regulation conferring functions on a council is guilty of an offence.-</p> <p>This is a maximum penalty of 20 penalty units (currently a fine of \$2,200).</p>

## 2.1.2. Under other Legislation

In addition to the Restrictions, the NSW Police has powers available to them under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act (LEPRA) 2002 to manage alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour. These are shown in Table 2 below.

Police can also issue fines of up to \$1100 at Tram, Bus and Train stations, Passenger Transport (General) Regulation 2017.

Table 2 Enforcement options in the absence of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions.

Legislation	Enforcement	Governance options
<b>Enforcement options under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act (LEPRA) 2002</b>		
Section 198	Move on directions to intoxicated persons	Power to direct a person to leave a public place and not return for a specified period of time if the officers believe on reasonable grounds that the person's behaviour is likely to cause injury to any other person or persons, damage to property or otherwise give rise to a risk to public safety, or is disorderly.
Section 9, Summary Offences Act 1988	Continuation of intoxicated and disorderly behaviour following 'move on direction'	If someone refuses to "move on" after being instructed and there is a continuation of "intoxicated and disorderly" behaviour within 6 hours of when they were instructed, then they are guilty of an offence.
Section 206	Detention of intoxicated persons	NSW Police have the power to detain an intoxicated person found in a public place who is behaving in a disorderly manner, in a manner likely to cause injury to the person or another person or damage to property or in need of physical protection because the person is intoxicated.

Legislation	Enforcement	Governance options
Section 87C	Emergency alcohol-free zones	<p>Enables police of superintendent rank or higher to establish an emergency zone in a public place if they believe public disorder is occurring or there is a threat of it that needs to be controlled. The same laws apply then they would in current alcohol-free zones.</p> <p>An emergency alcohol-free zone must not exceed must not in any case exceed 48 hours.</p>
Place Management NSW Regulation 2022	Consuming liquor in breach of a sign	<p>Place Management NSW may place signs in the public domain prohibiting the possession or consumption of liquor.</p> <p>Once established, a person must not possess or consume liquor in breach of a sign.</p>

## 2.2. REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DATA

A rapid analysis of NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) 'Consume alcohol in alcohol free zone' incidents (2019 to Q4 2023) data informed this review. The data analysis identified the number of incidents reported by NSW Police across the City's 10 Villages.

To support this preliminary analysis, the City has also requested data from NSW Police addressing each of the six Police Area Commands (PACs) that operate within the City.

According to data covering the last 5 years (2019-2023), recorded incidents of 'consume alcohol in an alcohol-free zone' in the City of Sydney LGA have **decreased by an average of 26% per year**.

Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020 and 2021 and a slow recovery in City activity levels in the post-pandemic years have likely contributed to a decrease in incidents.

It should be noted that the recording of incidents is not consistent across Police Area Commands.

In consultation undertaken for this review, NSW Police Regional Command also noted in that their preference is to not record incidents under the Restrictions to avoid in their words unnecessary time spent on administrative recording.

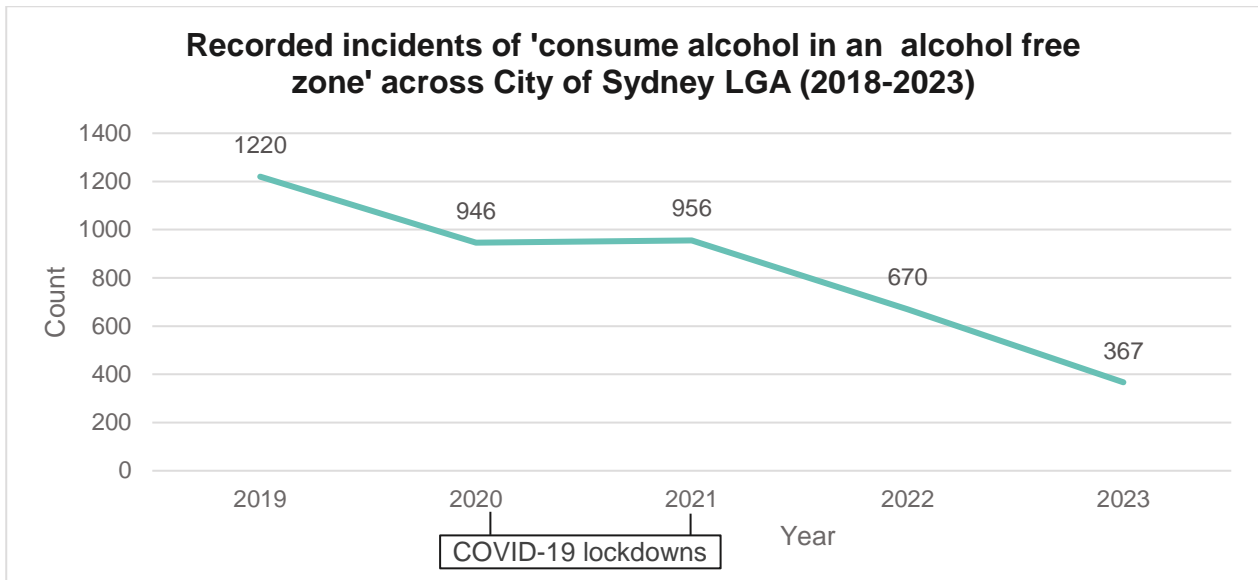


Figure 3 Source: NSW BOCSAR; City of Sydney; Urbis. Data accessed 26 March 2024.

### Incident data: by Village

The City's Villages with the most 'consume alcohol in alcohol free zone' recorded incidents in 2023 were:

- **Macleay Street and Woolloomooloo** (includes the suburbs of Woolloomooloo, Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay): n=151.
- **Chinatown and CBD South** (includes Central Station, Chinatown and the western part of Darling Harbour): n=83.
- **CBD and Harbour** (includes the area around The Rocks, Circular Quay, Wynyard, Barangaroo and the eastern part of Darling Harbour): n=72.

*These Villages comprise the City's major commercial, entertainment and nighttime activity precincts and are where the City's alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas are most concentrated.*

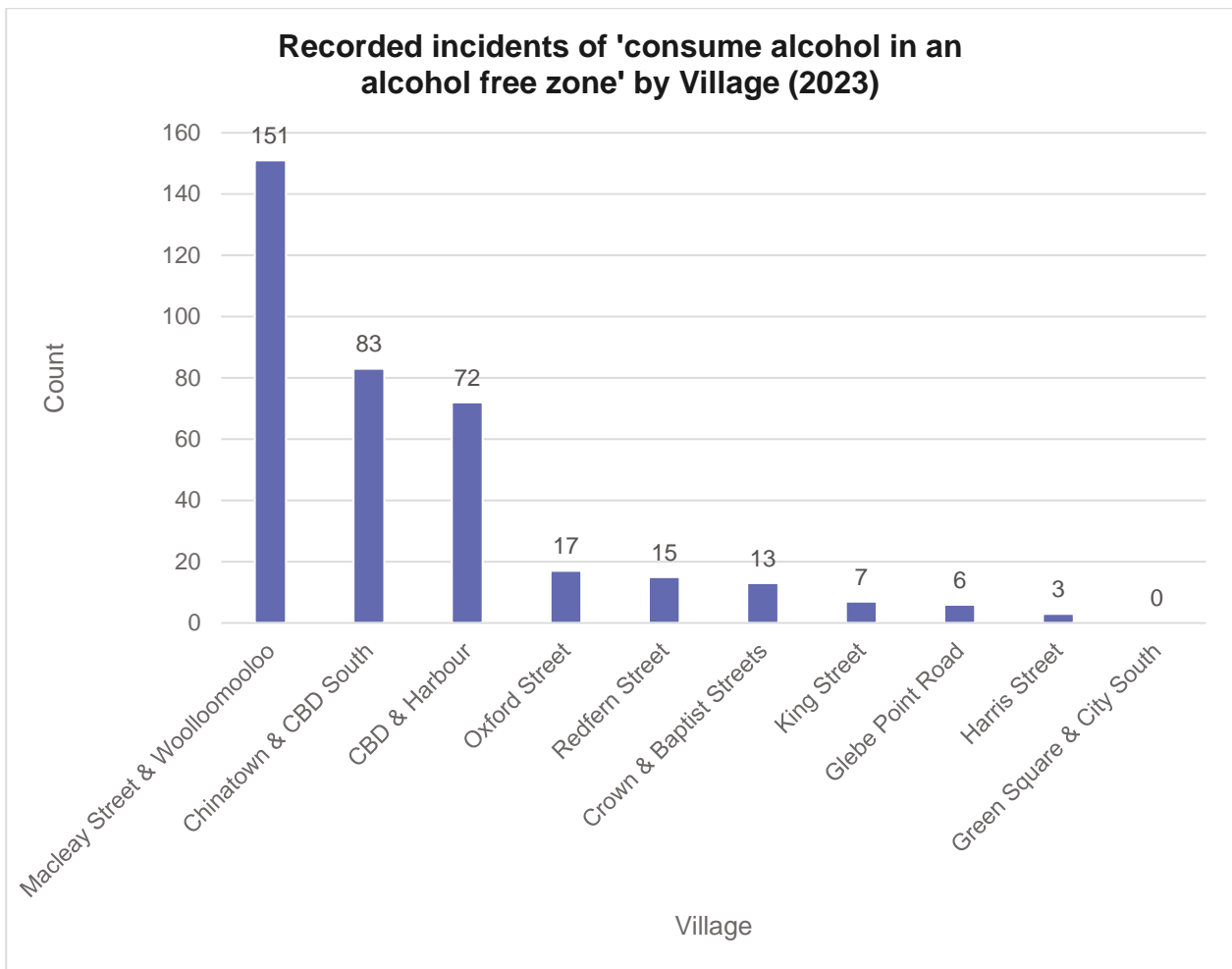


Figure 4 Source: NSW BOCSAR; City of Sydney; Urbis. Data accessed 26 March 2024

While most Villages have experienced decreases in ‘consume alcohol in alcohol free zone’ incidents over the last 5 years, there has been a **notable decrease** in the **CBD and Harbour** and **Chinatown and CBD South** and **Oxford Street** Villages.

The low number of recorded incidents in **Green Square and City South**; **Glebe Point Road**; and **King Street** have generally remained stable over the last 5 years.

# 3. WHAT WE HEARD THROUGH CONSULTATION

## 3.1. WHO WE CONSULTED

The following consultation was undertaken to inform this review:

- Workshops held with:
  - Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (given the importance of recommendations and feedback shared, a separate record of consultation with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations is included in Section 4).
  - Residents of social housing across Redfern, Surry Hills and Waterloo
  - Representatives of community legal centres, community service providers, public interest groups, representation of person lived expertise (sleeping rough in Woolloomooloo) and neighbouring councils.
- Interviews held with:
  - NSW Police Regional Command
  - Homes NSW and Department of Communities and Justice
  - NSW Health and community health providers
  - Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner and Liquor & Gaming NSW
  - Community Legal Centre representatives including services representing people who are homeless and specialist services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members. Organisations consulted include Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Inner City Legal Centre and Redfern Legal Centre.
- 373 responses to an online survey made available to the public on the City of Sydney's Your Say portal.

## 3.2. SUMMARY OF VIEWS

Through consultation, we heard that the complexity of outdoor drinking requires an integrated response across state and local government and the community, which balances the needs of people who drink outdoors and community safety.

There was a range of views on the approach and effectiveness of the Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions across the City and some stakeholders requested that evidence on the application and effectiveness of the Restrictions be made publicly available.

The role and efficacy of Restrictions in residential areas (defined in Section 1.3) was also questioned by stakeholders. Representatives of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations told us that there is a need for the City's review to take account of the structural and systemic aspects of the Restrictions that disproportionately affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Stakeholders requested more evidence on the efficacy of the Restrictions in maintaining community safety and called for the timeframe of the review to be extended to allow for consultation with people who drink outdoors.

Residents of social housing told us that the Restrictions help manage outdoor drinking and reduce the potential for alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour in housing estates and neighbouring streets and open spaces.

Representatives of community legal centres, community service providers, public interest groups, and NSW Health told us that the Restrictions do not support an overall approach to harm minimisation because they lead to the 'proactive policing' of priority communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people who are homeless.

Representatives from Homes NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice shared views that Restrictions support safer neighbourhoods within the LGA and help manage people congregating outside homes.

There were generally more consistent views about the role and efficacy of Restrictions in late-night entertainment precincts (defined in Section 1.3). Representatives from the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner and Liquor & Gaming NSW noted that Restrictions support and facilitate a vibrant nighttime economy while reducing the escalation of more serious harm due to street drinking within Sydney's CBD.

NSW Police Regional Command noted that the Restrictions provide an opportunity for engagement with people drinking outdoors that avoids the issue escalating to either anti-social behaviour or a charge under LEPRA (such as those referenced in Section 2.1.2.).

### **3.3. SUPPORTING SAFE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS**

Representatives of Homes NSW, which manages social housing across the LGA including within Glebe, Redfern, Surry Hills, Waterloo and Woolloomooloo, noted their support for the continuation of Restrictions on their lands. Social housing residents consulted also generally felt that Restrictions near where they live help them feel safer, by preventing noise, waste and anti-social behaviour in public spaces such as Waterloo Green and areas around Redfern.

Both Homes NSW representatives and social housing residents requested that the City's review consider the redevelopment of Waterloo South, specifically the cumulative impacts on the community during this time of change. Through consultation, it was reported that if Restrictions were removed, there may be greater issues with alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour on the streets around these areas.

Social Housing residents consulted told us that Waterloo South and Waterloo Metro developments are impacting the community. Through consultation with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, it was identified that communities are connecting the redevelopment process with displacement and disconnection. This is a result of rapid changes in the local area.

Whilst the City acknowledges the importance of considering potential cumulative impacts on the community at this time of change, it did clarify with stakeholders that this expanded review of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions is not associated with the Waterloo redevelopment. Social housing residents consulted acknowledged that for some people in the community, alcohol is a health issue, and services should be made available for support.

Some social housing residents we spoke with stated they feel unsafe walking past groups of intoxicated people, including people coming home from licensed premises or passing through the area. An older social housing resident (female) identified they felt unsafe when walking past groups of men drinking alcohol, however, did not report experiencing threatening behaviour.

Other social housing residents told us they do not feel unsafe and are familiar with the groups who drink alcohol outdoors, in places such as Waterloo Green or local streets, and experience friendly interactions. Concerns were raised by social housing residents when drug use was also present. Residents noted impacts are higher at night when trying to sleep, especially at Waterloo Green. Redfern residents advised public drinking at Poet's Corner has not been an issue for some time.

Considerations:

- Work with Homes NSW and social housing residents to explore harm minimisation measures that improve the community's health and safety, particularly on the Waterloo Housing Estate.
- Explore options for timed Restrictions on Homes NSW property, and consider the establishment of safe areas that permit the consumption of alcohol.

### **3.4. SUPPORTING SAFE LATE-NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCTS**

There was a range of views about the effectiveness of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions within Sydney's CBD and late-night entertainment precincts.

Consultation with the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner and the Office of Liquor & Gaming identified that Restrictions play an important role in facilitating a flexible and accessible nighttime economy for people. We heard it requires an integrated response that balances public order and community expectations while protecting people from penalties or offences associated with outdoor drinking.

Late-night entertainment precincts raised by the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner include Surry Hills, Darlinghurst, and the city centre.

Consultation with NSW Police indicated their view that the Restrictions are an effective, pre-emptive tool that helps them manage behaviour associated with intoxication in public places. NSW Police representatives also noted that Restrictions help police manage a safe and vibrant city nightlife, and prevent the escalation to more serious offences needing to be issued under the Local Government Act or Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act (LEPRA) 2002.

Consultations with Liquor & Gaming NSW identified a trend of packaged liquor sales, particularly during events like Mardi Gras, where crowded venues lead to long queues for alcohol purchases, often leading to breaches in Alcohol Free Zones and heightened security concerns.

Considerations:

- Consult with the Office of Local Government, NSW Police and the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner about exploring timed Alcohol Free Zones on streets within the Sydney CBD.
- Undertake additional consultation with NSW Police and the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner around the unintended consequences associated with removing Restrictions in these late-night entertainment precincts. Consultation should also seek access to additional data and evidence that can support the City further its understanding in regards to unintended consequences if the Restrictions were removed.

### **3.5. ACKNOWLEDGING IMPACTS ON PRIORITY COMMUNITIES**

Consultation with community legal representatives identified that while Restrictions support the community's perceptions of safety, harm minimisation needs to be complemented by community outreach programs and health services.

It was reported that for 'actual' incidents where community safety is compromised, NSW Police have other options under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 (LEPRA) that they can use to manage crime.

Multiple stakeholders consulted told us that drinking outdoors may be the only option for people, and many reported there are equity implications for people who cannot afford to drink alcohol in licensed venues. We also heard that Restrictions can be inconsistently applied, which opens them to unfairly targeting certain segments of the community.

Consultation with community groups identified that Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions can limit social interaction and enjoyment of open spaces, especially for residents living in high-rise apartments. We also heard from Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations that gathering outdoors holds significant cultural value and importance for Aboriginal communities.

Community legal representatives told us that Restrictions create another pretext for NSW Police to approach populations who experience vulnerability to systemic injustice and may disproportionately cause harm to communities.

In this context, they saw increased risks for people who prefer to socialise in public if Restrictions were extended. They noted the potential for adverse social impacts associated with expansion into areas such as Glebe and areas around Broadway Shopping Centre for example.

We heard from community legal representatives that their clients are experiencing negative interactions with police in these areas, and expanding Restrictions would exacerbate these interactions. Consultations with community groups also identified that priority populations generally gather during the day and reported that if Restrictions can't be removed, more timed zones should be considered.

NSW Health representatives told us there is an opportunity for the City to work with NSW Health services to support existing services such as the PACER (Police, Ambulance, Clinical, Early, Response) Program and explore options to support local health clinics to enhance services to people who drink outdoors.

They also noted that alcohol dependence could lead to behaviours that escalate into an offence if Police confiscate or tip out alcohol under the Restrictions. They saw a need for a managed alcohol program led by a harm minimisation, rather than policing, approach.



Community legal representatives noted that more effective harm minimisation methods include homeless services, mental health services or alcohol support services. It was noted that these methods should be considered to manage outdoor drinking.

Considerations:

- Work with community legal representatives to explore options for harm minimisation, and identify how the City of Sydney can continue to support community safety if Restrictions were removed.
- Working with NSW Police, NSW Health and other relevant state agencies, identify designated areas for alcohol consumption, informed by consultation with people who drink alcohol outdoors.
- Continue to work through the Waterloo Human Services Working Group and Homes NSW, to identify harm minimisation initiatives in priority locations such as Poet's Corner and Waterloo Green.
- Working with NSW Health, explore options to support the trialling of a managed alcohol program in a location identified in consultation with stakeholders and community members.

### **3.6. HOW RESTRICTIONS ARE USED WITHIN THE CITY**

There were a range of views on the effectiveness of the Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions across the City. A range of stakeholders, including NSW Health, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and some community representatives, requested more data on the efficacy of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions to support communities to provide more informed feedback during the consultation process.

In areas with priority populations, such as Woolloomooloo, Waterloo and Redfern, some community and state agency representatives felt that the Restrictions allowed for "proactive policing" of some groups and called for a harm minimisation rather than enforcement-led response.

Some people we spoke with provided instances where Police use of regulatory authority under the Restrictions has led to an escalation of issues and the committing of an offence under the Local Government Act or Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act (LEPRA) 2002.

Community legal representative highlighted the importance of accurately recording incidences. It was identified that these kinds of offences are common entry points into the criminal justice system for many clients. They told us that a clear and accurate record of offences is necessary to support them help their clients.

Other members of the community we spoke with acknowledged the difficulties for Police in balancing their response to community safety whilst not over-policing people who regularly drink outdoors.

The Police representatives we spoke with noted their role is to work within the Regulations to manage incidents so that a crime or antisocial behaviour does not occur.

Considerations:

- Assess the Restrictions' impact on equity and inclusion within the community, especially how they impact people unable to afford to drink in licensed venues.
- Provide additional data on the impact of Restrictions and explore alternative approaches to address concerns associated with Restrictions.

### **3.7. OPTIONS BEYOND RESTRICTIONS**

Stakeholders and community members identified a number of alternative measures to Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions. Those which were raised several times are outlined below.

**Managed wet zones: Explore options for allocated wet zones that are managed and supported by wraparound services.**

- The City to advocate to Homes NSW to consider alcohol permitted locations in open spaces, led by NSW Health and co-designed with community. Wet zones would provide a safer place for people who drink outdoors.

- It was recommended that wet zones should be supported by appropriate facilities, including bathrooms and public telephones. Dedicated areas should be designed with people who drink outdoors. The design of culturally safe services is to be led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- This was supported by representatives consulted with from NSW Health who told us an emergency phone – a line that goes straight to assistance (such as Homes NSW Security or NSW Police) should be considered.

**Timed Alcohol Free Zones: Investigate options for timed Alcohol Free Zones (currently all restricted 24/7).**

- Consultations identified that people who drink in public spaces generally gather during the day, and reported that Restrictions to manage harm and community safety should be timed from 10pm to 10am.
- Alcohol Free Zones are legislated under the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act). The option to time AFZs would require revised NSW Ministerial Guidelines. Investigations for timed AFZs should involve further consultation with NSW Police and the Office of Local Government.

## 4. FEEDBACK FROM ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

The following section provides an overview of some key themes shared by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. It does not detail the nuanced conversations.

This section of the report was made available for comment to the stakeholders who participated in the consultation process, to ensure the accuracy and consistency of reporting.

### 4.1. EQUITY AND SYSTEMIC DISADVANTAGE

Consultation with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations highlighted the need for the City's review to take account of the structural and systemic aspects of the Restrictions that disproportionately affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Gathering outdoors holds significant cultural value and importance. It's often a place for families to connect, for Elders to share information, and for people to feel part of community.

The significance of places like Waterloo Green as information centres, meeting places, and safe spaces for Aboriginal communities was highlighted.

For some in community, drinking alcohol outdoors may be the only available option as the cost of drinking alcohol in a licensed venue can be prohibitive and is increasing along with the overall cost of living.

For people who are experiencing homelessness outdoors is the only place people can drink.

We also heard that gentrification of inner-city areas alongside the increase in outdoor drinking permits and events, including those led by the City of Sydney such as Sydney Streets and AI Fresco, create an unfair divide, effectively sanctioning outdoor drinking by people who can afford it.

Stakeholders acknowledged that the City must balance the needs of priority communities and broader community safety. They noted that community safety is often considered narrowly and from the perspective of non-Aboriginal communities. This can result in groups of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities congregating outdoors being labelled as 'threatening' or 'unsafe' with this perception often based on racial bias.

Considerations:

- Directly engage with people who regularly drink outdoors as part of the review.
- Prepare a social impact assessment (SIA) to measure the social impacts of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions across populations within the City, including priority communities.
- Work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to 'design in' spaces for the safer consumption of alcohol.
- Continue to work through the Waterloo Human Services Plan Collaborative Working Group to prioritise harm minimisation initiatives that support people who drink alcohol in public spaces such as Poet's Corner and Waterloo Green.

### 4.2. TRANSPARENCY AND COLLABORATION

Stakeholders requested more evidence on the efficacy of the Restrictions in maintaining community safety.

And they called for the timeframe of the review to be extended to allow for this evidence to be shared and discussed with communities as part of the consultation.

Stakeholders sought information on how Police interventions under the Restrictions are recorded by Police and the extent of cultural awareness training provided to officers who are enforcing them. They called for more transparency on the number of interventions under the Restrictions and how these are recorded as part of regular local Police Aboriginal Consultative Committee updates.

Stakeholders also noted that the effects of intergenerational trauma and dispossession must be an active consideration for Police when enforcing ‘move on directions’ and other orders under their powers.

Some stakeholders identified that the Restrictions provide Police with the means for “proactive policing” of priority communities. That is the deployment of Police in a systemic and programmed way to target issues. Several stakeholders noted that Police intervening under the Restrictions to confiscate or tip out alcohol can escalate into an offence such as obstruction, compounding the Police response.

The redevelopment of the Waterloo Metro Quarter and its use of ‘user pays policing’ has been experienced as an example of a police response without sufficient community engagement which further exacerbates tension in the local community.

Stakeholders considered that the Police had sufficient powers to manage alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour under other parts of the Local Government Act (1993) and the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act (2002). They called for a harm minimisation rather than enforcement-led response. They considered the Restrictions an unacceptable extrajudicial power for the Police.

Stakeholders also expressed frustration at repeating the same conversations each time the Restrictions are discussed or reviewed.

Considerations:

- Work with the NSW Police to provide data on the use of enforcement under the Restrictions.
- Extend the review period to allow for this evidence to be shared and discussed with communities as part of the consultation.
- Work with Police to deliver regular updates on the application of the Restrictions as part of local Police Aboriginal Consultative Committee updates.
- To examine the extent and efficacy of cultural awareness training provided to Police in the six Local Area Commands operating within the City as it relates to exercising their authority under the Restrictions.
- Strengthen Police communications on how they are fulfilling their commitments under the NSW Police Aboriginal Strategic Direction 2024.

## 5. WHAT WE HEARD THROUGH SYDNEY YOUR SAY SURVEY

The City received 373 responses to an online survey promoted through the 'Sydney Your Say' portal.

About the survey:

- Open to the public from 29 January to 1 March 2024.
- Opt-in survey – it does not provide a statistically valid sample.
- Survey responses should be read alongside the feedback from the other consultation activities summarised in this report.

Key findings are summarised below and include:

- Of the 373 survey responses, 57% (n=212) support having Restrictions in public places and 37% (n=144) do not. 5% (n=17) stated having no opinion.
- When asked whether the act of people drinking outdoors made them feel unsafe, 49% either agree or strongly agree (n=183), 46% (n=172) either disagree or strongly disagree. 5% (n=18) stated having no opinion.
- Across Alcohol Free Zones in the City of Sydney, 58% of survey respondents support Restrictions in residential areas. 38% do not. 4% stated having no opinion.
- Survey responses show that the proportion of opposition for Alcohol Prohibited Areas (in parks and public spaces) is slightly higher in late night entertainment precincts (27%) compared to residential areas (22%).
- Nearly 80% of respondents could not identify further areas for Restrictions to be applied.

### 5.1. ABOUT SURVEY RESPONDENTS

The Survey responses provide a sample of public perceptions within the City of Sydney.

Insights on survey respondents included in this section are a representation only. We note that each question within the survey was opt-in, and in some instances, respondents were able to select and enter more than one response.

#### 5.1.1. Survey respondents' connection to the City of Sydney

Of the 373 respondents, 282 specified their connection to the City of Sydney area. Respondents were able to select more than one option.

Of the 81% of respondents who reported living in the area, the City identified a minimum of approximately 12% being social housing residents. This identification was based on the City's analysis of open-ended questions and review of respondents who identified themselves. It also includes the surveys undertaken at Waterloo Green on the Waterloo social housing estate.

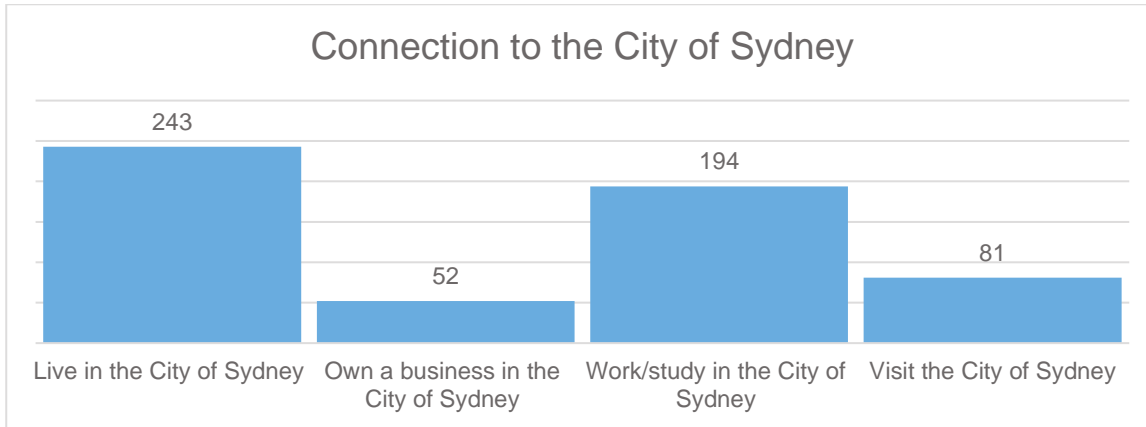


Figure 5 Survey respondents' connection to the City of Sydney

### 5.1.2. Survey respondents' cultural background

Of the 373 respondents, 195 (52%) provided information about their cultural background. This question was optional and presented as an open field, not categorised, so the data should be read with that in mind.

Of the 52% of respondents who answered this question, **7% (n=13) identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.**

This compares to 1.4% of people in the City of Sydney LGA identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (Source: ABS 2021 Census).

### 5.1.3. Survey respondents' sexuality

Of the 373 respondents, 282 (75%) provided information on their sexuality. This question was presented as multiple choice.

Of the 75%, 58% identified as straight (heterosexual), 17% identified as gay, 4% identified as bisexual, and 4% reported using a different term not listed within multiple choice options.

17% reported preferring not to answer the question.

### 5.1.4. Survey respondents' age

Of the 373 respondents, 282 (75%) provided information about their age group. Of those who responded, 67% (n=189) were aged between 35 and 64. 38% of the City of Sydney population is between 35 and 64.

The survey data indicates that the 25-34 age group age may have been underrepresented in the survey sample. This age group accounts for approximately one-third (33%) of the City of Sydney residents, however, only represented 12% of survey respondents (noting the opt-in nature of all questions).

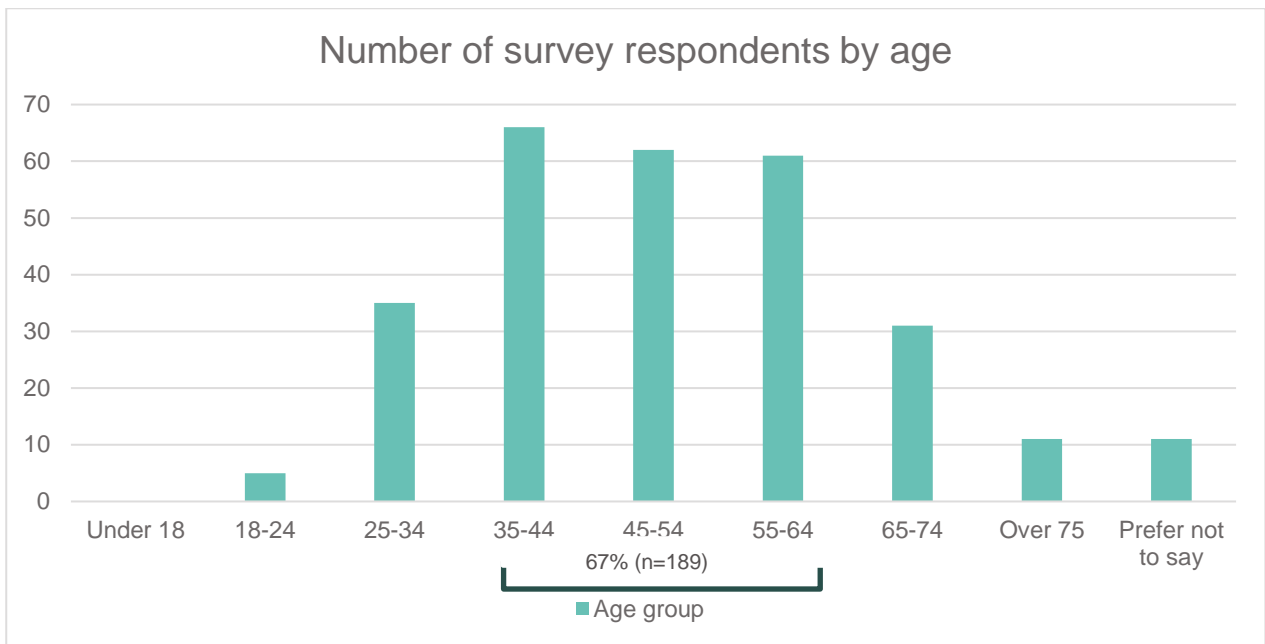


Figure 6 Number of survey respondents by age

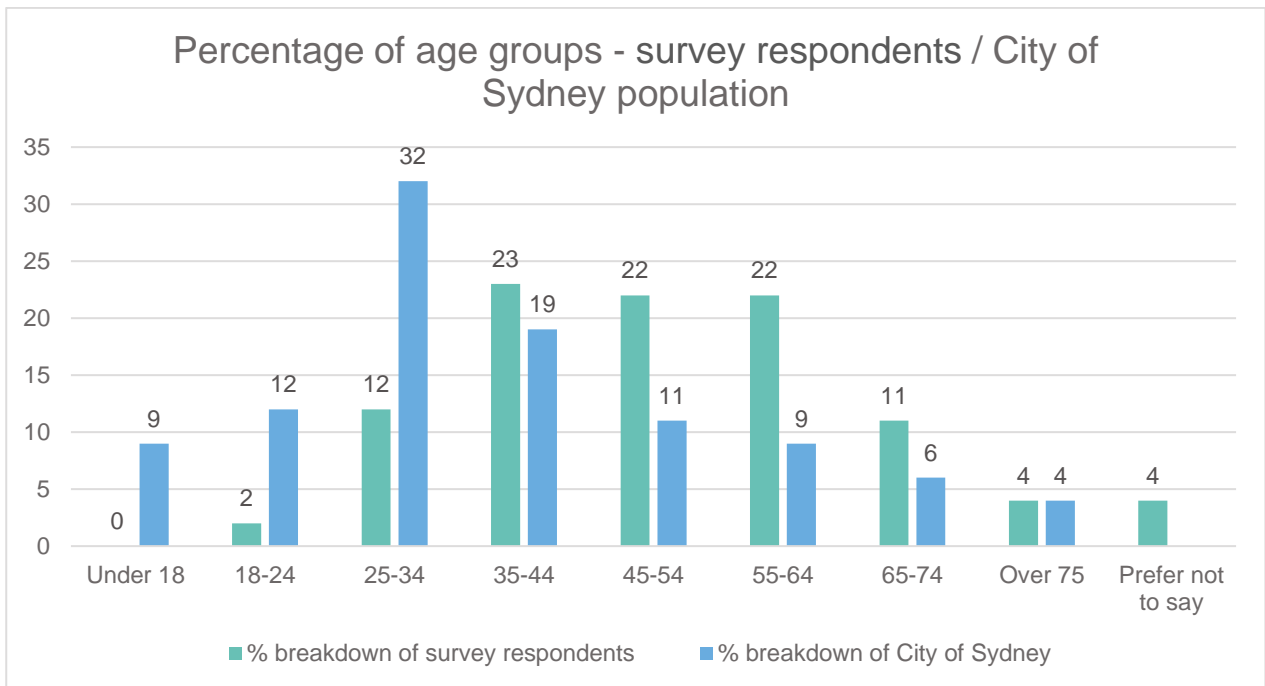


Figure 7 Percentage of age groups - survey respondents / City of Sydney population

## 5.2. SAFETY AND OUTDOOR DRINKING

### 5.2.1. Survey respondents' perceptions of safety and outdoor drinking

Survey respondents were asked about whether, in general, the act of people drinking in public places would make them feel less safe.

Responses to this question did not demonstrate a clear consensus. Of the 373 responses, close to half (49%) strongly agree or agree that the act of people drinking in public places makes them feel less safe. And 46% strongly disagree or disagree.

*"Restricted areas need to be maintained in order for the community to be safe."* – survey respondent

*“I understand that prevention of crime and safety are a priority. But I also think suppression has bred an overly compliant culture and driven out a late-night city environment.” – survey respondent.*

Of those who agree or strongly agree, there is an equal split between males (47%) and females (47%), with 5% of respondents identifying as non-binary and 1% did not specify their gender.

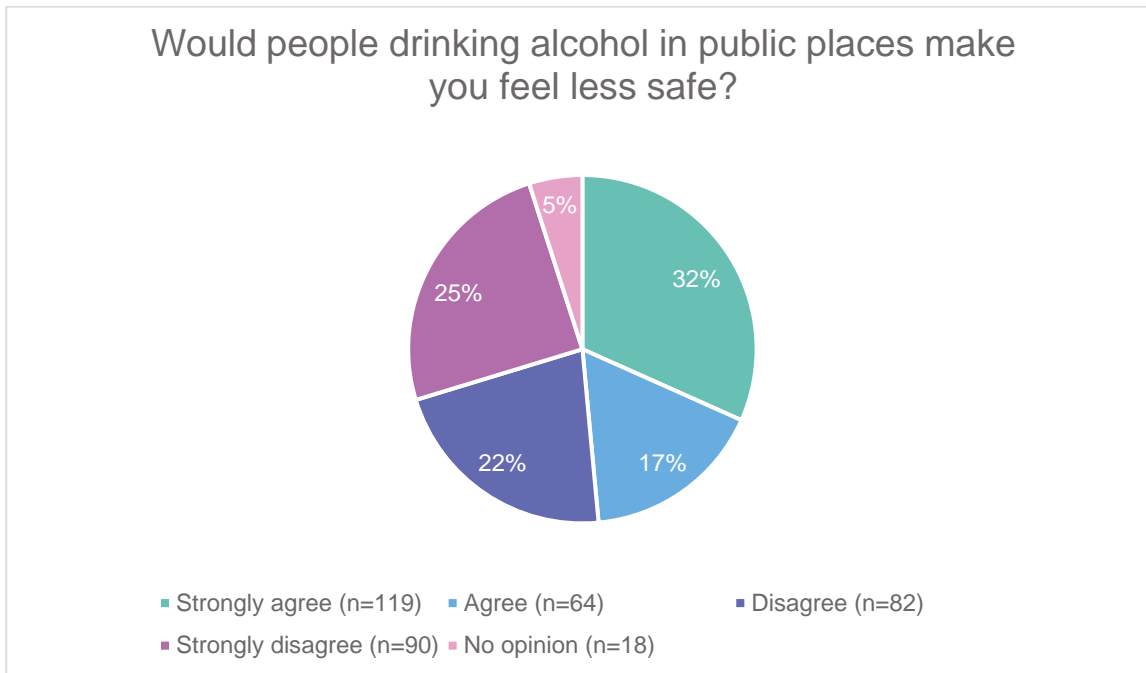


Figure 8 Survey respondents’ perceptions of safety and outdoor drinking

### 5.3. RESPONDENT VIEWS ON OUTDOOR ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS

Survey respondents were asked to identify their views on Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions by responding yes (support), no (don’t support) or no option.

The following section includes:

- Views on Alcohol Free Zones (applying to public roads, footpaths and carparks)
- Views on Alcohol Prohibited Areas (applying to public open spaces, parks, and playgrounds).

Respondents were also asked to identify their view on each Restriction type in both late night entertainment precincts and residential areas (within the City of Sydney). Note that the survey question was worded “in your area” which we have assumed for the purpose of this report, refers to residential areas within the City of Sydney.

We also note that this data does not specify the location of residential areas and that some respondents’ residential areas may be within a late night entertainment precinct.

Across both Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas, there is a view of more support within residential areas and more mixed views within late night entertainment precincts.

### 5.4. ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Of the 373 respondents, 58% support Alcohol Free Zones in residential areas (in the City of Sydney). And just over half (53%) support Alcohol Free Zones in late night entertainment precincts.



“There are quite a few pubs, restaurants and hotels in the area that provide access to alcohol safely with amenities. There should be no alcohol outside these areas in Redfern to avoid aggression, drunkenness and defecation in back streets and front yards of homes in the area.” – survey respondent.

“Please drop the idea – Sydney’s nightlife is already a national joke, and all alcohol restrictions would do is create more over policing and make the City of Sydney even less liveable than it already is.” – survey respondent.

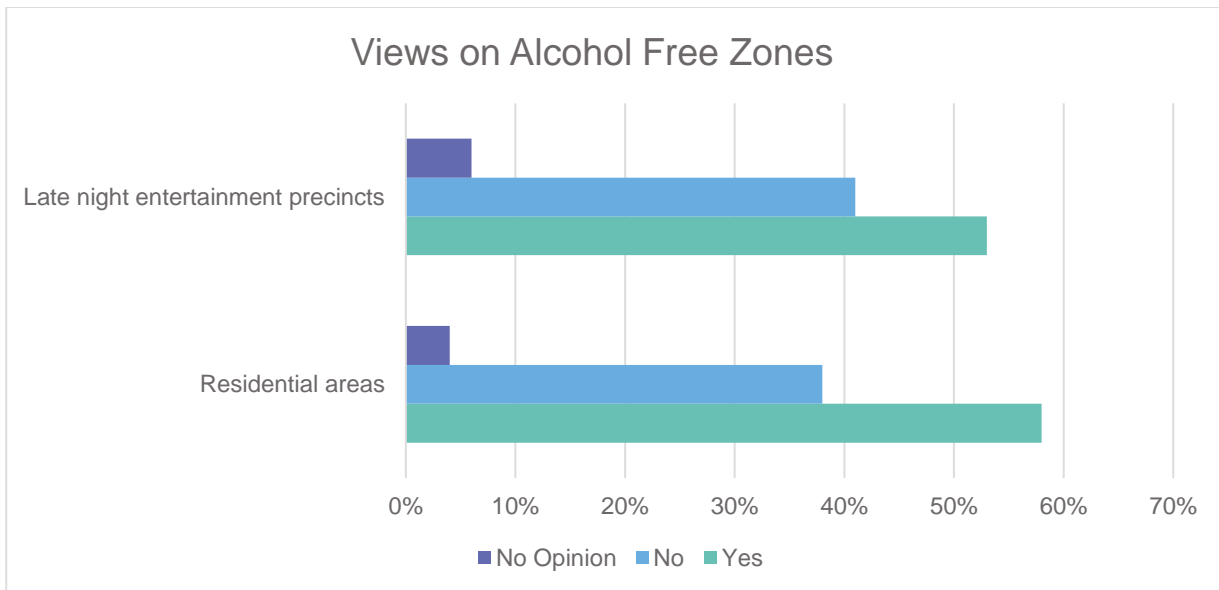


Figure 9 Views on Alcohol Free Zones

## 5.5. ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS

While there was a strong view among respondents that Restrictions should exist in some form, there was a balanced view around how Alcohol Prohibited Areas should be applied (for example, some of the time, in some locations or all of the time).

Survey responses show that the proportion of opposition for Alcohol Prohibited Areas is slightly higher than in late night entertainment precincts (27%) compared to residential areas (22%).

Views on Alcohol Prohibited Areas in late night entertainment precincts:

- 24% - Yes, some of the time, such as 10pm – 10am.
- 27% - Yes, for certain types of spaces near playgrounds, places of worship or significant landmarks.
- 35% - Yes, all of the time
- 27% - No (do not agree).

Views on Alcohol Prohibited Areas in residential areas (in the City of Sydney):

- 27% - Yes, some of the time, such as 10pm – 10am.
- 32% - Yes, for certain types of spaces near playgrounds, places of worship or significant landmarks.
- 37% - Yes, all of the time
- 22% - No (do not agree).

“Given what we know about the strong association between alcohol and violence/aggression, I support all attempts to reduce public drunkenness, reduce excessive and risky alcohol intake.” – survey respondent.

“A vibrant inclusive city allows people to use parks and public spaces as they would their own living room. Purchasing alcohol in a pub or bar can be very expensive.” – survey respondent.

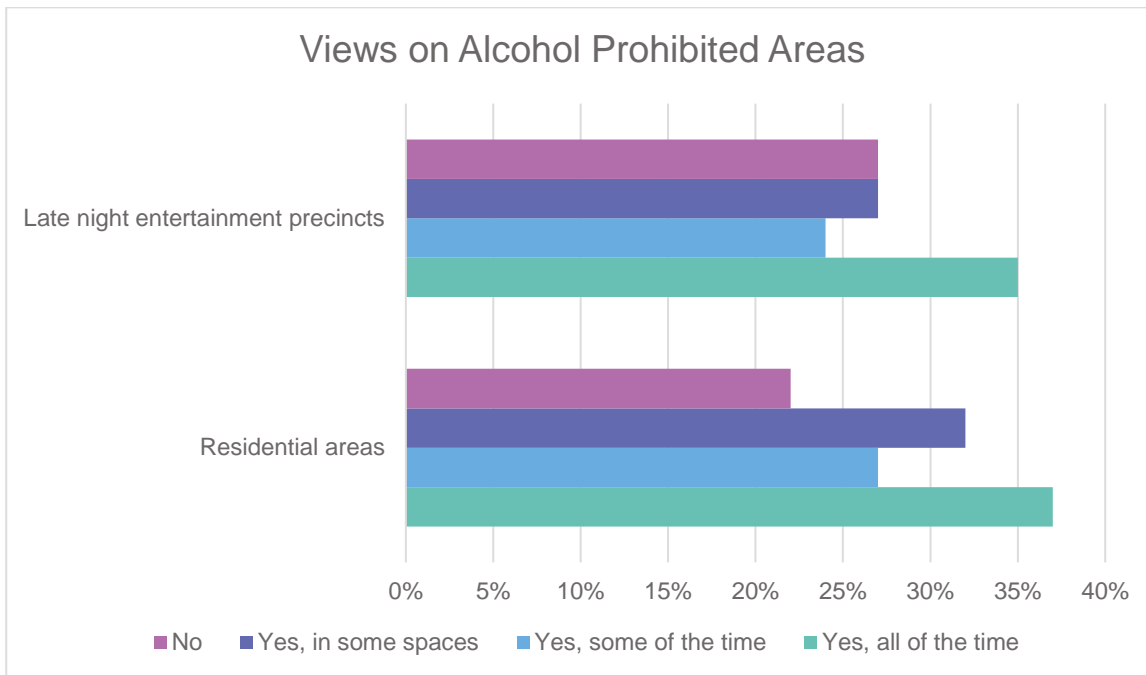


Figure 10 Views on Alcohol Prohibited Areas

### 5.5.1. Open ended survey responses

Survey respondents were also given the option to provide comments or suggestions on the Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions in the City of Sydney. This question was open field, and frequently raised topics are outlined below.

#### Harm reduction approaches

- “Restrictions are important and should be complemented with proactive harm reduction strategies.”
- “Strategies should be explored that promote responsible drinking and foster a respectful community environment.”
- “We should explore innovative approaches that balance public safety and individual freedom. This could involve community engagement initiatives, education campaigns, or policies that encourage responsible alcohol consumption.”
- “Banning people from drinking in public doesn't alleviate problem, and the harm flowing from it.”
- “The City should consider evidence-based harm minimisation programs and approaches which operate in problem spaces and provide services and support to people who need help.”

“We should explore innovative approaches that balance public safety and individual freedom. This could involve community engagement initiatives, education campaigns, or policies that encourage responsible alcohol consumption.”

#### Perceptions around public safety

- “Public drinking should be discouraged for the safety of the majority of the community.”
- “If Restrictions were removed, people would feel less safe visiting businesses in the area.”
- “Restricted areas need to be maintained in order for the community to be safe.”

- “Restrictions are essential. I am a single female and regularly get shouted out and whistled at each week and I’m starting to feel unsafe.”
- “Alcohol increases anti-social behaviour, a potential barrier to people accessing our service who may feel intimidated by drinkers gathering regardless of any conduct.”

### **Managing anti-social behaviour**

- “Designated alcohol-permitted areas should be implemented and strategically located – away from residents and businesses.”
- “Alcohol is not the problem, but antisocial behaviour is. Sometimes people are showing antisocial behaviour without alcohol, and sometimes people are just having a good quiet time with alcohol without causing trouble.”
- Those likely to become intoxicated may become aggressive, less tolerant of the rights of others and misbehave.”

### **Minimising adverse social impacts**

- “Outdoor alcohol Restrictions create unnecessary barriers to social interaction and community bonding.”
- “It creates limitations for people who enjoy drinking outdoors.”
- “As long as the areas are patrolled and alcohol is consumed responsibly many of these Restrictions would not be required.”
- “Evaluations of public drinking laws have shown that they often result in negative impacts to marginalised groups and lead to displacement.”
- “Drinking alcohol in bars is prohibitively expensive for many people, so I feel there needs to be some public spaces where people can congregate and drink together. We shouldn’t have a city in which only the well-off can get together outside their homes to drink.”

### **Minimising impacts on business and the nighttime economy**

- “Increase anti-social behaviour, a potential barrier to people accessing our service who may feel intimidated by drinkers gathering regardless of any actual conduct, and may also be intimidating for staff.”
- “Smoking, drinking, talking loudly, and violence from over drinking.”
- “Keep Sydney vibrant and allow people to be responsible by modelling and policing social behaviours when they meet. They can still be respectful to those in the surrounding area.”

### **Policing and enforcement**

- “Alcohol consumption should not be banned or policed, rather disorderly conduct should be policed.”
- “Restrictions can be inconsistently applied, which makes them a tool police can use to unfairly target vulnerable people.”
- “Keep alcohol off the streets and in the licence venues where alcohol violence can be controlled a bit better, reduces taking up police resources and keeps residents feeling safer if there is ideally no one drinking on the streets.”

### **Priority locations**

- “As a resident of Woollahooloo, I’m struck by the continuous antisocial behaviour that is an ongoing concern. Tom Uren Square is a no-go area for me and other residents – I fear for my safety.”
- “Towns Place, Millers Point is an area in desperate need of alcohol Restrictions.”
- “The entire Waterloo Estate must retain existing alcohol Restrictions.”
- “Darlinghurst area near Taylor’s square calls for 24/7 Restrictions on alcohol due to increasing antisocial behaviour.”

- “Warren Park, Redfern Park and Kettle Street Park need to maintain an alcohol-free zone in order my myself, my family and the community to be safe.”

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations have been summarised from the targeted evidence review and consultation.

### 1. Take more time for consultation

- Given the complexity of the issue, the associated social impacts, and the diverse perspectives of stakeholders, community members, and experts in relation to Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions, the City of Sydney should provide additional time for consultation prior to making a decision in locations identified as a higher risk for priority populations.
- That consultation should be supported by information that clearly outlines the impacts and benefits of the current Restrictions and data on their efficacy.

### 2. Enhancing collaboration by integrating services for strategic harm reduction work across government and the community to adopt a 'harm minimisation' first approach

- Many stakeholders we consulted agreed there is a clear need for state and local governments to take a more integrated, harm minimisation-led approach to address the underlying issues, health and wellbeing impacts, and broader social impacts associated with outdoor drinking.
- To support this, the City could consider supporting a pilot led by NSW Health, and other relevant government agencies, designed with the community. The approach could include complementing Restrictions with health-related support. This could focus on priority locations such as Waterloo Green, or Poet's Corner. This recommendation acknowledges the current Health Outreach support in Woolloomooloo.
- Consider the establishment of the 'wet zones' concept outlined in Section 3.7 of this report.

### 3. Encourage the sharing of evidence on the efficacy of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions with communities, to allow informed and community-led decision-making

- Many stakeholders we consulted noted that further research into the efficacy of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions is necessary and important to inform the City's decision-making.
- Some stakeholders requested that the existing Police Community Safety Precinct Committee Meetings and Police Aboriginal Consultative Committees forums led by Police Area Commands, be a forum to present and discuss reported incidents/enforcement of the Restrictions. Discussion and feedback from the community should be invited and focus on: trends in reported incidents and underlying issues; efficacy of the Restrictions for managing actual and perceived community safety; options for more integrated or harm minimisation-led approaches in collaboration with the City, state agencies, and the community. outdoor drinking and its unintended consequences.
- This research could then inform decisions regarding alternative measures to the removal or extension of Restrictions, including the option to put time limitations on existing AFZs, as outlined in Section 3.7 of this report.

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## **Attachment B**

**List of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions for  
Public Exhibition**



## List of outdoor alcohol restrictions for public exhibition

### Alexandria

Name	Type	Also listed under
Botany Road from Boundary Street to Raglan Street	AFZ 24/7	Waterloo
Allan Davidson Oval	APA 24/7	
Daniel Dawson Playground	APA 24/7	
McKell Playground	APA 24/7	
Sydney Park Fitness Station	APA 24/7	
Sydney Park Playground	APA 24/7	

### Annandale

Name	Type
Federal Park Playground	APA 24/7
Bicentennial Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am. Restriction does not apply on the evening of New Year's Eve
Federal Park and Sportsfield	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am. Restriction does not apply on the evening of New Year's Eve

### Barangaroo

Name	Type	Also listed under
Hickson Road	Temporary AFZ: New Year's Eve	Dawes Point The Rocks

### Camperdown

Name	Type
Victoria Park Playground	APA 24/7

### Chippendale

Name	Type
Chippendale Green	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am
Railway Square	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am

### Darlinghurst

Name	Type	Also listed under
Arnold Place	AFZ 24/7	
Bourke Street from Cowper Wharf Roadway to Foveaux Street	AFZ 24/7	
Burton Street from Oxford Street to Barcom Avenue	AFZ 24/7	

Chisholm Street	AFZ 24/7	
Craigend Street from Darlinghurst Road to Barcom Avenue	AFZ 24/7	
Crown Street from Sir John Young Crescent to Albion Street	AFZ 24/7	
Darlinghurst Road	AFZ 24/7	
Flinders Street	AFZ 24/7	
Foley Street	AFZ 24/7	
Forbes Street	AFZ 24/7	Woolloomooloo
Kells Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Kirketon Road	AFZ 24/7	
Langley Street	AFZ 24/7	
Little Burton Street	AFZ 24/7	
Little Oxford Street	AFZ 24/7	
Liverpool Street from Harbour Street to Victoria Street	AFZ 24/7	
Norman Street	AFZ 24/7	
Oxford Street from Whitlam Square to Greens Road	AFZ 24/7	
Palmer Street	AFZ 24/7	
Providence Place	AFZ 24/7	
Riley Street from Sir John Young Crescent to Foveaux Street	AFZ 24/7	
Rosebank Street	AFZ 24/7	
Sherbrooke Street	AFZ 24/7	
Taylor Street	AFZ 24/7	
Victoria Street	AFZ 24/7	Potts Point
William Street	AFZ 24/7	
Lacrozia Playground	APA 24/7	
Surrey Street Playground	APA 24/7	
Albert Sloss Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Green Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Taylor Square	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Sturt Street	Temporary AFZ: Mardi Gras	

### Dawes Point

Name	Type	Also listed under
Pottinger Park (West) The Paddock Playground	APA 24/7	
Trinity Avenue Playground	APA 24/7	
Hickson Road	Temporary AFZ: New Year's Eve	Barangaroo Millers Point The Rocks

## Elizabeth Bay

Name	Type	Also listed under
Barncleuth Square	AFZ 24/7	
Roslyn Street	AFZ 24/7	Potts Point Rushcutters Bay
Beare Park Playground	APA 24/7	
Fitzroy Gardens	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Lawrence Hargrave Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Arthur McElhone Reserve	NYE APA	
Beare Park	NYE APA	
Rotary Park	NYE APA	

## Erskineville

Name	Type
Ethel Street Playground	APA 24/7
Kirsova 2 Playground	APA 24/7
Pinkstone Playground	APA 24/7
Rochford St Playground	APA 24/7
Flora and Knight Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am

## Eveleigh

Name	Type	Also listed under
Lawson Street	AFZ 24/7	Redfern

## Forest Lodge

Name	Type
Harold Park Playground	APA 24/7
May Pitt Playground	APA 24/7
Orphan School Creek Playground	APA 24/7
Minogue Crescent Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am
Harold Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am Does not apply New Year's Eve

## Glebe

Name	Type	Also listed under
Bay Street between Greek Street and Broadway	AFZ 24/7	Ultimo
Francis Street	AFZ 24/7	
Glebe Point Road	AFZ 24/7	
Greek Street	AFZ 24/7	
Grose Street	AFZ 24/7	
Jubilee Park Playground	APA 24/7	
Minogue Reserve Basketball Court and Playground	APA 24/7	
Sarah Peninton Reserve Playground	APA 24/7	

Wentworth Park and Sportsfield	APA 24/7	
Thomas Portley Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Glebe Foreshore inclusive of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bicentennial Park</li> <li>• Blackwattle Bay &amp; Park</li> <li>• Glebe Foreshore &amp; Walk West</li> <li>• Jubilee Park and Oval</li> <li>• Pope Paul VI Reserve</li> </ul>	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am. Does not apply on the evening of New Year's Eve	

## Haymarket

Name	Type	Also listed under
Campbell Street	AFZ 24/7	Surry Hills
Castlereagh Street	AFZ 24/7	Sydney
Cunningham Street	AFZ 24/7	
Dixon Street	AFZ 24/7	Sydney
Eddy Avenue	AFZ 24/7	
Factory Street	AFZ 24/7	
George Street from Lower Fort Street to Lee Street	AFZ 24/7	Sydney The Rocks
Goulburn Street	AFZ 24/7	Surry Hills Sydney
Hay Street	AFZ 24/7	
Kimber Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Little Hay Street	AFZ 24/7	
Pitt Street from Alfred Street to Railway Square	AFZ 24/7	Sydney
Railway Square	AFZ 24/7	
Rawson Place	AFZ 24/7	
St Laurence Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Sussex Street from Hickson Road to Hay Street	AFZ 24/7	Sydney
Belmore Park	APA 24/7	
Ibero American Plaza	APA 24/7	

## Millers Point

Name	Type	Also listed under
Towns Place	AFZ 24/7	
Clyne Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Observatory Hill Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am. Alcohol not permitted on New Year's Eve	
Hickson Road	Temporary AFZ: New Year's Eve	Barangaroo Dawes Point The Rocks

## Newtown

Name	Type
Buckland Lane	AFZ 24/7
Bucknell Street	AFZ 24/7
Campbell Street from O'Connell Street to Elizabeth Street	AFZ 24/7
King Street from Missenden Road to Newman Street	AFZ 24/7
Longdown Street	AFZ 24/7
Missenden Road from Carillon Avenue to King Street	AFZ 24/7
Railway Lane from Thomas Street to Angel Street	AFZ 24/7
Stephen Street	AFZ 24/7
Victoria Street from Hordern Street to O'Connell Street	AFZ 24/7
Watkin Street	AFZ 24/7
Goddard Playground	APA 24/7
MJ Hayes Playground	APA 24/7
Burren Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am
Lilian Fowler Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am
WJ Thurbon Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am

## Paddington

Name	Type
Oatley Road	AFZ 24/7
Regent Street	AFZ 24/7
Selwyn Street	AFZ 24/7
Regent Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am
South Dowling Street from Oxford Street to Fitzroy Street	Temporary AFZ Mardi Gras

## Potts Point

Name	Type	Also listed under
Barncleuth Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Bayswater Road	AFZ 24/7	Rushcutters Bay
Brougham Lane	AFZ 24/7	Woolloomooloo
Brougham Street	AFZ 24/7	
Darlinghurst Road	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst
Earl Place	AFZ 24/7	
Earl Street	AFZ 24/7	
Goderich Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Kellett Street	AFZ 24/7	
Kellett Way	AFZ 24/7	
Kings Cross Road	AFZ 24/7	
Macleay Street	AFZ 24/7	
Mansion Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Orwell Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Orwell Street	AFZ 24/7	

Pennys Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Roslyn Street	AFZ 24/7	Elizabeth Bay Rushcutters Bay
Springfield Avenue	AFZ 24/7	
Springfield Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Victoria Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst
Ward Avenue	AFZ 24/7	Rushcutters Bay
Llankelly Place	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Springfield Gardens	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Springfield Mall	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Embarkation Park	Temporary APA: New Year's Eve	

### Pymont

Name	Type
Edward Street	AFZ 24/7
Harris Street from Pirrama Park to Pymont Bridge Road	AFZ 24/7
Murray Street from Pirrama Road to Union Street	AFZ 24/7
Paternoster Row	AFZ 24/7
Pirrama Road	AFZ 24/7
Pymont Street between John Street and Allan Street	AFZ 24/7
Union Street	AFZ 24/7
Union Square	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am
Giba Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am Does not apply on New Year's Eve
Pirrama Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am Does not apply on New Year's Eve

### Redfern

Name	Type	Also listed under
Cooper Street from Walker Street to Young Street	AFZ 24/7	
Cope Street	AFZ 24/7	Waterloo
George Street from Cleveland Street to Phillip Street	AFZ 24/7	
Elizabeth Street from Hunter Street to Phillip Street	AFZ 24/7	Surry Hills Sydney
Kettle Street	AFZ 24/7	
Lawson Street	AFZ 24/7	Eveleigh
McKell Estate	AFZ 24/7	
Morehead Street barfrom Cooper Street to Phillip Street	AFZ 24/7	
Phillip Street from Cope Street to Young Street	AFZ 24/7	Waterloo

Poets Corner Estate (Gilmore, Kendall: Lawson)	AFZ 24/7	
Redfern Street	AFZ 24/7	
Regent Street from Cleveland Street to Boundary Street	AFZ 24/7	
Walker Street from Cooper Street to Wellington Street	AFZ 24/7	Waterloo
Hansom Cab Place	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Hugo Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
James Street Reserve and Community Garden	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Marriott Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Redfern Park and Oval	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	

### Rosebery

Name	Type	Also listed under
Crete Reserve Playground	APA 24/7	

### Rushcutters Bay

Name	Type	Also listed under
Bayswater Road	AFZ 24/7	Potts Point
Kellett Place	AFZ 24/7	
Roslyn Street	AFZ 24/7	Elizabeth Bay Potts Point
Rushcutters Bay Park and Reg Bartley Oval	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am. Alcohol not permitted on New Year's Eve	
Ward Avenue	AFZ 24/7	Potts Point

### Surry Hills

Name	Type	Also listed under
Albion Street	AFZ 24/7	
Bourke Street from Cowper Wharf Roadway to Foveaux Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Woolloomooloo
Brisbane Street	AFZ 24/7	
Campbell Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket
Chalmers Street from Elizabeth Street to Bedford Street	AFZ 24/7	
Clare Street	AFZ 24/7	
Crown Street from Sir John Young Crescent to Albion Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Woolloomooloo
Devonshire Street from Chalmers Street to Crown Street	AFZ 24/7	

Elizabeth Street from Hunter Street to Phillip Street	AFZ 24/7	Redfern Sydney
Goulburn Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket Sydney
Hill Street	AFZ 24/7	
Linden Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Maiden Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Patterson Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Palmer Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Woolloomooloo
Pelican Street	AFZ 24/7	
Poplar Street	AFZ 24/7	
Riley Street from Sir John Young Crescent to Foveaux Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Woolloomooloo
Short Place	AFZ 24/7	
Short Street	AFZ 24/7	
Waine Street	AFZ 24/7	
Eddie Ward Park	APA 24/7	
Edgely Street Reserve Playground	APA 24/7	
Prince Alfred Park	APA 24/7	
Devonshire Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Frog Hollow Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Harmony Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
James Hilder Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Shannon Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	

## Sydney

Name	Type	Also listed under
Albion Place	AFZ 24/7	
Alfred Street from George Street to Young Street	AFZ 24/7	
Angel Place	AFZ 24/7	
Ash Street	AFZ 24/7	
Barrack Street	AFZ 24/7	
Bathurst Street	AFZ 24/7	
Bligh Street	AFZ 24/7	
Bond Street	AFZ 24/7	
Carrington Street	AFZ 24/7	
Castlereagh Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket
Central Street	AFZ 24/7	
Clarence Street from Margaret Street to Druitt Street	AFZ 24/7	
Curtin Place	AFZ 24/7	
Cuthbert Street	AFZ 24/7	
Day Street	AFZ 24/7	
De Mestre Place	AFZ 24/7	
Dixon Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket



Douglass Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Douglass Street	AFZ 24/7	
Druitt Street	AFZ 24/7	
Eagar Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Eagar Street	AFZ 24/7	
Elizabeth Street from Hunter Street to Phillip Street	AFZ 24/7	Redfern Surry Hills
Erskine Street	AFZ 24/7	
George Street from Lower Fort Street to Lee Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket The Rocks
Goulburn Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket Surry Hills
Hamilton Street	AFZ 24/7	
Hunter Street from George Street to Elizabeth Street	AFZ 24/7	
Kent Street from Margaret Street to Liverpool Street	AFZ 24/7	
King Street	AFZ 24/7	
Lime Street	AFZ 24/7	
Little Hunter Street	AFZ 24/7	
Liverpool Street from Harbour Street to Victoria Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst
Loftus Street from Alfred Street to Bridge Street	AFZ 24/7	
Market Street	AFZ 24/7	
O'Connell Street	AFZ 24/7	
Palings Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Park Street	AFZ 24/7	
Pitt Street from Alfred Street to Railway Square	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket
Prince Albert Road	AFZ 24/7	
Reiby Place	AFZ 24/7	
Shelley Street	AFZ 24/7	
Slip Street	AFZ 24/7	
St James Road	AFZ 24/7	
Sussex Street from Hickson Road to Hay Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket
Wilmot Street	AFZ 24/7	
Wynyard Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Wynyard Street	AFZ 24/7	
York Street from Margaret Street to Druitt Street	AFZ 24/7	
Young Street from Alfred Street to Bridge Street	AFZ 24/7	
Hyde Park	APA 24/7	
Cathedral Square	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Cook + Phillip Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Lang Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Macquarie Place	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	

Martin Place	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Queens Square	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Regimental Square	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
St James Tunnel	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Sydney Square	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Wynyard Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	

### The Rocks

Name	Type	Additional Suburb
Argyle Street from Trinity Avenue to Circular Quay West	AFZ 24/7	
Cumberland Street	AFZ 24/7	
Essex Street from Harrington Street to George Street	AFZ 24/7	
George Street from Lower Fort Street to Lee Street	AFZ 24/7	Haymarket Sydney
Gloucester Walk	AFZ 24/7	
Harrington Street from Essex Street to Grosvenor Street	AFZ 24/7	
Kendall Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Mill Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Playfair Street	AFZ 24/7	
King George V Memorial Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Hickson Road	Temporary AFZ: New Year's Eve	Barangaroo Dawes Point Millers Point

### Ultimo

Name	Type	Also listed under
Bay Street between Greek Street and Broadway	AFZ 24/7	Glebe
Fig Lane Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
McKee Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Mountain Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	

## Waterloo

Name	Type	Also listed under
Banks and Cook Estate	AFZ 24/7	
Botany Road from Boundary Street to Raglan Street	AFZ 24/7	Alexandria
Cooper Street	AFZ 24/7	
Cope Street	AFZ 24/7	Redfern
Elizabeth Street from Phillip Street to Wellington Street	AFZ 24/7	
Elizabeth Street from Wellington Street to McEvoy Street	AFZ 24/7	
George Street from Phillip Street to McEvoy Street	AFZ 24/7	
Phillip Street from Cope Street to Young Street	AFZ 24/7	Redfern
Pitt Street from Phillip Street to Kellick Street	AFZ 24/7	
Raglan Street	AFZ 24/7	
Walker Street from Cooper Street to Wellington Street	AFZ 24/7	Redfern
Wellington Street	AFZ 24/7	
Waterloo Green Estate	APA 24/7	
Waterloo Oval and Skateboard Park	APA 24/7	
Waterloo Park and Mount Carmel	APA 24/7	

## Woolloomooloo

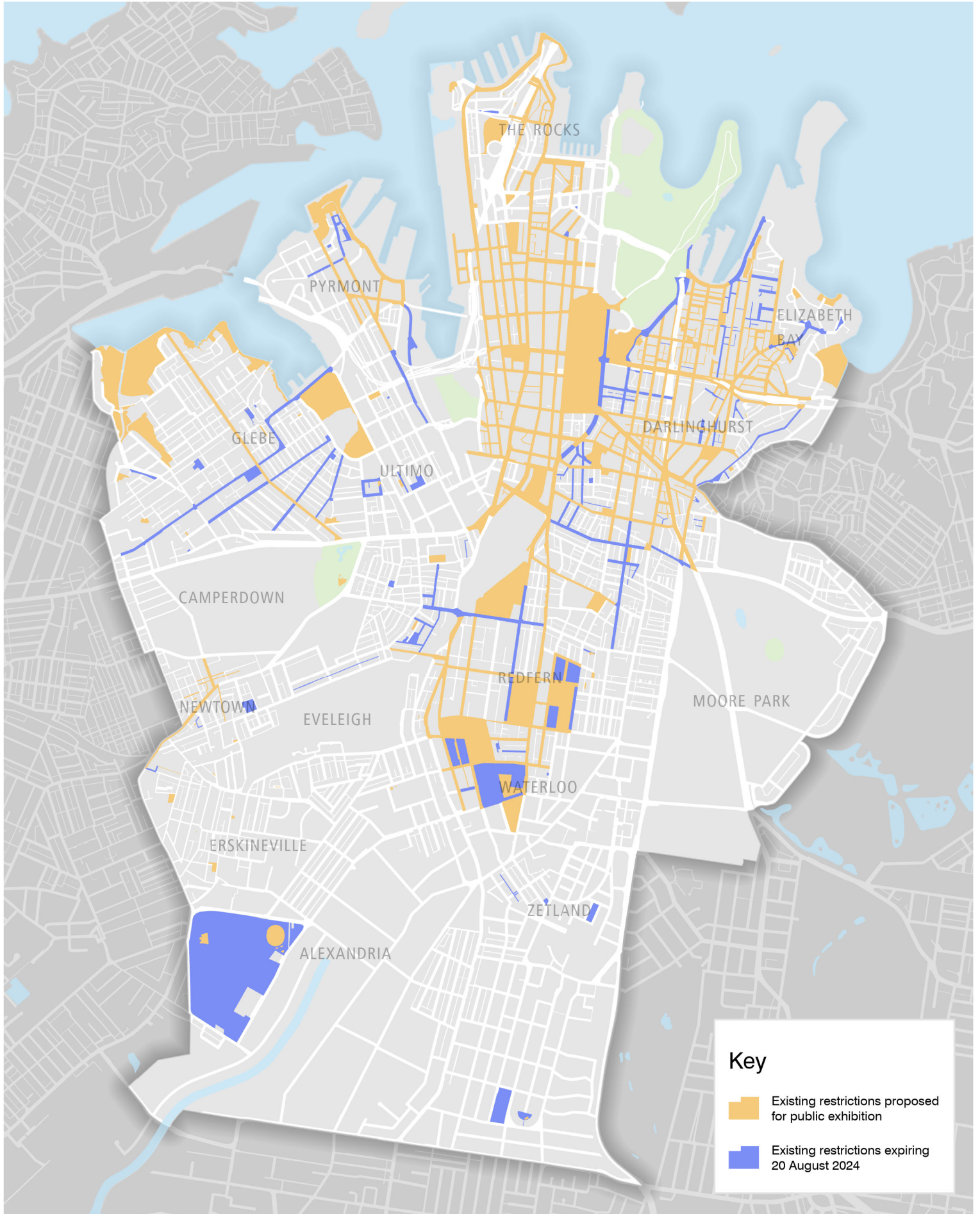
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Badham Street	AFZ 24/7	
Bland Street	AFZ 24/7	
Bourke Street from Cowper Wharf Roadway to Foveaux Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Surry Hills
Brougham Lane	AFZ 24/7	Potts Point
Broughton Street	AFZ 24/7	
Burrahpore Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Busby Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Cathedral Street	AFZ 24/7	
Charles Street	AFZ 24/7	
Corfu Street	AFZ 24/7	
Cowper Wharf Roadway from Lincoln Crescent to McElhone Street	AFZ 24/7	
Cross Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Crown Street from Sir John Young Crescent to Albion Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Surry Hills
Dowling Street	AFZ 24/7	
Egan Place	AFZ 24/7	
Faucett Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Forbes Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst
Griffiths Street	AFZ 24/7	
Harmer Street	AFZ 24/7	
Judge Lane	AFZ 24/7	

Judge Place	AFZ 24/7	
Judge Street	AFZ 24/7	
Judge Street	AFZ 24/7	
Junction Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Junction Street	AFZ 24/7	
Kennedy Street	AFZ 24/7	
McCarthy Place	AFZ 24/7	
Nicholson Street	AFZ 24/7	
Palmer Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Surry Hills
Plunkett Street	AFZ 24/7	
Riley Street from Sir John Young Crecent to Foveaux Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst Surry Hills
Robinson Street	AFZ 24/7	
St Kilda Lane	AFZ 24/7	
Stephen Street	AFZ 24/7	
Suttor Street	AFZ 24/7	
Talbot Place	AFZ 24/7	
William Street	AFZ 24/7	Darlinghurst
Wilson Street	AFZ 24/7	
Woolloomooloo Playground	APA 24/7	
Bourke St Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Crown Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Daffodil Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Forbes Street Reserve	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Tom Uren Place	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	
Walla Mulla Park	Timed APA: 10pm to 10am	

## **Attachment C**

**Map of Alcohol Restrictions Currently in  
Place**

### Alcohol restrictions currently in place



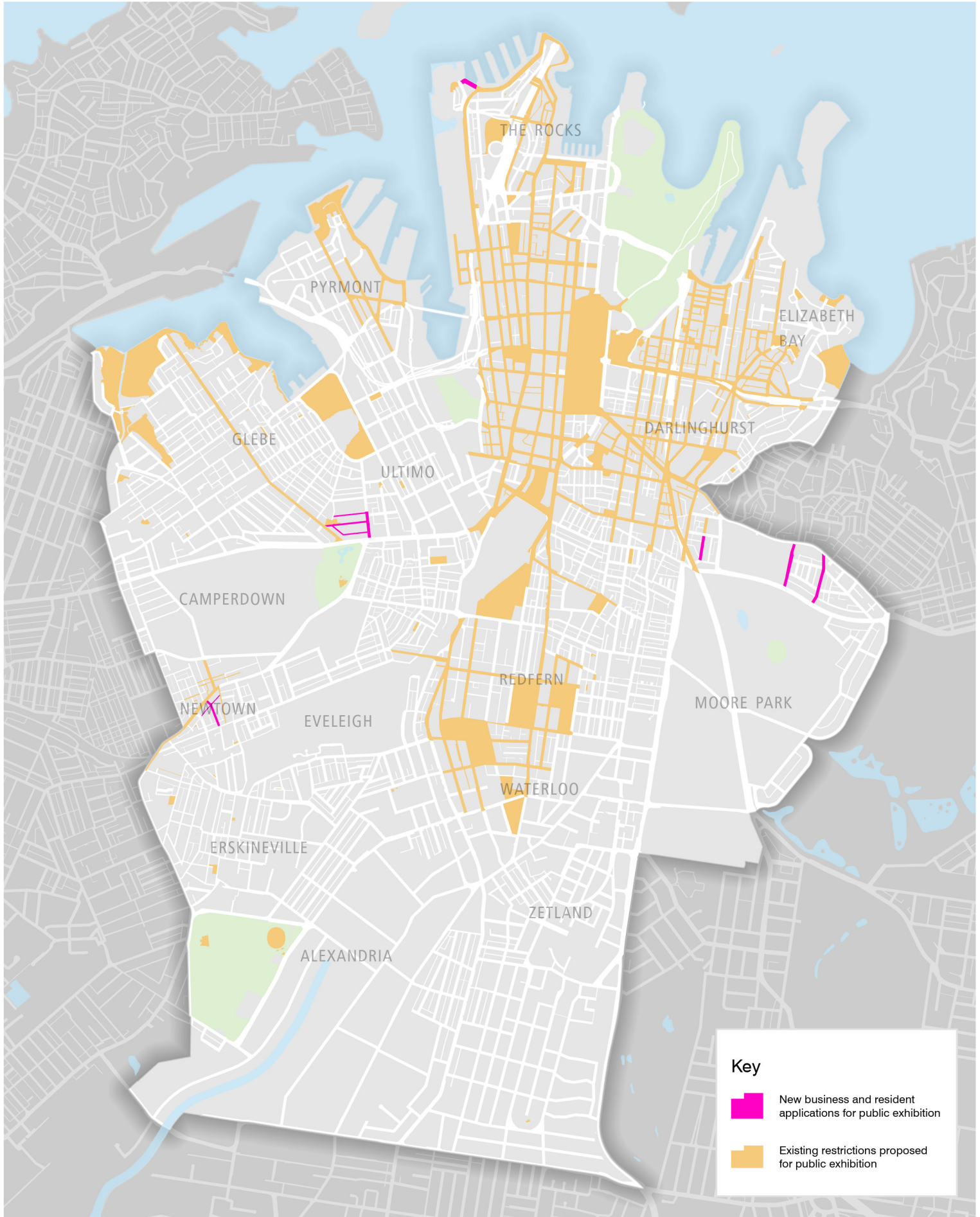
**Key**

-  Existing restrictions proposed for public exhibition
-  Existing restrictions expiring 20 August 2024

## **Attachment D**

**Map of Alcohol Restrictions Proposed for  
Public Exhibition – New and Renewal**

### Alcohol restrictions proposed for public exhibition - new & renewal



**Key**

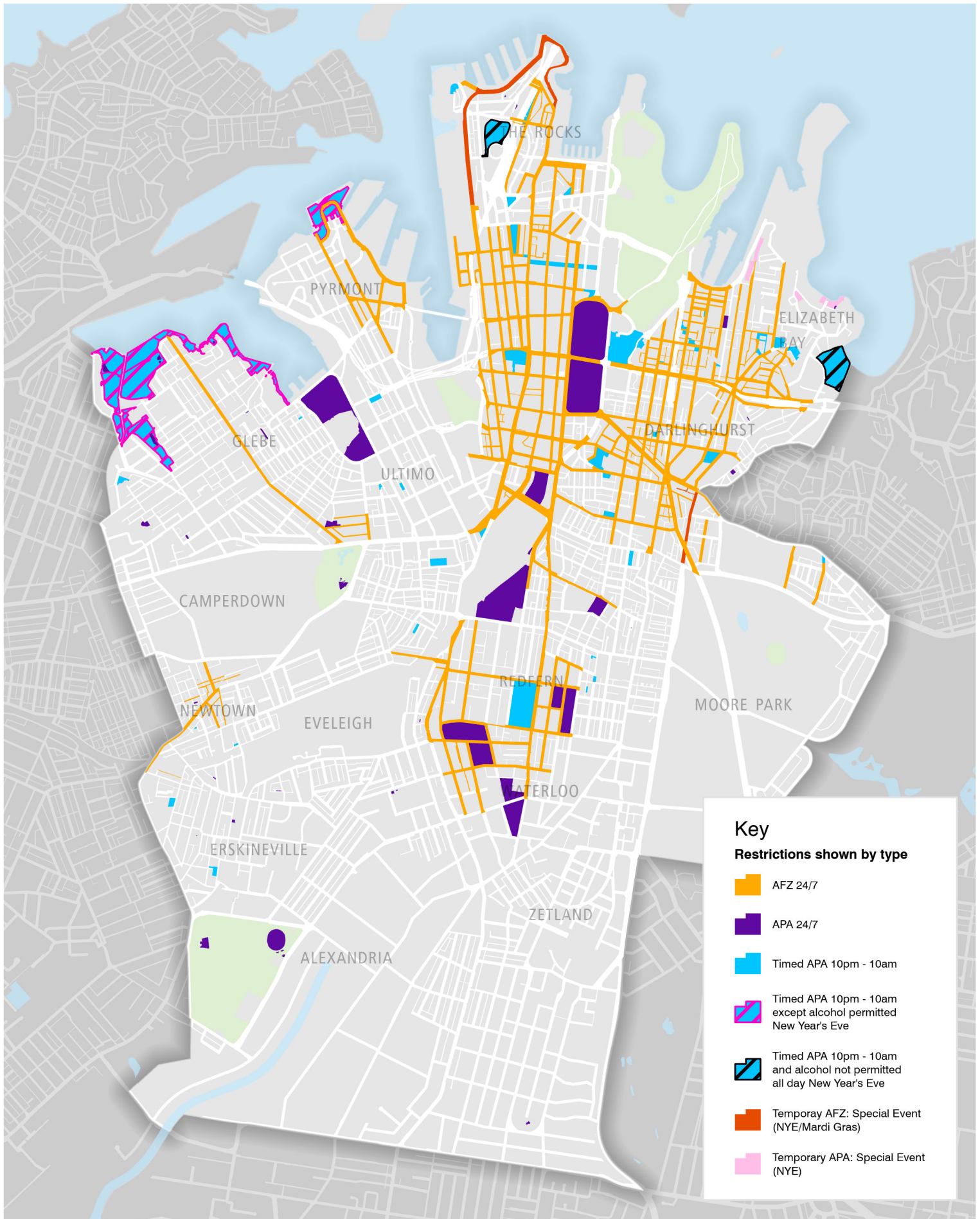
-  New business and resident applications for public exhibition
-  Existing restrictions proposed for public exhibition



## **Attachment E**

**Map of Alcohol Restrictions Proposed for  
Public Exhibition – By Type**

### Alcohol restrictions proposed for public exhibition - by type



## Item 4.

### Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants

File No: S117676

#### Summary

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. To achieve the objectives of the Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision, genuine partnership between government, business and the community is required.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism to further the aims identified in the City's social, cultural, economic and environmental policies. Applications are assessed against these policies and against broad City objectives and plans. In this way, the City and the community act collaboratively to achieve the goals of Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision.

This report includes the following programs:

- Community Services Grants (including Inner City Homelessness Services);
- Ad Hoc Grants (following Council resolutions);
- Food Support Grants; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund.

For the Community Services Grant program, 69 applications were received. This report recommends 27 grants assessed in the round to a total value of \$1,495,360 in cash and \$89,145 value-in-kind for payment in the 2024/25 financial year.

For Inner City Homelessness Services four applications were received. This report recommends a total of four grants to a total value of \$1,400,000 in cash for payment in the 2024/25 financial year.

Council has recently made resolutions requesting the Chief Executive Officer to investigate appropriate actions in a number of areas. These requests have been considered in conjunction with this grants round (Community Service Grants) and are recommended for ad hoc grants.

For the Food Support Grant program, 18 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 11 grants to a total value of \$470,000 in cash for payment in the 2024/25 financial year.

For the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program one eligible application was received. This report recommends a one grant to a total value of \$21,325 in cash in the 2024/25 financial year.

On 22 August 2022, Council adopted a Grants and Sponsorship Policy. On 21 August 2023, Council approved the Food Support Grant Guidelines and the budget of \$4.5 million over three years for the provision of the Food Support grants. All grants in this report were assessed in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the priorities set out in Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision and various other relevant City strategies and action plans.

All grant recipients will be required to sign a contract, meet specific performance outcomes and acquit their grant. All figures in this report exclude GST.

## Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Community Services Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash or value-in-kind grant for the Community Services Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve First Nations Response Ltd as the recipient of a City's Community Services Grant 2022/23 for the final year of their project (2024/25);
- (D) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Community Services Grant: Inner City Homelessness Services program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Food Support Grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (F) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Food Support Grant program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (G) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment F to the subject report;
- (H) Council approve a cash grant of \$100,000 per year for three years to the Inner City Legal Centre;
- (I) Council approve a cash grant of \$50,000 per year for three years to the University of Sydney as auspice for Animals in Need;
- (J) Council approve a cash grant of \$50,000 to Larissa Minneconn as auspice for Scarred Tree Indigenous Missionaries;
- (K) Council approve a cash grant to Glebe Youth Service Inc of \$349,448 in year one, \$356,500 in year two and \$363,566 in year three;

- (L) Council approve a cash grant of \$208,000 and \$53,000 value in kind to Access Sydney Community Transport Ltd;
- (M) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (N) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (O) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

**Attachments**

- Attachment A.** Recommended for Funding - Community Services Grant Program
- Attachment B.** Not Recommended for Funding - Community Services Grant Program
- Attachment C.** Recommended for Funding - Inner City Homelessness Services
- Attachment D.** Recommended for Funding - Food Support Grant Program
- Attachment E.** Not Recommended for Funding - Food Support Grant Program
- Attachment F.** Recommended for Funding - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund Program
- Attachment G.**

## Background

1. The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports residents, businesses and not-for-profit organisations to undertake initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city.
2. On 6 February 2024, the City announced the Grants and Sponsorship program as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 5 March 2024.
3. The social programs promoted were:
  - (a) Community Services Grants (including Inner City Homelessness Services);
  - (b) Food Support Grants; and
  - (c) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund.
4. Information about these grant programs (such as application dates, guidelines, and eligibility criteria) was available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the grant programs through the corporate website, e-newsletters, advertising through paid social ads, paid LinkedIn, AdWords, Radio and an ArtsHub partnership. Email campaigns were utilised to target interested parties who have previously applied for grants at the City or have expressed an interest in the City's programs.

## Community Service Grants Program / Inner City Homelessness Services

5. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Community Service Grants program is open to not-for-profit organisations, and individuals or unincorporated community groups auspiced by a not-for-profit that is eligible to apply in their own right. For-profit organisations are not eligible for this program.
6. Since 2020, the City has funded select outreach services through the Community Services Grants program. Prior to 2020, the City funded Department of Communities and Justice (the Department) to provide these services. The funding method was changed to a direct funding model in June 2021, with the support of the Department, to enable the City to have more authority in the way contracts were managed.

## Food Support Grants Program

7. On 21 August 2023, the Council approved the Food Support Grant Guidelines and the budget of \$4.5 million over three years for the provision of the Food Support grants. Having approved the first year of funding on 11 December 2023, the Food Support Grant program currently has two more years available.
8. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Food Support Grants program is open to not-for-profit organisations (Tier 1 and Tier 2) and individuals or unincorporated community groups auspiced by a not-for-profit that is eligible to apply in their own right (Tier 1 only). For-profit organisations are not eligible for this program.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund.**

9. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program is dedicated to local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, groups and organisations and is open to not-for-profit organisations, for-profit organisations, sole traders and individuals or unincorporated community groups auspiced by a not-for-profit or for-profit organisation.

**Grants assessment process - Summer Round Grants**

10. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program is highly competitive. Applications that are not recommended have either not scored as highly against the assessment criteria as the recommended applications or have incomplete or insufficient information. The City's Grants and Sponsorship team provides feedback to unsuccessful applicants.
11. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. The applications are scored against defined assessment criteria for each grant program as well as the integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, partnerships, contributions and connection to the local community and industry sectors.
12. The assessment criteria for the Community Services Grant program are:
  - evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project;
  - demonstrated connection and benefit to the local area and community;
  - evidence of diversity, inclusion and equity in the planning and delivery of the project; and
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities.
13. The assessment meeting for the Community Services program was held on 18 April 2024 to ensure grant applicants were assessed against the relevant assessment criteria. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Social City Team, with specialist input from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement City Business and Safety Teams.
14. The assessment criteria for the Food Support grants are:
  - evidence of the need for the project or program and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project or program;
  - demonstrated connection and benefit to the local area and community;
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities; and
  - evidence of the project or program having direct engagement with our diverse communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, young people, older people, people with disability, international students, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, women, LGBTIQ+ communities and low-income earners.

15. Applicants to the Food Support grants - Tier 2 are also assessed against the following additional assessment criteria:
- evidence of partnerships with local community organisations and networks.
16. The assessment meeting for the Food Services grants was held on 11 April 2024. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the City Business and Safety and Social City Teams, with specialist input from Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, City Business and Safety and Social City Teams.
17. The assessment criteria for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund are:
- evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project;
  - demonstrated connection and benefit to the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities.
18. The assessment meeting for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program was held on 3 April 2024. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Team, City Business & Safety, People and Culture, Social City and Venue Management Teams.
19. On 13 May 2024, Council approved cash funding \$28,675 to Mudjin-gal Aboriginal Corporation from the 2023/24 budget, as detailed in Attachment F. The full amount of \$50,000 was unable to be provided at May Council as the remaining budget for 2023/24 was not enough, and Council was yet to endorse the draft grants and sponsorship guidelines which allows for a grant applicant to receive multi-year allocations through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration fund. This final funding recommendation will meet the applicant's total request of \$50,000, over two financial years.

### Community Services Grant Program

20. The applications recommended for the Community Services Grant are outlined in Attachment A to this report.
21. The Community Services Grant budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$1,995,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$395,750
Total cash available	\$1,599,250
Total number of applications this allocation	71



Total cash value requested from applications	\$3,157,108
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$92,795
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	30
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25  (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$806,500)  (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2026/27 - \$806,500)	\$1,495,360
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25  (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$28,456)  (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2026/27 - \$28,456)	\$89,145
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$103,890

### Ad hoc grants (Community Service Grants) in response to Council resolutions

22. Council has recently made resolutions requesting the Chief Executive Officer to investigate appropriate actions in a number of areas. The following have been considered in conjunction with this grants round and are recommended for ad hoc grants.
23. On 19 February 2024, via a Lord Mayoral Minute (LMM 3.3 - Progressing Action on Safety for Our LGBTIQ+ Communities), Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer investigate how the City could support the provision of community based legal, social and emotional support for individuals who seek redress for acts of violence, discrimination, vilification, harassment or abuse against them - including funding for local community legal centres that support members of the LGBTIQ+ communities seeking redress for acts of violence, discrimination, vilification, harassment or abuse against them.
24. Following an investigation, it is recommended that Council endorse grant funding for The Inner City Legal Centre of \$100,000 each year for three years. This level of funding reflects the extent of the critical need for this support in this community. An application was received within the Community Services Grant round for \$50,000 and a separate proposal was received for additional funding to support staffing. This application was assessed against the Community Services Grant guidelines and found to align strongly with the objectives and criteria of the program. This grant will be provided as an Ad-Hoc grant as the recommended amount is above the funding limit of the Community Service Grant program.

25. On 8 April 2024, via a Lord Mayoral Minute (LMM 3.2 - Support for Responsible Pet Ownership), Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer investigate expanding access to subsidised veterinary services beyond Pet Day for people on low-incomes and experiencing financial hardship.
26. It is recommended that Council endorse grant funding for the University of Sydney, who have applied for Animals in Need to deliver life-saving care to animals whose owners cannot afford essential treatment. This has been assessed in accordance with the Community Services guidelines. It is recommended that the Council approve Animals in Need \$50,000 each year for the next three years to deliver on this action. This grant will be provided as an Ad-Hoc grant as it was assessed outside of the Community Service Grant round.
27. On 13 May 2024, via a Notice of Motion (NOM 15.3 - Collaborating on Community Wellbeing in Glebe), Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer continue to work with local area specific community services and grass roots community organisations to identify existing youth services programs and activities across the city, any potential gaps, and any systemic funding issues; and investigate options for the City to provide additional youth programs and support for youth across the city, particularly in Glebe, Ultimo and Pymont and report back to Council as appropriate.
28. It is therefore recommended that Council endorse grant funding of \$50,000 in cash for Larissa Minnecon, representing Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries, to Scarred Tree Resource Centre for a total of \$50,000 in cash in 2024/25. The Community Service grant panel assessed this and highly recommended as it aligned with the program's key outcomes and service delivery to First Nations people. Note that Scarred Tree Resource Centre is located in Glebe Town Hall through a licence to Larissa Minnecon, representing Scarred Tree Ministries. This licence expires on 30 June 2024, with a further two year licence recommended as part of the 2024 Accommodation Grant Program.

### **Glebe Youth Services**

29. Glebe Youth Service Inc (GYS) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that has been operating in Glebe for more than 30 years. Glebe Youth Service supports young people aged 12-24 in the Glebe area to be safe, healthy, skilled and confident. Glebe Youth Service works to connect young people to opportunities for employment, education and social wellbeing as well as to help them to participate actively in the community.
30. Glebe Youth Services are recommended for support for \$349,448 for the first year with an increase for the next two years to support its After Dark program, an increase of over \$55,000 on its previous funding agreement with the city for 2022-2024.
31. The City has been supporting the After Dark program since 2004. After Dark program runs on Friday and Saturday nights at both Glebe Youth Service and the City's Peter Forsyth Auditorium on Glebe Point Road. This flagship, evidence-based program provides safe spaces and positive activities for the young people in Glebe and increase community engagement and social cohesion.
32. The After Dark program works towards creating a City for all: a Connected City through strengthening social cohesion, a sense of belonging and connection to place. City staff meet regularly with Glebe Youth Service to ensure there is close collaboration on program provision. This includes GYS staff attending City programs for young people, such as community BBQs at Peter Forsyth Auditorium.

33. The current grant agreement between the City and Glebe Youth Service ends on 30 June 2024.
34. The application has been assessed within the City's Community Services Grant program. It was found to strongly align with key outcomes of the program, including ensuring strengthened social cohesion, sense of belonging and connection to place, and enabling increased engagement in healthy, active living (including mental health).
35. Glebe Youth Services has been assessed and recommended for \$349,448 in year one, \$356,500 in year two and \$363,566 in year three. This recommendation also supports the decision of Council on 13 May 2024 to request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate options to provide additional youth programs and support for youth, particularly in Glebe, Ultimo and Pyrmont.

### **Support for Waterloo South Relocations**

36. On 20 November 2023, via a Lord Mayoral Minute (LMM 3.3 - Support for Waterloo South Relocations), Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer consult with local community organisations including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in the Waterloo area about what support residents will require during relocations and advise them about the City's available grant programs.
37. After consultation with local community organisations, three applications were received and assessed in the Community Services Round and it is recommended that Council endorse grant funding for Counterpoint Community Services Incorporated, Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and Redfern Legal Centre Ltd of \$50,000 to each organisation per year for three years as part of the Community Services grant round.

### **Change of grant recipient**

38. On 20 June 2022, Council resolved to approve the cash and value in kind recommendations for the Community Services Grant Program.
39. Following this meeting, the agreements were executed and are being administered under the terms consistent with this resolution.
40. In mid-2024, one recipient through the Community Services grants has requested a change to the entity that is being contracted with for the final year of this grant. The details of this request are as follows:
41. Plateitforward Ltd (35 641 805 432) as auspice for First Nations Response received a total of \$150,000 over three years: \$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23), \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) and \$50,000 (Year 3 - 24/25) for First Nations Response's project 'Sydney's First Nations Response Pop-Ups'. At that time, First Nations Response was not eligible to apply for the grant directly. Since the application has been approved, First Nations Response Limited (86 670 587 461) has registered as an eligible not for profit and no longer requires an auspice, so have requested the contract be transferred to First Nations Response Limited to manage the third and final year of their project directly with the City. Plateitforward Ltd has also agreed to this modification with the agreement.

42. Grants staff have reviewed this request and are satisfied that the grant will be paid to the same group of people for the same purpose as approved by Council and have conducted the standard eligibility checks for the incoming entity. The City has already contracted directly with First Nations Response Limited (86 670 587 461) in 2023 most recently with Food Support Grants and grants staff can confirm its eligibility for this requested grant.

### **Access Sydney**

43. The Village to Village free shuttle service is operated by Access Sydney. Village to Village services are free, fixed route shuttle buses that fill the gap between public transport and specialist community transport services. They provide access to shops, medical care, culture, community and other transport services for members of the community who experience, or are at risk of experiencing transport disadvantage.
44. In NSW, community transport services are the responsibility of, and are funded by, both Federal and State governments as part of the Home and Community Care Program, the State-funded Community Transport Program and NSW Health. These services are accessed by individuals in accordance with of a range of eligibility criteria.
45. The Village to Village service provides transport to those members of the community who experience transport disadvantage, for reasons ranging from mobility to financial difficulty, or not being serviced by public transport, but do not meet the eligibility criteria for specialist community transport services.
46. The City has provided South East Sydney Community Transport with a cash grant since 2007 to operate the Village to Village service and provided a value-in-kind agreement to park their fleet in the Bay Street depot.
47. Access Sydney are recommended for \$208,000 cash grant and \$53,000 value in kind for bus parking.

### **Inner City Homelessness Services**

48. The City of Sydney's latest street count held on 26 February 2024 counted 280 people sleeping rough across the local area, and 392 people occupying crisis and temporary accommodation beds. While the number of people sleeping rough has remained relatively steady since February 2020, the numbers remain unacceptably high.
49. While primary responsibility for homelessness rests with state government, the City has responded to homelessness for over 40 years; linking people sleeping rough with services, managing the impacts of rough sleeping in the public domain, and providing sector leadership and coordination. The City works in partnership with NSW Government agencies and Specialist Homelessness Services to provide collaborative outreach to people sleeping rough.
50. Since 2020, the City has funded select outreach services through the 2020-2024 Community Services Grant. Prior to 2020, the City funded Department of Communities and Justice (the Department) to provide these services. The funding method was changed to a direct funding model in June 2021, with the support of the Department, to enable the City have more authority in the way contracts were managed.

51. The services funded have been achieving positive results. In the 2022/23 financial year these services supported 192 people to exit homelessness.
52. Over the past three years, the City has contributed a total of \$3.5 million (plus CPI) towards Specialist Homelessness Services in the inner city, including;

Organisation Name	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Notes
Innari Incorporated	\$100,000	\$106,100	\$112,466	\$110,466 + (\$2k to be paid in July 2024)
Neami Limited	\$700,000	\$742,700	\$787,262	\$785,262 + (\$2k to be paid in July 2024)
Launchpad Youth Community Incorporated	\$300,000	\$318,300	\$337,398	\$335,398 + (2k to be paid in July 2024)
Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services	\$100,000	\$106,100	\$112,466	\$110,466 (2k to be paid July 2024)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$1,273,200</b>	<b>\$1,349,592</b>	

53. Funding agreements with the above services end on 30 June 2024. The performance of Neami Way2home, Launchpad and the Aboriginal Corporation for Homelessness and Rehabilitation Community Service is highly rated, with significant positive outcomes achieved. Innari Incorporated is working with the City to improve service consistency and sector collaboration.
54. The Department is currently conducting a review of the Homelessness Strategy and funding arrangements. They expect new funding arrangements will be finalised in 2026/27.
55. The first service this report recommends in Attachment C is the assertive outreach service provided by Neami National Way2Home.
56. The current funding agreement sees the City contribute \$700,000 per annum to Neami National Way2Home through the Department of Communities and Justice. Funding focuses on:
- engaging clients with complex needs who are sleeping rough, where outreach workers directly engage with clients on the streets offering assistance and case management;
  - working in partnership with health services, general practitioners and other services to address the needs of the chronically homeless, and;
  - ensuring a Housing First approach, which focuses on helping clients access and sustain long-term supported housing solutions.

57. Over the three-year funding period to June 2024, Neami National Way2Home has met its funding requirements and delivered positive outcomes. Between 2021 and 2023 the service supported 55 (18 from City funding) adults sleeping rough to access stable housing with ongoing support
58. Neami National Way2Home also receives \$100,000 per annum to enhance post-crisis support for people housed. Neami National Way2Home has used this funding to investigate referral pathways for smooth transitions to housing and for additional frontline post-crisis support for clients with complex health needs.
59. One of the key features of the service offered by Neami National Way2Home is the provision of both outreach services and post-crisis support. Support for assertive outreach is directly aligned with the City's priorities in responding to homelessness and assisting people who are sleeping rough to exit homelessness. Continuing to provide funding to Neami National Way2Home will enable the service to maintain the level of assertive outreach delivered over the past three years in the inner city.
60. The second service this report recommends in Attachment C is a service to prevent youth homelessness, as part of the Inner-City Homelessness Prevention and Support Service for Young People through Launchpad Youth Community Incorporated.
61. Young people who first experience homelessness before the age of 18 are more likely to experience persistent homelessness in adulthood. Pathways into homelessness for young people may include family breakdown and being in foster care. Being able to prevent young people from becoming homeless in the first place, or stopping them from becoming entrenched in homelessness, helps give them the best chance in life.
62. Brokerage is funding for services to prevent young people from becoming homeless including bond, housing establishment such as furniture, emergency transport, accommodation, medical support, mental health support, reconnection with family members and education.
63. Currently, the City provides \$300,000 per annum for case coordination and brokerage to provide flexible support to prevent young people with complex needs from becoming homeless or entrenched in homelessness. Launchpad Youth Community Incorporated administers these funds.
64. The service has met its funding requirements and exceeded expectations in the delivery of outcomes for young people. Since 2021, the service prevented 287 young people from becoming homeless, and supported 289 young people who were homeless to access safe and stable housing.
65. The third and fourth services this report recommends in Attachment C are Aboriginal outreach services, through the Aboriginal Corporation for Homelessness and Rehabilitation Community Service and Innari Incorporated.
66. Approximately 15 per cent of people sleeping rough in inner Sydney surveyed during the 2019 Connections Week Survey identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. This is despite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people comprising only one per cent of the City of Sydney residential population.
67. Both the Aboriginal Corporation for Homelessness and Rehabilitation Community Service and Innari Incorporated have provided outreach services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people since 2017.

68. Innari Incorporated and Aboriginal Corporation for Homelessness and Rehabilitation Community Service Incorporated have met their funding requirements.
69. Innari Incorporated has been working with the City to improve performance and outcomes. The City is confident that a more intensive relationship management structure will ensure improved governance and relationship management to improve performance and outcomes.
70. Since 2021, these services have assisted 38 people into permanent accommodation.
71. The assessment criteria for the Inner City Homelessness Services, under the Community Services Grant program are:
- evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project;
  - demonstrated connection and benefit to the local area and community;
  - evidence of diversity, inclusion and equity in the planning and delivery of the project; and
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities.
72. The assessment meeting for the Inner City Homelessness Services grant applications was held on 18 April 2024 to ensure grant applicants were assessed against the relevant assessment criteria. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Social City Team.
73. The applications recommended for the Inner City Homelessness Services are outlined in Attachment C to this report.
74. The Inner City Homelessness Services budget, which is separate to the Community Services Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$1,400,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$0
Total cash available	\$1,400,000
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	4
Total cash value requested from applications	\$1,400,000
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$0
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	4

Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$1,400,000) (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2026/27 - \$1,400,000)	\$1,400,000
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25 (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$0) (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2026/27 - \$0)	\$0
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$0

### Food Support Grant Program

75. The applications recommended for the Food Services Grant are outlined in Attachment D to this report.

76. The Food Services Grant budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$1,500,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$575,000
Total cash available	\$925,000
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	18
Total cash value requested from applications	\$2,492,101
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$0
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	11
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$229,152)	\$470,000
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25 (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$0)	\$0
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$455,000



### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program

77. The application recommended for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund is outlined in Attachment F to this report.

78. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$500,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$0
Total cash available	\$500,000
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	1
Total cash value requested from applications	\$50,000
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$0
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	1
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$0) (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2026/27 - \$0)	\$21,325
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25 (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$0) (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2026/27 - \$0)	\$0
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$478,675

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

79. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This program is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to community development and support active participation in civic life. They empower the community to address issues that matter to them and drive projects to create a more inclusive and resilient city.
  - (b) Direction 10 - Housing for all - the grant funding will support better outcomes for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including access to long term housing and support.

### Organisational Impact

80. The grants and sponsorships contract management process will involve key staff across the City of Sydney. Identified staff set contract conditions and performance measures for each approved project, and review project acquittals, which include both narrative and financial reports.

### Social / Cultural / Economic / Environmental

81. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program provides the City with a platform to support cultural, economic, environmental and social initiatives from the communities and business, within the local area.

### Financial Implications

82. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 grants and sponsorship budget, included in the City's draft operating budget for 2024/25 which is seeking approval as part a separate council report in the current reporting cycle, to support the recommended grants. Details and total values are provided in the table above.

### Relevant Legislation

83. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
84. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
- (a) the funding is part of the following program:
    - (i) Community Services Grant program;
    - (ii) Food Support Grant program;
    - (iii) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund program;
  - (b) the details of the programs have been included in the Council's draft operational plan for financial year 2024/25;
  - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2024/25; and
  - (d) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

### Critical Dates / Time Frames

85. The funding period for the Community Services Grant program, Food Support Grant program, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program and Inner City Homelessness Services for financial year 2024/25 is for activity taking place from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in July 2024.

### Public Consultation

86. During February 2024, briefing sessions and Connect Sydney training took place where potential applicants were notified about the grants and how to apply:
- (a) An online briefing session for general grants enquires was held on 7 February 2024. A total of 168 attendees participated in the session.
  - (b) An in-person briefing session for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was held at Redfern Community Centre on 8 February 2023. A total of 20 attendees participated in the session.

- (c) An in-person information session was held at the Pitt Street Training Centre on 13 February 2024, for participants at the Connect Sydney workshop. Connect Sydney aims to build the capacity of community and not-for-profit organisations through the provision of free grant writing skills and governance training. A total of 23 attendees participated in the session.
  
- (d) An in-person information session was held at the at Redfern Community centre on 15 February 2024, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants at the Connect Sydney workshop. Connect Sydney aims to build the capacity of community and not-for-profit organisations through the provision of free grant writing skills and governance training. A total of 11 attendees participated in the session.

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# **Attachment A**

**Recommended for Funding  
Community Services Grant Program**

## Community Services Grant Program - Summer Round - 2024/25

### Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Access Sydney Community Transport Ltd	Village to Village Shuttle Bus Service	A free shuttle service providing reliable access to local destinations that are not well served by regular public transport, connecting Redfern to Woolloomooloo, Glebe, Green Square, Haymarket, and Broadway.	\$208,200	Fee waiver to the value of \$53,000	<b>\$208,200</b>	<b>Use of City of Sydney depot for bus parking to the value of \$53,000</b>	Applicant to acknowledge the City in their marketing material
Asylum Seekers Centre	The Evolving Asylum Project	A creative triage project helping vulnerable people register online with the Asylum Seeking Centre who are seeking asylum in Newtown.	\$49,900 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$49,900 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$30,000 (Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Blaq Aboriginal Corporation	LGBTQIA+SB Wellbeing Retreat	A culturally safe retreat for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the LGBTQIA+SB communities living in the local area, promoting culture, connection and well-being as well as conducting education workshops around sexual health.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Counterpoint Community Services Incorporated	Waterloo South Community Development	As the Waterloo South redevelopment project moves from the planning stage to implementation, the project will enhance support to impacted residents.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Detour House Inc	Aftercare Brokerage Program	This project assists women and their families to access vital services, long term housing and financial support in Glebe.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$20,000 (Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
End Street Sleeping Collaboration Ltd	Sydney Zero Project	This project will facilitate key agencies to design and implement collaborative practices to make rough sleeping across the inner city rare, brief, and non-recurring.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Glebe Youth Service Inc	After Dark/Before Dust	An integrated program in Glebe for young people experiencing vulnerability, supporting connections to community and offering pathways to wellbeing, education, and economic opportunities.	\$349,448 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$356,500 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$363,566 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,456 each year for three years	<b>\$349,448</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$356,500</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$363,566</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	<b>Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,456 each year for three years</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Inner City Legal Centre	Access to Legal Advice for Vulnerable Groups	An outreach program in Kings Cross and Darlinghurst that will provide free legal assistance for marginalised sex workers, people experiencing homelessness and members of the LBGTQIA+ community.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$100,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$100,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$100,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Justice Reform Initiative Limited	Jailing is Failing: Lived Experience Speakers Bureau	A professional development program in Darlinghurst for up to twelve local people who have lived experience of incarceration, with graduates then connected to paid speaking opportunities.	\$49,020	Nil	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation	Waterloo South Relocation Support Service	Providing culturally safe support, advice and advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with the relocation journey out of the Waterloo area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$50,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$50,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Lillian Howell Project Incorporated	EmpowerHER	A training circle which helps build resilience, self-assurance and promote empowerment for young girls between 13-17 who are homeless due to abuse and Domestic violence in the Kings Cross, Woolloomooloo areas.	\$10,000	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	
New South Wales Users and Aids Association Inc	Moving Forward Together! NSW Users and AIDS Association's Annual Peers and Consumers Forum	An annual harm reduction and health promotion forum, held in Surrey Hills delivered in an inclusive, non-stigmatising, accessible and supportive way, for people with lived experiences of drug use.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Redfern Legal Centre Ltd	Waterloo South Relocations Legal Advice and Assistance	This project will provide free legal information sessions, advice, and representation to Waterloo South Housing tenants.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 1 24/25)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 2 25/26)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 3 26/27)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Limited	Saturday Night Family Gathering	Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to connect and eat together on Saturday nights in a culturally safe space in Redfern.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Refugee Advice and Casework Service (Australia) Inc	Reuniting Families	This project supports refugees in the local area having left persecution with specialised legal support to help them reconnect with family members.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$44,018</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil



Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries (Larissa Minneconn)	Scarred Tree Resource Centre	Easy access to a culturally safe space, playgroup, health checks for families, youth program, Nadioc Meetings, and facilitating Police Indigenous liaison officers community updates in Glebe.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Spanish Community Care Association	CALD Senior Day Group	Supporting weekly activities at Abraham Mott Hall Community Centre at Millers Point for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Seniors.	\$43,484	Nil	<b>\$39,984</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Story Factory Inc	Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth through Creative Writing	A transformative creative writing project for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in the Redfern area promoting social connections and improving literacy skills.	\$19,060 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$20,013 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$21,014 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$19,060</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Success Works Partners Inc	Lived Experience And Diversity (LEAD) in Mentoring Program	A mentoring program supporting women with a criminal record to access employment and reduce recidivism across the local area.	\$39,039 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$44,454 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$20,000</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Connect with Local Aboriginal Organisations
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated as auspice for The Camp Fitness	Fitness for Housing Estate Tenants	Free fitness workouts for People in housing estates to Improve health and wellbeing in Surry Hills.	\$11,250 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$11,250 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$11,250 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$11,250</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Sydney University Settlement	Providing place-based Community Connection for Local Children during School Holidays	A free school holiday program which engages local young people and their families from lower socio-economic backgrounds in the Redfern-Waterloo area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 3 - 26/27)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to work with COS Education and Care services to investigate other options for funding, investigate certification and other options for care

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
The Bower Re-Use and Repair Centre Co-Operative Limited	Repair Workshops and Cafes Program	A series of workshops in Redfern that promote the circular economy and waste reduction by teaching repair and reuse skills to the local community.	\$24,850	Nil	<b>\$14,400</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
The Reconnect Project Limited	Young People Staying Connected	A project refurbishing smartphones, tablets and laptops which are provided to at risk young people in the Waterloo and Glebe area.	\$10,000	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) as auspice for The Wayside Chapel Foundation	Wayside Women's Program	Providing marginalised women, a safe space in Kings Cross where they can connect to community and receive case management, particularly around domestic violence.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
The University of Sydney	Sydney Peace Prize	The annual Sydney Peace Prize ceremony and lecture held in Sydney Town Hall.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$15,623 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$18,864 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$18,864 (Year 3 - 26/27) Street banner fee waiver to the value of \$6,136 per year for three years	<b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 3 - 26/27)</b>	<b>Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$15,623</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$18,864</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b> <b>\$18,864</b> <b>(Year 3 - 26/27)</b> <b>Street banner fee waiver to the value of \$6,136 per year for three years</b>	Nil
The University of Sydney	Animals In Need Fund	The Animals in Need Fund provides life-saving care to animals from the local area whose owners cannot afford essential treatment, serving as a vital lifeline for accessing veterinary services.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b> <b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 3 - 26/27)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide detailed project plan and deliverables

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
The Yoga Foundation	Yoga in Nature	An open space yoga program in local parks and natural spaces for vulnerable community members.	\$10,000	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Ukraine Council of NSW*	Stand With Ukraine	A program to support swimming lessons for displaced Ukrainians at Ian Thorpe Aquatic in Ultimo plus a fundraising and awareness raising event celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day at Sydney Town Hall.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$10,930	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$10,930</b>	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Inclusivity in Volunteering	A project in Ultimo connecting International Students with volunteering opportunities that support local people with disabilities.	\$26,873	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

*\*Note that while the Ukraine Council of NSW application was assessed against the Community Services grant criteria, it was assessed by a different assessment panel due to the nature of the application.*

## **Attachment B**

**Not Recommended for Funding  
Community Services Grant Program**

# Community Services Grant Program - Summer round - 2024/25

## Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Amigoss Preschool and Long Day Care Co-Operative Limited as auspice for Ana Attianese	Wholistic Meditation Workshop	A series of meditation workshops for diverse community members, promoting social inclusion and developing healthy communities in Glebe.	\$10,440	Nil
Arise Foundation Limited	Employment Coaching for Women	An employment coaching program to support the financial independence of women's Domestic and Family Violence survivors.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Aruma Services Limited	Employment Program for People with Disability	A program helping people with a disability access meaningful employment by creating pathways and eliminating barriers across the local area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Beyond Struggles Limited	Eradicating Homelessness	Support service for individuals and their families who are homeless and require support services and access to community resources in Ultimo.	\$45,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$135,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Brothers In Need Limited	Volunteering to Make a Difference	This is a project which will connect the corporate, sporting and schools community with homelessness outreach volunteering opportunities in Martin Place, to build relationships and increase social cohesion.	\$30,000	Nil
Camperdown Quarters Limited	Community Support Service Living in Hope	A support service in Camperdown helping disadvantaged people with access to food, clothing and referrals to key organisations.	\$74,049	Nil
Cancer Patients Foundation Limited	Look Good Feel Better	A program in Darlinghurst that offers cancer patients the opportunity to learn practical strategies to manage the physical, psychological and social impacts of cancer treatment.	\$10,000	Nil
Cass Care Limited	Open-air College for Multicultural Seniors	A program for culturally and linguistically diverse seniors to visit landmarks in the inner city to learn Australian culture, fostering social connections and support intellectual engagement.	\$15,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Catholic Parish St Canice Elizabeth Bay as The Operator of a PBI	Meals for the Homeless	A project to assist providing quality and nutritious meals to people experiencing homelessness and social isolation in Rushcutters Bay.	\$50,000	Nil
Country Women's Association of NSW	Women Supporting Women	A program for Women to learn new skills, provides volunteer opportunities and a space for friendship and connection across the local area.	\$10,023	Nil
Creativity Australia Limited as auspice for Sandra Florian	With One Voice	A community choir promoting happier, healthier and more inclusive Sydney through a weekly sing-along program in Pitt Street.	\$10,000	Nil
Democracy In Colour Limited	Build Diverse Resilient Communities Project	An anti-racism program held in Redfern for individuals and organisations working with vulnerable and diverse people.	\$50,000	Nil
Dymocks Children's Charities Limited	New Books for Disadvantaged Schools	A library regeneration program assisting five disadvantaged schools in the inner city, Redfern and Waterloo area with new books for students to utilise.	\$27,250	Nil
Feel Good Project Foundation Ltd	Mobile Hair and Beauty Salon	A project in Chippendale to fit out a mobile hair and beauty salon which will provide free haircuts and beauty treatments to vulnerable community members, including people experiencing homelessness.	\$47,960	Nil
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Consolidated Trust Greek Welfare Centre NSW	Reducing Social Isolation	A project supporting weekly social outings for seniors in Surry Hills.	\$27,600 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$28,704 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development Incorporated	Sydney Youth Voice	A project targeting young people in Waterloo to engage in creating content relating to community leadership, connection and leverage their voice on issues which affect them.	\$48,000	Nil
International Institute for Ortho Postural Education Limited	Health of the Future Generation Program	An oral health education program in preschools to shape the future health and well-being of children who are about to start kindergarten.	\$45,014	Nil
Moving Forward Together Association Inc.	The Sounds of Harmony	This project aims to foster peace, unity and reduce racism through music events at multiple locations in the inner city.	\$30,000	Nil
National ELT Accreditation Scheme Limited	Homestay Quality Assurance Campaign	A project in Haymarket delivering homestay accommodation experiences to international students.	\$44,420	Nil
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Community Mentoring Program	Mentoring program in Newtown providing the recently homeless with a skilled mentor and reduce the chances of being homeless again.	\$43,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
NSW Friendship Circle Inc	Micro Enterprise Incubator	A co-working hub in Surry Hills where people with disabilities are supported to start a micro-business aligned with their interest and skills.	\$50,000	Nil
Orange Sky Australia Limited	Laundry Service for people experiencing Homelessness	This Project assists the homeless and for people dealing with hardship a free laundry service across various sites in the City of Sydney LGA.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Positive Life NSW Incorporated	Positive Minds Counselling Program	A project in Surry Hills designed to assist people living with HIV access to mental health and counselling services.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Radio Eastern Sydney Co-Operative Limited	Skills Training for People entering the Radio Industry	This project in Paddington will assist people who are culturally or neuro diverse with training to become community radio presenters, producers and volunteers.	\$10,890	Nil
Revolve Recycling Foundation Ltd	Bike Libraries	A project to establish bike libraries in eight high schools in the local area for vulnerable High school students to receive education about cycling skills and bike maintenance as well as borrow bikes.	\$49,880	Nil
St Francis Social Services	Centre360 Youth Advisory Committee Community Days	A project where young people are leading local decision making at ten community days in Paddington.	\$47,199	Nil
St John's Community Services Limited	Stories from the Street	A skills development program in Darlinghurst for patrons who are at risk or experiencing homelessness learning to share their story, with graduates who connect them to paid speaking opportunities.	\$19,100	Nil
Stepping Stone House Limited	Independent Living Program	Stepping Stone House are expanding their independent living program by co ordinating, training and upskilling more staff and delivering more services across various City of Sydney Locations. This is tailored specifically to their participants who are now over 18.	\$50,000	Nil
Sydney Maritime Museum Ltd	Ken's Old People's Ship for Teenagers	An intergenerational program bringing together at-risk young people and older people experiencing social isolation, to learn deck crew training aboard the 1874 James Craig tall ship at Pyrmont over six days.	\$35,280	Nil
Sydney United Sports Club Incorporated	Club Looking to Upgrade Their Sports Equipment	This a cricket club from various multi-cultural backgrounds who promote diversity and are assisting players with funding towards new playing equipment, registration fees and club development training for their members in Moore Park.	\$10,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation Limited	The Subtext: Art for Literacy	This project merges art with the written word to increase literacy and language skills for vulnerable young people in the Redfern Waterloo area.	\$40,000	Street banner fee waiver to the value of \$3,000
The Funding Network Australia Limited	Storytelling Support Project	This project will deliver coaching and storytelling workshops to organisations and empower them to create resilient and cohesive communities in the local area.	\$42,500 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$26,550 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$26,950 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
The House That Dan Built Incorporated	Music Programs for Girls, Teens and Women	A free music project in Haymarket for girls, teens, and women, establishing pathways for artists and connections across creative communities.	\$30,735 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$32,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$33,243 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
The Station Ltd	Homeless Heritage Initiative	A project that supports clients who are homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness with dignity and provides inclusive case management practices in the local area.	\$33,100	Nil
The Third Space, Relieving Poverty and Disadvantage Through Participation. Ltd.	Home Heartland Project	This project will build an online platform to connect LGBTIQ+ people needing housing with LGBTIQ+ hosts and flatmates in the local area.	\$24,614	Nil
The Trustee for Wheeleasy Foundation	Wheel Easy Project	Providing online, accessibility options and information for people mobility impaired across every aspect of Sydney leisure-related life.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
The Warrior Woman Foundation Ltd	Young Warrior Woman	Empowering vulnerable women who grew up in out-of-home care to live healthy prosperous lives through a physical and social wellbeing program in the inner city.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Turner Syndrome Association of Australia Limited	Resilience Building Project	Mental health workshops in Mosman for young girls and women with Turner Syndrome.	\$9,430	Nil
United Nations Association of Australia NSW Incorporated	United Nations Day Celebrations	A commemorative service in Martin Place to recognise and acknowledge the service of Australians in UN Peace Keeping operations and activities.	\$6,000	Nil



Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Welfare Rights Centre Ltd	Centrelink Support Workshops for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	A series of annual training events in Redfern covering key topics affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.	\$39,500 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$38,020 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$38,020 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,487 per year for three years
With You We Can Ltd	Raising Awareness of Sexual Violence	This project will deliver education and awareness workshops about sexual violence for community members in Woolloomooloo and Surry Hills.	\$20,000	Nil
Youth Off The Streets Limited	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services	A program providing comprehensive support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in Redfern.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil

# **Attachment C**

**Recommended for Funding  
Inner City Homelessness Services**

## Inner City Homelessness Services - 2024-25

### Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services	Supporting Aboriginal Rough Sleepers in Sydney	To provide culturally specific outreach and post crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing homelessness in the local area.	\$125,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$125,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$125,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$125,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$125,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$125,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil
Innari Incorporated	Assertive Outreach and Case Coordination for Homeless Vulnerable and Complex Aboriginal Clients	An Aboriginal case manager will holistically support people sleeping rough in Sydney from the street into accommodation, addressing their cultural, housing, health and family needs alongside with their reconnection to Community.	\$125,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$125,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$125,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$125,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$125,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$125,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	Applicant to provide a revised budget and project plan, including targets and breakdown of staffing
Launchpad Youth Community Incorporated	Launchpad Brokerage Program	To provide financial support to achieve housing outcomes and other case management goals for young people aged 16-25 experiencing homelessness in the local area.	\$350,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$350,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$350,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$350,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$350,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$350,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil
Neami Limited	Way2Home	Supporting people experiencing homelessness using a Housing First approach, Outreach workers directly engage with consumers, offering assistance, case management and post-crisis support.	\$800,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$800,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$800,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$800,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$800,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$800,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	Applicant to provide revised plan for Year 3 model

# **Attachment D**

**Recommended for Funding  
Food Support Grant Program**

## Food Support Grant Program - Summer Round - 2024/25

### Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Aboriginal Medical Service Co-Operative Limited	Food Support Delivery Program	A project to provide fresh produce, meals, and fresh fruit to Aboriginal Medical Service clients via home delivery or at the centre in Redfern.	\$141,500 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$141,500 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> (Year 1 – 24/25) <b>\$50,000</b> (Year 2 – 25/26)	Nil	Nil
BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation	BlaQ Healthy Eating and Active Living	A project to deliver nine-week practical guidance on healthy eating and lifestyle for the Aboriginal community in Redfern.	\$250,000	Nil	<b>\$63,543</b>	Nil	Nil
City Community Care Incorporated	Early Bird Cafe	A project to offer hot breakfast to those experiencing homelessness in the inner city at Macquarie St.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$15,000</b> (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
Food Ladder	Food Ladder School Systems	A project to break food insecurity cycles by implementing school-based food production, emphasising vegetable consumption, nutrition literacy, and hands-on education across the local area.	\$54,136	Nil	<b>\$27,068</b>	Nil	Nil
Foodbank NSW & Act Limited	Increasing Access to Essential Food, Grocery & Personal Care Items	A project to supply essential food, groceries, personal care, and sanitary items to community partners and schools located in the inner city, for direct distribution to those in need.	\$250,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$250,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$30,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$30,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Glebe Youth Service Inc	Food Circle	A project to improve health and well-being for food-insecure families in Glebe by enhancing access to nutritious food and fresh produce while promoting healthier living.	\$250,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$249,979 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$73,625</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$73,625</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd	Youth Club Nourishment Program	A project to provide healthy and cooked meals and fruits for children and young people involved in afternoon activities at the Police Citizens Youth Clubs Woolloomooloo.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$23,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$20,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$23,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Food for Health Access Program	A project to enhance healthy food access by offering vegetarian meals and fruit at two Surry Hills locations, along with kitchen-based programs and diverse media for information and education.	\$36,639 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$35,675 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$18,000</b> (Year 1 only)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Sydney University Settlement	Food Support, Education and Capacity Building at The Settlement.	A project to increase food support, access and education across children, young people, families, and wider community of Darlington through a multi-tiered program approach and local partnerships.	\$150,000	Nil	<b>\$122,864</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
The International Shift Pty Ltd	Soup of Human Kindness	A project to address immediate needs and enhance the well-being of patrons in Erskineville with the ongoing distribution of nutritious meals, supplemented with essential pantry items.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$61,825 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$25,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$25,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	<b>Nil</b>	Funding is to support the refugee and asylum seeker chefs

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
The Marmalade Foundation Limited	Nutritious Meals for Women	A project to provide breakfast and hot lunch daily to vulnerable women in a safe and welcoming environment at Lou's Place women's refuge in Redfern.	\$24,900 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$27,500 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$ 24,900</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$27,500</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	Nil

# **Attachment E**

**Not Recommended for Funding  
Food Support Grant Program**



# Food Support Grant Program - Summer Round - 2024/25

## Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services	Gadigal First Nations Breakfast	A project that aims to foster community engagement in Waterloo area through the provision of traditional First Nations bush foods by developing a concise survey and implementing a voucher system.	\$17,840 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$10,890 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia consolidated Trust Greek Welfare Centre NSW	Greek Welfare Centre Food Support Program	A project to deliver weekly meal packs to individuals facing financial hardship, homelessness, mental health challenges, or disabilities across the inner city area for a period of two years.	\$31,200 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$32,448 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Kids Giving Back	Kids Giving Back: Cook4Good Surry Hills Project	A project to combat food insecurity among Surry Hills homeless population with a weekly food service provided by a youth volunteer program using a mobile vehicle.	\$148,058 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$68,740 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Medius Dei Limited	Bread Connections - Less Waste More Hope	A project that collects surplus bread from local bakeries and supermarkets and distribute it to food support services and individuals in need.	\$250,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$190,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Secondbite	Farm Fresh for Sydney Food Relief	A project to redirect surplus produce from Australian farms to inner city local communities experiencing food insecurity, preventing wastage at the farm gate. Five agencies serving across the City of Sydney, along with charity partners, will distribute the food directly to residents in need.	\$429,028 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$271,222 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
St. Merkorious Charity Association Inc.	Sydney City Friendship Group	This project will host a weekly fellowship gathering on Friday nights in Woolloomooloo for about 80 people, offering freshly cooked hot meals and care packages.	\$250,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$250,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Will2live Limited	Free, healthy meals for the homeless and hungry	A project to provide daily distribution of free, healthy, safe, and culturally appropriate meals for homeless and hungry individuals in Alexandria.	\$88,800 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$88,800 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil

# **Attachment F**

**Recommended for Funding  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Collaboration Fund Program**

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund Program - 2024/25

## Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation	Mudgin-Gal's Recognition Celebration	Celebrating the strength, resilience, and achievements of Mudgin-Gal women through a gathering that honours the diverse experiences and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in our local community.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$21,325</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

## Item 5.

### Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grant Program

File No: S117676

#### Summary

The Accommodation Grant Program supports community, cultural, economic and sustainability focused organisations by providing accommodation in City owned buildings within the property portfolio at below market or nil rent.

Accommodation Grant recipients are organisations that provide services that meet the needs identified in Sustainable Sydney 2030–2050 Continuing the Vision and the City's strategic plans and policies. Demand for properties is strong, with more than 725 subscribers expressing interest in availability of future properties.

#### Annual Performance Review for Accommodation Grant recipients

Currently there are 71 leases held by 66 organisations located across 49 City properties managed under this Program. These tenancies were approved by Council as Accommodation Grants. Recipients of Accommodation Grants enter into leases or licences with the City for a fixed term, usually five years, and are subject to an annual performance review. There are a number of organisations that hold multiple leases through this grant program.

For the 2023 assessment period, 71 lease holders were in the Accommodation Grants program and 70 were requested to complete an annual performance review. One lease holder was not required to complete a review as it had not been in the Program for a full 12 months.

This report is recommending Council note the continuation of the 69 lease holders who were reviewed, have met their performance criteria and will be continuing in the Program.

#### Lease/License Agreements

There are six recommendations relating to lease or licence agreements for accommodation agreements:

- A new lease became available for 60 Pine Street, Chippendale for 4.5 years from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2029. An Expression of Interest process was opened for the property in March 2024. As a result of an assessment, a recommendation is made for SDN Children's Services be provided a long term lease with the subsidy starting at 100 per cent and incrementally reducing to 92 per cent over the period of the lease;
- Lease renewal for Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd. for Spaces 1 and 2, Waterloo Town Hall, 770 Elizabeth St, Waterloo from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029;
- A lease renewal and increased rental subsidy from 57% to 75% for Hayes Theatre Co at Reginald Murphy Hall, Reginald Murphy Centre at 19 Greenknowe Street, Elizabeth Bay, for five years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029;

- A lease renewal for 107 Projects Incorporated for Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026 to align with the lease expiry date for the 107 Redfern Street, Redfern premise;
- An ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 and Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe for a term of two years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993; and
- An increased rental subsidy to 100 per cent for Darlinghurst Theatre Company Ltd at The Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst for the remainder of the lease, until 30 June 2026. Darlinghurst Theatre Company Ltd have indicated they would like to vacate Suite 3.02 and Suite 3.03 101-111 William Street, Darlinghurst.

This report also notes that no properties have been vacated in the reporting period.

All figures in this report are exclusive of GST.

## Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- Council note the continuation of the current Accommodation Grant leases and licences for the 70 lease holders that have satisfactorily completed their annual performance review for the 2023 calendar year and are continuing in the Program;
- Council note that Innovillage Pty Ltd (trading as Greenhouse) located at the Business Innovation Space, 180 George St, Sydney were not required to complete an annual performance review as it had not been in the Program for a full 12 months and is continuing in the Program;
- Council approve a lease for SDN Children's Services at 60 Pine St Chippendale from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2029 on the following rental subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025	\$153,000	100%	\$153,000	\$0

Year 2 1 January 2026 - 31 December 2026	\$157,590	98%	\$154,438	\$3,152
Year 3 1 January 2027 - 31 December 2027	\$162,317	96%	\$155,824	\$6,493
Year 4 1 January 2028 - 31 December 2028	\$167,187	94%	\$157,156	\$10,031
Year 5 1 January 2029 - 30 June 2029	\$86,101	92%	\$79,213	\$6,888

- (D) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 and Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe for two years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates outgoings and utilities:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy (Rounded)</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$73,224	100%	\$73,224	\$0
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$75,421	100%	\$75,421	\$0

- (E) Council approve a lease renewal for Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd located at Space 1 and 2, Waterloo Town Hall, 770 Elizabeth St, Waterloo for five years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029 on the following subsidy:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy (Rounded)</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$25,200	80%	\$20,160	\$5,040
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$25,956	80%	\$20,765	\$5,191
Year 3 1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027	\$26,735	80%	\$21,388	\$5,347
Year 4 1 July 2027 - 30 June 2028	\$27,537	80%	\$22,029	\$5,508
Year 5 1 July 2028 - 30 June 2029	\$28,363	80%	\$22,690	\$5,673

- (F) Council approve a lease renewal for Hayes Theatre Co at Reginald Murphy Hall, Reginald Murphy Centre at 19 Greenknowe Street Elizabeth Bay, for five years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029, on the following subsidy:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy (Rounded)</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$95,000	75%	\$71,250	\$23,750
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$97,850	75%	\$73,387	\$24,463

Year 3 1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027	\$100,786	75%	\$75,590	\$25,196
Year 4 1 July 2027 - 30 June 2028	\$103,809	75%	\$77,857	\$25,952
Year 5 1 July 2028 - 30 June 2029	\$106,923	75%	\$80,193	\$26,730

- (G) Council approve a lease renewal for 107 Projects Incorporated at Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland for two years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026 on the following subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$500,000	100%	\$500,000	\$0
Year 2 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$515,000	100%	\$515,000	\$0

- (H) Council approve the new subsidy and grant level for Darlinghurst Theatre Company Ltd at The Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst for its current five year lease, for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 on the following rental subsidy:

Year	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025	\$208,669	100%	\$208,669	\$0

- (I) Council note that Darlinghurst Theatre Company has provided notice of their intention to vacate Suite 3.02 and Suite 3.03 101-111 William Street, Darlinghurst and the property will be offered by an expression of interest application through the Accommodation Grants Program;



- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the lease agreement with: SDN Children's Services at 60 Pine St Chippendale; Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd. located at Space 1 & 2, 770 Elizabeth St, Waterloo; Hayes Theatre Co for Reginald Murphy Hall, Reginald Murphy Centre at 19 Greenknowe Street Elizabeth Bay; 107 Projects Incorporated at Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland; Darlinghurst Theatre Company Ltd for The Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst; and the licence agreement to Larissa Minecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 and Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe on terms consistent with this resolution and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (K) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipients will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

## Attachments

**Attachment A.** Annual Performance Review Ratings

## Background

### Annual Review of Tenancies

1. The City currently leases 71 Accommodation Grants Program tenancies and seven Live / Work spaces.
2. For the 2023 calendar year annual review, there were 71 leases held by 66 organisations located across 49 City properties managed under the Program. Of these, 70 lease holders were requested to complete an annual performance review.
3. The Business Innovation Space at 180 George St, Sydney leased by Innovillage Pty Ltd (trading as Greenhouse) is not required to complete a review as it had not been in the program for a full 12 months and will submit a review next year.
4. As of 30 June 2024, the Accommodation Grant Program will make available 71 spaces across 49 properties for 66 organisations. The total cost of the Program in revenue forgone for the 2024/25 financial year is estimated at \$9.69 million.
5. The terms and conditions of the agreement between each lease holder and the City are detailed in a lease or licence, which also sets out specific key performance criteria and performance measures.
6. Lease holders are reviewed every 12 months against these criteria and measures. Based on these reviews, the following options exist: continuation; improvement; termination; or a variation to the terms of the existing lease or licence.

### Outcomes of 2023 Annual Performance Review

7. The annual performance review of Accommodation Grant recipients was undertaken between January 2024 and May 2024 and is based on the 2023 calendar year.
8. Each year, the City coordinates the annual performance review with the Accommodation Grant recipients (lease and licence holders) to review their performance against the criteria in their lease or licence agreements. A rating system is used to evaluate the information received and assess the performance of the organisations against the criteria set, in return for subsidised accommodation. This report outlines the outcomes of the annual performance review for the 2023 calendar year.
9. Lease holders submitted their annual performance reviews online. City staff members evaluated the submissions provided and the lease holders' overall performance in 2023 against the criteria contained in the respective lease or license. Final evaluations were agreed upon during assessment meetings using the following ratings:
  - A - meeting or exceeding performance criteria;
  - A/B - meeting the majority of performance criteria;
  - B - not meeting performance criteria, on notice (one year to improve performance); or
  - C - not meeting expectations after one year, leases to be terminated.

10. The assessment meetings were held on 19 March, 20 March and 21 March 2024 to ensure lease holders were assessed against the relevant performance criteria. The assessment panels consisted of City staff from the Creative City and Social City Teams.
11. The 70 lease holders who participated in the annual review process have been rated 'A', 'A/B' or 'B' against their performance criteria and all will be continuing in the Program (see Attachment A).
12. It is noted that City staff will work closely with the four lease holders who were rated A/B over the next 12 months; 107 Projects Incorporated, The Roman Catholic Church for The Archdiocese of Sydney, UTS Childcare Inc and Women in Film and Television Incorporated. Several areas for improvement have been identified with these lease holders, such as reviewing organisations financial capacity, increasing benefit to the local community and establishing expectations around reporting.
13. It is noted that City staff will work closely with the one lease holder rated B over the coming months. Darlinghurst Theatre Company has several areas of improvement that have been identified, such as standard performance criteria not being met and issues with governance.

### **SDN Children's Services**

14. In 2009, the City sought tenders from not-for-profit child care providers to operate the City's work based child care centre, Chippendale Child Care Centre, providing priority to child care spaces for City of Sydney employees.
15. Historically, the City has paid a management fee for the management and operation of the service in line with legislation pertaining to education and care services, providing City of Sydney employees with first priority to child care places.
16. On 21 September 2009, Council approved Children's Services Community Management (CSCM) to operate and manage Chippendale Child Care Centre, and entered into a five year agreement with Children's Services Community Management with an option for a further five-year term. On 7 December 2016, the City exercised the five-year option. This five-year term was due to end 30 December 2021.
17. On 21 May 2018, Community Early Learning Australia formally notified the City that Children's Services Community Management was no longer in a position to operate and manage Chippendale Child Care and were seeking to end the contract agreement by 21 August 2018.
18. By Resolution of Council on 13 May 2019, Council resolved to enter into a contract variation with Children's Services Community Management to end the management term on 31 December 2019 and a new provider was sought via an open tender process.
19. On 21 October 2019, Council approved that the City enter into a reject and negotiate process for the operation of the service. Following this process, a new contract agreement was signed with SDN Children's Services for up to a five-year term (2 + 3 year option).
20. On 22 November 2021, the three-year option was exercised for the management of Chippendale Child Care by SDN Children's Services until 31 December 2024.

21. Since 2021, the City has reviewed the work based child care offering and the needs of parents returning to the workplace, particularly in light of current cost of living challenges.
22. As a result of this review, the operation of Chippendale Child Care centre will be offered through the Accommodation Grant Program in the future, rather than through a management agreement.
23. This change means that the City will no longer maintain a work based child care centre, nor pay a management fee to the operator of Chippendale Child Care Centre. There are currently no staff taking advantage of the work based child care offering.
24. The City of Sydney provides comprehensive parental leave benefits to its employees, including generous paid parental leave, flexible working arrangements, and nursing facilities. There are also four early education and care centres, and six outside school hours care services operated by the City of Sydney, which are open for employees to register their children for education and care services.
25. Options to update support for employees who are parents is currently being reviewed, and any new measures to support parents will be included in planned changes to current parental policies, subject to financial review. Funds to support any planned program will be offset by funds previously used to pay the management fee.
26. On 18 March 2024, the City commenced an expression of interest process for the property located at 60 Pine St Chippendale through the Accommodation Grant Program.
27. Information about this grant program was made available on the City's website. Email campaigns were utilised to target interested parties who have expressed an interest in the City's Grants and Sponsorship Accommodation Grant program.
28. Applications closed at 5pm on 16 April 2024, one eligible application was received for the tenancy, SDN Children's Services.
29. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from City Engagement, City Properties and Social City.
30. The application was assessed against the following mandatory evaluation criteria:
  - (a) the relevance of the proposal to meet the needs of the childcare sector in Sydney;
  - (b) viability of the proposed model to maximise utilisation of the space;
  - (c) capacity and capability of the organisation to manage the lease;
  - (d) whether the proposed use is permissible under the planning controls; and
  - (e) alignment with the Accommodation Grant Program and City of Sydney's strategic priorities, and the City of Sydney's grants policy and ethics framework.
31. The grant is recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by SDN Children's Services.

32. This report recommends that Council approve the subsidy level and grant value of SDN Children's Services, with rent to be paid for the financial years 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29.

### **Scarred Tree Ministries**

33. Scarred Trees Ministries provides important services for communities in Glebe including the provision of a culturally safe drop-in space for community, counselling, community and justice support, youth programs, NAIDOC event planning and other community activities for local Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander communities.
34. In 2016, Sydney University applied for a lease through the Program for all spaces located on the Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe. This included Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2. Scarred Trees Ministries operated programs from these spaces within Glebe Town Hall for five years, under an arrangement with Sydney University. The City's lease with Sydney University ended on 30 June 2023.
35. Scarred Trees Ministries are an unincorporated non-profit community group providing free and essential services to local priority communities.
36. At the June 2023 Council meeting, Council approved an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Tree Ministries to enable their continued use of Office 1 (including adjoining reception area) within Glebe Town Hall for 12 months to 30 June 2024.
37. On 6 November 2023, Council approved inclusion of Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 in that licence to 30 June 2024. City staff are working with Scarred Trees Ministries, its associated church at St John's Glebe and other suitable local organisations to support Scarred Tree Ministries in obtaining status as an incorporated organisation to enable them to apply through the Accommodation Grant program on a longer-term basis.
38. Scarred Trees Ministries' current licence permits the use of Meeting Room 1, Meeting Room 2 and Office 1 (including adjoining reception area). This licence has been in place since 1 July 2023 and is due to expire on 30 June 2024.
39. It is recommended that Council provide a two-year ad-hoc grant from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026 to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to enable continued use of Meeting Room 1, Meeting Room 2 and Office 1 (including adjoining reception area).
40. The standard performance criteria for the Accommodation Grant Program for this licence will apply, including the annual review requirements, so that the City can ensure ongoing collaboration with Scarred Trees Ministries and support for local communities from this space.

**Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd**

41. Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd continue to provide a diverse range of programs designed to support children, young people, women and families who face complex issues such as homelessness, family breakdown, mental health and substance use issues and are impacted by intergenerational trauma and significant systemic disadvantage. These include health and wellbeing, tutoring, advocacy and education programs.
42. Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd currently occupy tenancies through the Accommodation Grants Program for Spaces 1 & 2, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo, through which they deliver tutoring and other programs. Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd have continued to achieve an A rating in their annual performance reviews.
43. The current lease expired on 8 November 2023 and they have continued on holdover since that time in accordance with the lease conditions.
44. It is recommended a new lease be issued to Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd for Spaces 1 & 2, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo for a period of five years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029, to enable them to continue to provide their vital services to priority populations in the inner city.

**Hayes Theatre Co**

45. Hayes Theatre Co (Hayes) has occupied a tenancy through the Accommodation Grants Program for Reginald Murphy Hall on the first floor of the Reginald Murphy Centre at 19 Greenknowe Street Elizabeth Bay successfully for ten years since January 2014. Hayes Theatre Co have continued to achieve an A rating (meeting or exceeding performance criteria) in annual performance reviews of Accommodation Grant Recipients over this time.
46. Hayes currently holds a five-year lease expiring 30 June 2024. During the term Hayes was granted the following subsidy:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Market Rental Value</b>	<b>Grant Subsidy</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Rent to be paid</b>
Year 1 June - December 2019  *6 months only	\$44,000	77%	\$33,880	\$10,120
Year 1 January - June 2020  *6 months only	\$44,000	57%	\$25,080	\$18,920

Period	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 2 July 2020 – June 2021	\$90,640	57%	\$51,664	\$38,975
Year 3 July 2021 – June 2022	\$93,359	57%	\$53,215	\$40,144
Year 4 July 2022 – June 2023	\$96,160	57%	\$54,811	\$41,349
Year 5 July 2023 – June 2024	\$99,045	57%	\$56,456	\$42,590

47. Hayes Theatre Co is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to developing and presenting musical theatre, with a commitment to developing the next generation of Australian musical theatre performers, creatives and producers. Hayes Theatre Co provides employment opportunities for a diverse range of creative practitioners as well as mentoring programs for emerging practitioners.
48. Hayes Theatre Co operates the 111 seat theatre to an average 89 per cent capacity typically presenting eight performances across six days per week, however box office revenue is capped at this small scale.
49. Hayes has experienced significant increased outgoings in the last few years, including 10 to 15 per cent increased costs for employing understudies for COVID and illness cover (increases of approximately \$90,000 in both 2022 and 2023), labour shortages in technical roles resulting in increased wages, material and supply costs and audience behaviour changes resulting in increased marketing and promotional costs.
50. The company retains reserves of approximately 50 per cent of annual operational expenses which allows them to manage such shortfalls. Hayes continues to seek diverse funding sources, including support through Creative Australia and Create NSW.

This report recommends the following to support the organisation going forward: increase in rental subsidy from 57 per cent to 75 per cent as indicated in the table above to ease these financial strains and assist them to return to break-even budgets. This increased subsidy represents a reduction of approximately \$20,000 per year on rent payable in the current agreement.

51. Annual assessment of the performance of Hayes is undertaken, as per the standard terms of the Accommodation Grants program, to ensure that the organisation continues to meet its creative goals and financial projections. Renewal of the lease agreement beyond the initial term is contingent on Hayes' performance under the lease.
52. All property is subject to periodic market valuation. Any renewals including market value, subsidy values and rent payable will be recommended to Council through the usual Accommodation Grant program renewal and reporting process.

### **107 Projects Incorporated**

53. 107 Projects Incorporated (107 Projects), is a not-for-profit cultural organisation that operates at the intersection of artistic practice, sustainable community development and social enterprise.
54. 107 Projects have been Head Tenant of the Joynton Avenue Creative Centre (the Centre) at 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland, since May 2018 through the Accommodation Grants Program. As Head Tenant of the Centre, 107 is responsible for the day-to-day operational management, curating and managing a variety of creative workers, artists and small creative businesses for each of the subsidised leasable spaces, and providing a program of activities and learning opportunities from the Centre which engages with the local community and the cultural and creative sector.
55. 107 Projects also occupies tenancies through the Accommodation Grants Program at 107 Redfern Street, Redfern, where they manage a multi-purpose creative facility which includes artist studios, creative office spaces, exhibition, performance and presentation spaces and from where they deliver a program of events and activities for the local community and the cultural and creative sector.
56. 107 Projects lease at Joynton Avenue Creative Centre expired on 6 May 2023 and they have continued on holdover since that time in accordance with the lease conditions.
57. It is recommended a new lease be issued to 107 Projects for Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland for a period of two years from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026, to align with the lease expiry date for the 107 Redfern Street, Redfern premise.

### **Darlinghurst Theatre Company**

58. Darlinghurst Theatre Company Ltd (DTC) is currently in Year 3 of a five-year lease at The Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst, expiring 30 June 2026. DTC has occupied The Eternity Playhouse under an Accommodation Grant since September 2013.
59. DTC has operated for 30 years, presenting contemporary theatre works by Australian and international writers directed and performed by local creative practitioners. Pre-Covid DTC was typically staging more than 300 performances, to approximately 46,000 audience members, and employing more than 500 artists and creative workers, paid at award and industry rates.



60. However, the Board has reported significant operational difficulties affecting 2023 and 2024 programs, budgets, operations, governance and reporting. After the departure of a senior staff member in late 2023, a Board Member was appointed as the interim Executive Director. In December 2023, the organisation received emergency funding from philanthropic sources and is now seeking support from a range of partners and funding bodies to rebuild operations.
61. Due to the staffing disruption and subsequent gaps in organisational knowledge during this time, for the 2023 AGP annual self assessment reviews City staff have recommended that DTC receive a B rating – the difficulties the organisation has faced were reflected in not meeting performance criteria and reporting requirements. Organisations receiving a B rating require staff to monitor progress closely. Over the coming months staff will track: financial goals; governance and leadership matters; creative and cultural output; and activation of the Eternity Playhouse.
62. Under the current lease terms for Year 4 the grant amount of \$131,462 represents a subsidy of 63 per cent of the market value, with rent payable of \$77,208 per annum.
63. The proposed increased rental subsidy for the period would provide 100 per cent rent relief for one year, saving the organisation \$77,208 in rental payments. Increased rental subsidy will relieve budget and cashflow pressures while the organisation is in its recovery phase.
64. In 2022 DTC were successful in an AGP application for the office spaces at Suite 3.02 and Suite 3.03 101-111 William Street, Darlinghurst. These office spaces were supplementary to their operations at Eternity Playhouse, which has limited back of house and office space. They are currently in Year 2 of a five year lease ending on 31 October 2027 with rent payable of \$11,124 per annum receiving a 90% subsidy on the market value of \$111,240 per annum. DTC has provided notice of their intention to vacate these premises and end the lease.
65. Once DTC vacates Suite 3.02 and Suite 3.03 101-111 William Street, Darlinghurst, required maintenance of the premises will be undertaken and the property can be offered by an expression of interest application through the Accommodation Grants Program.

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

66. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This grant is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
  - (a) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the provision of accommodation to a varied group of community and cultural organisations contributes to the diverse range of services and support the City provides for our community. The diversity of these groups contributes to the vibrancy of the City's villages and the communities within them.

- (b) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural and creative life - approximately one third of the Accommodation Grant lease holders are cultural or arts organisations. These organisations support cultural development through the support of artists, and the delivery of culturally stimulating activities that engage our communities.
- (c) Direction 9 - A transformed and innovative economy - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to helping stimulate business and promote economic activity. They encourage partnerships with other organisations on business development and assist groups of businesses to work together for the collective benefit.

### **Social / Cultural**

- 67. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program provides the City with a platform to support cultural and social initiatives from the communities and business within the local area.
- 68. The organisations within the Accommodation Grants Program make an invaluable contribution to our communities through the development and management of services, activities and programs.

### **Financial Implications**

- 69. Based on the current list of Accommodation Grant recipients the total value of the Accommodation Grant Program in the 2024/25 financial year is estimated at \$9.65 million in revenue foregone, compared to market value rent.
- 70. The value of the recommended increased subsidy for DTC for 2024 is \$77,208 in revenue forgone, compared to market value rent.
- 71. The total value of the recommended subsidy for the duration of the recommended five year lease for Hayes is \$378,277 in revenue forgone, compared to market value rent.
- 72. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 grants and sponsorship budget included in the City's draft operating budget for 2024/25 which is seeking approval as part of a separate council report in the current reporting cycle, to support the revenue foregone in the Accommodation Grant program.

### **Relevant Legislation**

- 73. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
- 74. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
  - (a) the funding is part of the Accommodation Grant Program;
  - (b) the details of these programs have been included in Council's draft operational plan for financial year 2024/25;

- (c) the program's proposed budget does not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2024/25; and
- (d) this program applies to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

**Critical Dates / Time Frames**

75. Commencement dates for the leases recommended for renewal in this report are from 1 July 2024.

**EMMA RIGNEY**

Director City Life

Cathy Brown, Grants Coordinator

# **Attachment A**

<b>Annual Performance Review Ratings</b>
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## Accommodation Grant recipients with agreements in place as at 30 June 2024

ORGANISATION	PROPERTY ADDRESS	2023 RATING
<b>Grant recipients rated A (Meeting all performance criteria)</b>		
Asian Australian Artists Association	Corporation Building, 181-187 Hay Street Haymarket	A
Australian Design Centre	113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst	A
Australian Guild of Screen Composers	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Australian Screen Editors Inc	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Beehive Industries Co-op	137 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	A
Big Fag Press Inc	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Brand X	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre, 225-245 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	A
Counterpoint Community Services Inc	Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden Street, Alexandria	A
The Northcott Society (Formerly Creativity Incorporated)	Rosebery Community Centre, 78 Harcourt Parade, Rosebery	A
Digital Storytellers Limited	Creative Spaces – Suite 3.01, Level 3, 101-115 William St, Darlinghurst	A
First Draft Inc	Depot - Riley Street, 13-17 Riley Street, Woolloomooloo	A
Glebe District Hockey Club Inc	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Glebe Junior Australian Football Club	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Geoff Holmes trading as Glebe Music Project	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	The Crescent Early Learning Centre, 7 Chapman Rd, Annandale	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	East Sydney Early Learning Centre, 277 Bourke St, Darlinghurst	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	Huntley Street Early Learning Centre, 4 Huntley St, Alexandria	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	Waranara Child Care Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland	A
In the Pipeline (arts) Ltd trading as Independent Music Theatre	Reginald Murphy Activity Centre, 19 Greenknowe Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Inner City Legal Centre Limited	Kings Cross Neighbourhood Service Centre & Library, 50-52 Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross	A

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PROPERTY ADDRESS</b>	<b>2023 RATING</b>
Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development	Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo	A
Jessie Street National Women's Library	Ultimo Community Centre - Harris Street, 40 William Henry Street, Ultimo	A
Junction Neighbourhood Centre	Suites 1-3, Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Junction Neighbourhood Centre	Suite 4, Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio	Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe	A
Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio	Nurses Quarters, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Kings Cross Community and Information Centre	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
KU Children's Services - Ultimo	Ultimo Child Care Centre, 247-257 Bulwara Road, Ultimo	A
KU Children's Services - James Cahill PreSchool	James Cahill Pre-School, 1-7 Ragan Street, Waterloo	A
KU Children's Services - John J Carroll Pre School	John J Carroll Pre-School, 2-14 Phelps Street, Surry Hills	A
KU Children's Services - Lance Preschool	Lance Pre-School and Child Care Centre, 37 High Street, Millers Point	A
KU Children's Services - Maybanke Preschool	Maybanke Pre-School, 99 Harris Street, Pyrmont	A
KU Children's Services - Philip Park Children's Centre	Phillip Park Community & Children's Centre, 2-10 Yurong Parkway, Sydney	A
KU Children's Services - Rushcutters Bay Lease	Rushcutters Bay Childcare Centre, Waratah Street, Rushcutters Bay Park	A
KU Sunbeam Kindergarten	Sunbeam Kindergarten, 8 Lyne Street, Alexandria	A
Mandala Community Counselling Services Inc	Ultimo Community Centre - Harris Street, 40 William Henry Street, Ultimo	A
Milk Crate Theatre	Alexandria Town Hall, 74 Garden Street, Alexandria	A
Museum of Chinese in Australia Ltd	744 George Street, Sydney	A
Older Woman's Network NSW	Jane Evans Day Centre, 8-10 Victoria Street, Newtown	A
PACT Centre for Emerging Artists	107-125 Railway Parade, Erskineville	A
Physical Disability Council	Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Pride History Group	Glebe Community Centre - Benledi House, 186-194 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Pyrmont Ultimo Glebe Men's Shed	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PROPERTY ADDRESS</b>	<b>2023 RATING</b>
Radio Eastern Sydney Co-op	Paddington Town Hall, 247 Oxford Street, Paddington	A
Radio for the Print-handicapped of NSW	Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Readymade Works Incorp	Ultimo Child Care Centre, 247-257 Bulwara Road, Ultimo	A
Redfern Legal Centre	Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street, Redfern	A
Screen Culture Association Inc	Glebe Community Centre - Benledi House, 186- 194 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
SDN Children's Services - Lois Barker Child Care	Lois Barker Child Care Centre, 232 (102 Wellington) Pitt Street, Waterloo	A
SDN Children's Services - Pyrmont Early Childhood Education Centre	Pyrmont Community Centre, 79a Street, Pyrmont	A
SDN Children's Services - Surry Hills Early Childhood Education Centre	Surry Hills Child Care Centre, 443 Riley Street, Surry Hills	A
SESI: Kings Cross Early Child Health Centre (Sydney Children's Hospital Network)	Reginald Murphy Activity Centre, 19 Greenknowe Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre	Surry Hills Community & Child Care Centre & Library, 405 Crown Street, Surry Hills	A
Sydney Local Health District known as Glebe Early Childhood Centre	Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe	A
The Bower Re-use & Repair Centre Co	107 Redfern Street, Redfern	A
The Women's Library Inc	Newtown Library & Women's Centre & Brown St Community Hall, 8-10 Brown Street, Newtown	A
Tom Bass Sculpture Studio School	Erskineville Art's Centre, 1a Clara Street, Erskineville	A
Tribal Warrior Association Inc	107 Redfern St, Redfern	A
We Are Warriors	Suite 2, Ultimo Community Centre, 525 Harris Street, Ultimo	A
Weave Youth & Community Services Inc	Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo	A
Weave Youth & Community Services Inc	Waterloo Oval, Elizabeth & Allen Streets, Waterloo	A
Wrap with Love	Huntley St Industrial Complex, 4/4 Huntley Street, Alexandria	A

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PROPERTY ADDRESS</b>	<b>2023 RATING</b>
<b>Accommodation Grant recipients rated A/B (Meeting majority of performance criteria)</b>		
107 Projects Inc	Ground floor, 107 Redfern Street, Redfern	A/B
107 Projects Inc	Level 1, 107 Redfern Street, Redfern	A/B
107 Projects Inc	Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland	A/B
The Roman Catholic Church for The Archdiocese of Sydney	1b Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo	A/B
UTS Childcare Inc	McKee Street Child Care Centre, 2-10 and 1- 15 Mary Ann and McKee Streets, Ultimo	A/B
Women In film and Television Inc	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A/B
<b>Accommodation Grant recipients rated A/B (not meeting performance criteria, on notice)</b>		
Darlinghurst Theatre Company	Creative Spaces – Suites 3.02 and 3.03, Level 3, 101-115 William St, Darlinghurst	B
Darlinghurst Theatre Company	Eternity Playhouse, 249 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	B
<b>Annual performance review not required for 2023</b>		
Innovillage Pty Ltd (trading as Greenhouse)	Business Innovation Space, 180 George Street, Sydney	Moved into premises 2023



## Item 6.

### Grants and Sponsorship - Economic Grants

File No: S117676

#### Summary

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. To achieve the objectives of the Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision, genuine partnership between government, business and the community is required.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism to further the aims identified in the City's social, cultural, economic and environmental policies. Applications are assessed against these policies and against broad City objectives and plans. In this way, the City and the community act collaboratively to achieve the goals of Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision.

The City advertised the following Programs in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Program:

- Business Sector Support Grant program; and
- Innovation and Ideas Grant program.

For the Business Sector Support Grant program, 24 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 19 grants to a total value of \$685,362 in cash in the 2024/25 financial year.

For the Innovation and Ideas Grant program, 61 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 14 grants to a total value of \$491,891 in cash and \$600 value-in-kind for payment in the 2024/25 financial year.

On 22 August 2022, Council adopted a Grants and Sponsorship Policy. All grants in this report were assessed in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the priorities set out in Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision and various other relevant City strategies and action plans.

All grant recipients will be required to sign a contract, meet specific performance outcomes and acquit their grant. All figures in this report exclude GST.

## Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Business Sector Support Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value in kind recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

## Attachments

- Attachment A.** Recommended For Funding - Business Sector Support Grant Program
- Attachment B.** Not Recommended For Funding - Business Sector Support Grant Program
- Attachment C.** Recommended For Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program
- Attachment D.** Not Recommended For Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program

## Background

1. The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports residents, businesses and not-for-profit organisations to undertake initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city.
2. On 6 February 2024, the City announced the Grants and Sponsorship program as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 5 March 2024.
3. The two economic programs promoted were:
  - (a) Business Sector Support Grant; and
  - (b) Innovation and Ideas Grant program.
4. Information about these grant programs (such as application dates, guidelines, and eligibility criteria) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the grant programs through the corporate website, e-newsletters, advertising through paid social ads, paid LinkedIn, AdWords, Radio and an ArtsHub partnership. Email campaigns were utilised to target interested parties who have applied previously for grants at the City or who have expressed an interest in the City's programs.
5. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Business Sector Support Grant program is open to not-for-profit organisations and members based organisations with an economic focus.
6. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Innovation and Ideas Grant program is open to not-for-profit organisations and for-profit organisations.
7. A total of 40 eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations through the Innovation and Ideas Grant program and the following seven for-profit organisations are recommended in this report:
  - (a) Australian School of Entrepreneurship Pty Ltd;
  - (b) Finding Infinity Pty Ltd;
  - (c) Footpath AI Pty Ltd;
  - (d) Noizend Pty Ltd;
  - (e) Revolve Recycling Pty Ltd;
  - (f) Tipiac Pty Ltd; and
  - (g) Velocity Empowerment Pty Ltd.

## Grants assessment process

8. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program is highly competitive. Applications that are not recommended have either not scored as highly against the assessment criteria as the recommended applications or have incomplete or insufficient information. The City's Grants and Sponsorship team provides feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

9. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. The applications are scored against defined assessment criteria for each grant program as well as the integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, partnerships, contributions and connection to the local community and industry sectors.
10. The assessment criteria for the Business Sector Support Grant program are:
  - evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project;
  - demonstrated connection and benefit to the local area and community;
  - evidence of diversity, inclusion and equity in the planning and delivery of the project; and
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities.
11. The assessment meeting for the Business Sector Support Grant program was held on 11 April 2024 to ensure grant applicants were assessed against the relevant assessment criteria.
12. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the City Business and Safety and Strategy and Urban Analytics Teams, with specialist input from staff from the City Business and Safety, Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, People and Culture and Social City Teams.
13. The assessment criteria for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program are:
  - evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project;
  - demonstrated connection and benefit to the local area and community;
  - evidence of diversity, inclusion and equity in the planning and delivery of the project; and
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities.
14. The assessment meeting for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program was held on 8 April 2024 to ensure grant applicants were assessed against the relevant assessment criteria.
15. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Strategy and Urban Analytics, City Business and Safety and Sustainability Programs Teams Team, with specialist input from staff from the City Access and Transport, Cleansing and Waste, Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Strategic Planning and Urban Design, Technology and Digital Services, and Social City Teams.
16. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, a contract is developed which includes conditions that must be adhered to and acquitted against.

17. It is expected that all successful applicants will work cooperatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding.
18. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.

### **Business Sector Support Grant program**

#### Business Sector Support Grant program

19. The applications recommended for the Business Sector Support Grant program are outlined in Attachment A to this report.
20. The Business Sector Support Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$845,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$47,698
Total cash available	\$797,302
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	24
Total cash value requested from applications	\$1,067,039
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$9,000
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	19
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$80,000) (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2026/27 - \$40,000)	\$685,362
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25 (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$0) (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2026/27 - \$0)	\$0
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$111,940

**Innovation and Ideas Grant program**

21. The applications recommended for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program are outlined in Attachment C to this report.
22. The Innovation and Ideas Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$1,175,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$140,000
Total cash available	\$1,035,000
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	61
Total cash value requested from applications	\$2,546,563
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$600
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	14
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$136,550) (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2026/27 - \$23,275)	\$491,891
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25 (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$0) (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2026/27 - \$0)	\$600
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$543,109

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

23. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This grant is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 2 - A leading environmental performer - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to the City's endeavours in improving environmental performance of our residents and businesses by supporting new and innovative approaches to delivering sustainability outcomes and strengthening community resilience.
  - (b) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to community development and support active participation in civic life. They empower the community to address issues that matter to them and drive projects to create a more inclusive and resilient city.
  - (c) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural and creative life - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to supporting artistic and creative endeavours in our city, helping foster initiative, experimentation and enterprise by creative workers and providing new opportunities for audiences to engage in the city's cultural life.
  - (d) Direction 9 - A transformed and innovative economy - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to helping stimulate business and promote economic activity. They encourage partnerships with other organisations on business development and assist groups of businesses to work together for the collective benefit.

### Organisational Impact

24. The grants and sponsorships contract management process will involve key staff across the City of Sydney. Identified staff set contract conditions and performance measures for each approved project, and review project acquittals, which include both narrative and financial reports.

### Social / Cultural / Economic / Environmental

25. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program provides the City with a platform to support cultural, economic, environmental and social initiatives from the communities and business, within the local area.

### Financial Implications

26. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 grants and sponsorship budget, included in the City's draft operating budget for 2024/25 which is seeking approval as part a separate council report in the current reporting cycle, to support the recommended grants. Details and total values are provided in the table above.

### Relevant Legislation

27. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
28. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
  - (a) the funding is part of the following programs:
    - (i) Business Sector Support Grant program; and
    - (ii) Innovation and Ideas Grant program;
  - (b) the details of the programs have been included in the Council's draft operational plan for financial year 2024/25;
  - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2024/25; and
  - (d) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

### Critical Dates / Time Frames

29. The funding period for the Business Sector Support Grant program and Innovation and Ideas Grant program for financial year 2024/25 is for activity taking place from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in July 2024.

### Public Consultation

30. During February 2024, briefing sessions and Connect Sydney training took place where potential applicants were notified about the grants and how to apply:
  - (a) An online briefing session for general grants enquires was held on 7 February 2024. A total of 168 attendees participated in the session.
  - (b) An in-person briefing session for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was held at Redfern Community Centre on 8 February 2023. A total of 20 attendees participated in the session.



- (c) An in-person information session was held at the Pitt Street Training Centre on 13 February 2024, for participants at the Connect Sydney workshop. Connect Sydney aims to build the capacity of community and not-for-profit organisations through the provision of free grant writing skills and governance training. A total of 23 attendees participated in the session.
  
- (d) An in-person information session was held at the at Redfern Community centre on 15 February 2024, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants at the Connect Sydney workshop. Connect Sydney aims to build the capacity of community and not-for-profit organisations through the provision of free grant writing skills and governance training. A total of 11 attendees participated in the session.

**EMMA RIGNEY**

Director City Life

Alana Goodwin, Grants Coordinator

# **Attachment A**

**Recommended for Funding  
Business Sector Support Grant Program**

## Business Sector Support Grant Program - Summer Round - 2024/25

### Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Aus Defi Association Ltd	Enhancing Blockchain Advocacy with AI	A series of monthly events embracing homegrown AI technology to help enhance what is delivered to the community.	\$30,000	Nil	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Australian Fashion Council Ltd	AFC Industry Roundtable Series	A roundtable series of events for the fashion and textile industry, convening businesses in the local area and leading experts to discuss pressing industry challenges to inform the Australian Fashion Council's advocacy strategy.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Australian Sustainable Finance Institute Limited	Sydney: The Regional Hub of Finance Sector Leadership	An event in the inner city to lead Australia's finance sector through the sustainable finance evolution by supporting the Annual Sustainable Finance Summit.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$45,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$40,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals Ltd	First Nations Co-operative Business Leadership Network	Support the connection, self-determination, and economic development of First Nations community-controlled co-operative enterprises in the local area.	\$48,200	Nil	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited	Spotlight on Women in Business, City Business EXPO25, and Accountability Countdown	A series of projects in the inner city to upskill women in business, a City Business event to build skills and business opportunities, and a workshop/event to assist with business digitisation.	\$35,375	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Incorporated	VESPA - Darlinghurst and East Sydney activation	The support and promotion of local businesses in Darlinghurst and the wider Eastside Sydney area through a mix of marketing strategy, online activations, networking nights and wayfinding printed guides.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT	Educating Local Businesses on Guide Dog Access Rights	An initiative to upskill the local area businesses' knowledge of Guide Dog access rights, to enable freedom and independence for people living with low vision or blindness to get around their communities safely.	\$48,598	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$9,000	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Hollywood Quarter Incorporated	Hollywood Quarter	Support for businesses in and around the Hollywood Quarter through networking, collaborations, and marketing the precinct as a premium destination.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Newtown Enmore Precinct (NEP) Inc	Newtown, Enmore, and Erskineville Precinct Map	The creation of an accessible precinct map of Newtown, Enmore, and Erskineville in consultation with diverse community sectors such as First Nations, disability, CALD, and local businesses.	\$38,240 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$45,740 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$43,500 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$35,000 (Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Paddington Chamber of Commerce Inc	Visit Paddington Brand Campaign & Business Network	A program of events for local Paddington businesses sharing knowledge on brand awareness, marketing and engagement, promoting the unique attributes of Paddington as a tourist and shopping destination area.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget  Applicant to provide an engagement plan with local businesses within the Sydney local government area
Pymont - Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	Business + Connect + Economic Participation Project	A series of networking events connecting local businesses at Pymont, Ultimo, and Darling Harbour to improve economic participation and foster business collaboration.	\$41,960	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Social Enterprise Council of NSW & ACT (SECNA) Ltd	Measuring Social Impact	Testing and evaluating social impact measurement tools for social enterprises in the local area so they can articulate their outcomes and impact consistently, efficiently, and effectively.	\$47,088	Nil	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget and project plan
Spark Festival Limited	Spark Festival	A series of bespoke activities for the local area startup ecosystem, integrated in the broader NSW programming for technology enabled startup founders and their collaborators.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised budget
Sydney School of Entrepreneurship Limited	Startup Success Program	A free place-based startup success program for early-stage and established business owners to address key skills gaps, promote economic participation and foster innovation through new technologies.	\$38,262	Nil	<b>\$30,362</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Taxis NSW Ltd	Taxi Driver Ambassador Program	An online accreditation program for taxi drivers in Sydney to become ambassadors for the tourism sector, supported with the Taxi Driver of the Year Awards.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$40,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$35,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	Nil
The Co-Operative Federation Ltd	Stronger Sydney Co-operatives	A capacity development program for co-operative enterprises, including workshops, strategic planning projects, and other advice programs to strengthen the City of Sydney's dynamic co-operative economy.	\$40,000	Nil	<b>\$30,000</b>	Nil	Applicant to provide a revised budget and project plan
The Rainbow Precinct Incorporated	Rainbow Precinct Support	Support for businesses around Oxford St and Taylor Square to create a cohesive image, branding, and marketing, that increases the profile of the area and helps to preserve and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ history and culture.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$40,000</b>	Nil	Applicant to provide a revised budget  Applicant to provide email confirmation that they will continue to provide support and promotion for the Oxford Street Pride Business Charter
The Surry Hills Creative Precinct Incorporated	GATHER Networking Events & Precinct Guides	The creation of a precinct fold-out pocket guide and a series of quarterly networking opportunities and entertaining events held at local venues for businesses in the local area.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	Nil	Applicant to provide a revised budget

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Uptown Sydney CBD Inc	Promoting the UpTown Sydney District and Supporting Local Businesses	A marketing campaign around Circular Quay promoting night-time activity, as well as a series of workshops equipping local owners and operators with essential skills for sustained growth and success.	\$49,566	Nil	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

## **Attachment B**

**Not Recommended for Funding  
Business Sector Support Grant Program**



# Business Sector Support Grant Program - Summer Round - 2024/25

## Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Beehive Industries Co-Operative Limited	Moving on Up at Beehive	The purchase of ergonomic equipment to improve work, health and safety processes, and to grow skills and capacity as a social enterprise.	\$10,000	Nil
Export Council of Australia	Southeast Asia and China Market Access Initiative	One-on-one social media and e-commerce training sessions for businesses across the local area to enhance direct market access to South-East Asia and China via e-Commerce channels.	\$42,750 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$42,750 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$42,750 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Medical Technology Association of Australia Limited	2024 MTAA MedTech Conference	A conference to increase opportunities for health industry stakeholders to upskill, innovate, and build valuable relationships across Australia and internationally.	\$50,000	Nil
Scarlet Alliance-Australian Sex Workers Association Incorporated	New Technology Implementation	The implementation of new technologies and systems that meet the needs of a modern organisation and office, and the upskilling of staff to be more competitive in an innovative economy.	\$50,000	Nil
University of New South Wales	Building Resilience in the Construction Community Through Technology & Innovation	A series of information and networking sessions to share knowledge and awareness of emerging construction industry technologies to foster resilience and skills development throughout the sector.	\$47,000	Nil

# **Attachment C**

**Recommended for Funding  
Innovation and Ideas Grants Program**

## Innovation and Ideas Grants Program - Summer Round - 2024/25

### Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Australian School of Entrepreneurship Pty Ltd	The Sydney Young Social Entrepreneur Sprint	An incubator program crafted to inspire and empower young entrepreneurs or budding young entrepreneurs aged 16 to 24, in the inner city.	\$25,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$25,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$25,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$18,840</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant promote and engage startup incubator with relevant Indigenous Business Networks. Working with children checks required from all staff working on this project
Bake House Independent Theatre	Storylines in the Kings Cross Theatre Vault: With Community for Community.	A series of 12 events in Broadway, designed to open the doors to CaLD communities, providing an opportunity for relationship building, and the development of ongoing engagement and support.	\$30,000	Nil	<b>\$14,500</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Digital Storytellers Limited	Pathway to Purpose - Impact Storytelling Accelerator	A program to connect diverse impact storytellers in Woolloomooloo with purpose-driven organisations, creating new businesses while delivering new positive impact stories.	\$45,250 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$46,550 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$23,275 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$45,250</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$46,550</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b> <b>\$23,275</b> <b>(Year 3 - 26/27)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Finding Infinity Pty Ltd	A New Normal Sydney	An event that will show the community across the local area a prototype for full electrification of a hospitality venue into a site-specific pilot that provides a practical blueprint for how to electrify hospitality venues and homes.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$50,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Footpath AI Pty Ltd	Mapping Sydney's Pedestrian Experience	Capturing Sydney's pedestrian experience through AI mapping the local area's walking network to improved infrastructure, walkability, and active transport data-driven planning.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Herfuture Herdecade Ltd	Women's Research Project	A project to conduct comprehensive research across the local area to understand and address the unique needs and challenges of women residing in the local area.	\$48,400	Nil	<b>\$48,400</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide revised project plan
Milk Crate Theatre	Creating Impact: Exploring a Shared Outcomes Framework for the Arts	A two-year project in the inner city with arts organisations, policy experts and government to co-design a shared Impact Framework to measure the social impact of creative practice.	\$39,400 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$600	<b>\$39,400</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$40,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	<b>Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$600</b> (Year 1 - 24/25)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Noizend Pty Ltd	Low Frequency Noise Control to Benefit Residents and Visitors	The design and implementation of a noise control system that will benefit the residents and businesses in Potts Point.	\$40,000	Nil	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide project plan and a revised budget
Office AU Limited	Retain, Repair, Reinvest: Waterloo Estate	A project to conduct a community-led feasibility study that demonstrates the potential to foster sustainable development and propose an alternative to public housing renewal at Waterloo North.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Revolve Recycling Pty Ltd	The Big Bike Swap Day	An event that offers Greensquare's community a chance to swap and trade high-quality, second-hand bike parts and thereby promote maintenance, repair and re-use of bicycles.	\$10,000	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
The Trustee for Foong Family Trust	Zero Waste Clothing from Zero Waste Yarn	To develop recycled textile yarn quality suitable for manufacturing garments using Shima Seiki Wholegarment seamless industrial knitting technology, closing the loop on post-production textile waste to create zero waste clothing.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$30,600</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Tipiac Pty Ltd	Sacred Earth, Sustainable Futures: First Nations Climate Playhouse	An interactive pop-up at the Australian Museum, inner city, that intertwines First Nations Caring for Country knowledge with the magic of embedding nature in our communities.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 1 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Community Led Sustainable Cities	A project to produce community research and activations which respond to sustainability and environmental concerns local to Glebe, Haymarket, Pyrmont and Ultimo.	\$49,901 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$49,315 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$49,334 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	<b>\$49,901</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised project plan with shorter cycles of research and delivery
Velocity Empowerment Pty Ltd	Project Rise: Early Intervention for Women's Safety	A project to research, implement and evaluate an early intervention empowerment program for local communities and individuals across the local area.	\$15,000	Nil	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide a revised project plan and letters of support from industry providers

## **Attachment D**

**Not Recommended for Funding  
Innovation and Ideas Grants Program**

# Innovation and Ideas Grants Program - Summer Round - 2024/25

## Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Australian Hotels Association Nsw	Accommodation Australia NSW Awards for Excellence	Awards for Excellence in accommodation inclusive of community contribution, accommodation, restaurants, bars and people in NSW.	\$10,000	Nil
Banish Group Pty Ltd	Improving Recycling and Inclusivity within Communities through Sustainable Education Initiatives	A project to educate communities while activating groups fostering sustainability and awareness across local area.	\$50,000	Nil
Bird & Hill. Pty Ltd	Whattle	An online fashion and accessories exchange hub with financial and environmental benefits.	\$50,000	Nil
Blue Green Australia Pty Ltd	Re-Visioning Rushcutters	A project to develop an educational mobile game that combines seriousness with fun, allowing players to make a real impact on their city's climate resiliency.	\$50,000	Nil
Boomerang Labs Limited	Capital Catalyst: Navigating Funding Futures for Circular Economy Startups	A 10-week program event at Chippendale for investment-ready circular startups exploring diverse capital raising pathways, to enhance fundraising capabilities and longevity of these innovation solutions.	\$43,600	Nil
Cloud Bne Pty Ltd	Australian XR Festival	A series of interactive art exhibitions to showcase of the very best local, national and international in the inner city.	\$50,000	Nil



Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Communteer Pty Ltd	Building a Sustainable Community Ecosystem	A series of five engagement events across the local area to building a sustainable community ecosystem involving corporate, education institutions and volunteer organisations.	\$48,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$48,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$48,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Desim Pty Ltd	Sustainability Research Centre - Living Lab Pymont	Creating a space for collaboration between the community, industry and research on establishing circularity in planning and governance of sustainable communities.	\$50,000	Nil
Elan-Construct Pty Ltd	ArborPODS Launch Project	To launch a modular workplaces system that is designed and made in Sydney to reduce embodied-carbon and waste within Sydney's office fit-outs.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil
Empathetic AI Pty Ltd	AI Tax Assistant	AI application for tax professionals and individual tax payers to navigate the tax system.	\$50,000	Nil
Evolve2change Pty Limited	Change Readiness Toolbox for Late Career Transition	A project to research lived experience of professional and corporate people from 50 years old in Redfern.	\$50,000	Nil
Galapagos Pty Limited	iFerret - Enterprise Search	A six-month trail of new software to support quick and easy information searches for businesses, designed to reduce costs and time whilst improving customer service.	\$22,800	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Geniepay Pty Ltd	AI Powered Platform to Help Local Business Revenues	A project to build an artificial intelligence powered platform to help businesses in the local Sydney area to improve their operational efficiency and increase their sales and revenue opportunities.	\$50,000	Nil
Get Skilled Access Pty Ltd	Sport4All Program	An educational program to address significant barriers faced by people with disabilities in accessing and participating in sports activities across the local area.	\$43,665 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$30,563 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$18,938 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Global Impact Initiative Pty Ltd	Indigenous Impact Strategy	A series of weekly team meetings and community engagement events supporting Indigenous organisations across the local area.	\$50,000	Nil
Grandiflora Pty Ltd	ReFlora	Research the feasibility and scalability of a solution to ongoing green waste in the florist industry within the local area.	\$50,000	Nil
Habitat For Humanity Australia	Subsidised Housing and Affordable Rental Program (SHARP)	A program that aims to provide secure subsidised rental accommodation for low to moderate income local families by utilising existing empty properties across the local area.	\$49,263	Nil
Hirschfeld Holdings Pty Ltd	Aqua Sculpt - Unity in Wellness	A series of wellness events across the local area, including Pilates and yoga from 2024 to 2027.	\$49,108 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$49,108 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$49,108 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Inspiring Rare Birds Pty Ltd	Growth x Innovation	An online business summit to build the skills, capability, confidence, and resilience of women small business owners.	\$34,050	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children, Australia Ltd	Safer AI for Children	A multi-faceted project that encompasses pioneering research, targeted advocacy, and dynamic awareness campaigns across the local area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
James Martin Institute for Public Policy Limited	Policy Talks 2024	A series of talks in the inner city for policymakers and researchers on the most complex issues facing the city, state and nation while building a community of policy professionals that reaches across sectors and fosters innovation and inclusivity.	\$15,219	Nil
Karie Soehardi Consultancy Pty Ltd	Furniture Waste and Material Flow: Blueprint for Circular Economy Design	A project to assess furniture usage and forecasted waste in both commercial and residential settings aiding in establishing a recommended circular economy model across the local area.	\$40,000	Nil
Markot Official Pty Ltd	Circular Economy meets Refurbished Baby Products	A project to market refurbishing baby products, hiring local parents, and testing new ideas to address sustainability in Rosebery.	\$32,500	Nil
Mnm Institute Pty Ltd	Youth Startup Bootcamps	A project to deliver boot camps and online mentoring support to provide resources and mindset needed to start an own business, across the local area.	\$45,000	Nil
Mobiddiction Pty Ltd	VirtReal – Patient VR	A virtual reality platform for hospital patients, offering an immersive experience to aid with pain management, reducing anxiety and overall well-being.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Muso Play on Pty Ltd	Digitising Music Education	A music education platform by teachers designed to foster online communities for students to learn in a safe space.	\$48,000	Nil
Neesh Group Pty Ltd	Community-Powered Green Spaces	A project to conduct research across the local area to develop a toolkit to enhance integration of green spaces in the community.	\$39,000	Nil
Newcastle Ai Pty Ltd	SocialRadar	Connects like-minded individuals in real-time for offline gatherings, fostering community engagement and alleviating loneliness among locals, migrants, and travellers.	\$50,000	Nil
Newtown Climate Inc	Supporting a Fast, Fair and Fun Transition to Zero Emissions	A series of community events in Kings Street to build awareness and support of the steps required to transition our community to zero emissions over the next decade.	\$10,000	Nil
Next Chapter Aus Pty Ltd	Emerging Giants Summit	A series of online events connecting university students with keynote speakers culminating with a hackathon.	\$11,665	Nil
P.D Andersson & J.H Cuji Franco	Dressium	A platform for people to get pre-loved clothes anywhere only paying a subscription across the local area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Pause Festival Australia Pty Ltd	Pause Awards	A series of events aimed at fostering innovation and community engagement transcending traditional metrics of success to spotlight true innovation across the local area.	\$45,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$45,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$45,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Pelo Powr Pty Ltd	Powour Eastern Corridor Community Commute Pilot	A project to develop an online application and reporting platform to enhance the commuting from Waverly to the local area.	\$45,000	Nil
Peter Scott & Sarah Ryland	Wattleseed; Immersive, Nature Focused Pilot Programme for Children	A project to develop a program to provide an immersive, environmental discovery and nature play experience in the inner city childhood centres.	\$49,600	Nil
Plate It Forward Catering Pty Ltd	Migrant Women Entrepreneurship Project	This project improves the professional and personal capabilities of migrant women in the inner city through a hospitality business training program empowering women to launch and operate their own hospitality business.	\$50,000	Nil
Polisin Pty Ltd	RUZI - Reuse Made Easy	A project to distribute single-use packaging for reusable options for hospitality venues and increasing adoption within their corporate catering client streams across the local area.	\$36,900	Nil
Rocket Innovation Group Pty Ltd	My eVault AI	A project to develop a world class inventory app to test, learn and deploy the best available Artificial Intelligence technology by fast-tracking and automating process.	\$50,000	Nil
Sportsbox Au Pty Ltd	SportsBox - Sports for All	A series of events to increase public space utilisation by addressing the barrier of sporting equipment access across the local area.	\$50,000	Nil
Startmate Ops Pty Ltd	Startmate Demo Day in Techcentral	An event in the inner city to host the biggest start-up, investors and operators together to celebrate creativity and the ideas that will shape future.	\$40,000	Nil
Stepping Stone House Limited	My Skills for Life - Phase 2	A project to executed and escalate the phase two of an eLearning resource that teaches life skills to young people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.	\$50,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
The University of Sydney	Easy Being Green	A project to develop a video game that will engage the community in an educational energy content and sustainability through the context of building a residence or city, in Ultimo.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25)	Nil
University of New South Wales	Making Sydney AI-ready for its Non-Native English Speakers	Develop an Artificial Intelligence program to support communication by communities from different speaking backgrounds in the local area.	\$46,700 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$46,700 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$46,700 (Year 1 - 26/27)	Nil
University of New South Wales	Outdated safety systems in heritage buildings	Research into best practice approaches to safety and compliance in heritage building in the local area.	\$50,000	Nil
University Of Technology Sydney	Wild Futures - Restoring Sydney's Pollinator Networks	A test for a pollinator architecture system that preserves and restores urban pollinator networks in Ultimo.	\$26,693	Nil
University Of Technology Sydney	Empowering Private and Not-For-Profit Organisations to address the Housing Crisis	A project to review a pioneering affordable housing project in the local are built and managed by a Non-For-Profit organisation.	\$49,860	Nil
Y Waste Why Waste Pty Ltd	Y Waste 2.0	Develop an app for managing food waste in the local area.	\$12,000	Nil
Z180510 Pty Ltd	Environmental Sustainability of Self-Cleaning Surface Nano-Coating for Buildings in Sydney	A project to conduct a laboratory testing at the University of New South West to assess its environmental sustainability, energy and water reduction, aesthetic appeal, durability and wider uptake.	\$49,989	Nil