

# 12 August 2024

At the conclusion of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

# Resilient Communities and Economy Committee

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes
- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest
- 3. Post Exhibition Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions
- 4. Grants and Sponsorship Ad Hoc Grant City of Sydney Basketball Association Limited Capital Works Funding Request
- 5. Grants and Sponsorship Accommodation Grant Program Support for Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated (4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art) and Australian Design Centre
- 6. Grants and Sponsorship Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund



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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 22 July 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.

#### **Post Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions**

File No: X109840.001

#### **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.

Based on the findings of a comprehensive review of outdoor alcohol restrictions, at its meeting on 24 June 2024, Council approved the 30-day public exhibition of the list of alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces for a four-year period. A total of 236 areas were included in this list.

The list included locations with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults and areas of concern as identified through the review. In addition, it included 10 new alcohol-free zones which were proposed by residents and/or business and were 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.

A total of 236 areas were placed on public exhibition, including ten resident and business applications for new outdoor alcohol-free restrictions.

The public exhibition process was undertaken in accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993 which outlines the consultation requirements to establish alcohol restrictions. The public exhibition period took place between 27 June 2024 to 29 July 2024.

A total of 162 submissions in relation to the list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas were received. All were assessed through internal review. The details of the issues raised in the submissions, together with responses and staff recommendations, are included in the Engagement Report at Attachment A.

Of the 236 areas placed on public exhibition, eight areas have been removed from the list as it has been identified they come under the management of Placemaking NSW and the 10 resident and business applications for new outdoor alcohol-free restrictions are not recommended to be established.

As a result, this report recommends Council approve the establishment of 218 areas as either an alcohol-free zones or alcohol prohibited areas for a four-year period, noting that this includes timed and temporary restrictions, as outlined in Attachment B.

If approved by Council, and as per Section 644B of the Local Government Act 1993, a notice will be placed on the City's website declaring the establishment of outdoor alcohol restrictions.

#### Recommendation

#### It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community on the list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas as summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve the establishment of alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas for a four year period as outlined in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will continue to undertake advocacy to the NSW Government in relation to necessary reforms in this area and work with relevant entities to develop appropriate strategies for managing alcohol consumption in the public domain, in accordance with the resolution of Council of 24 June 2024; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the locations of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas 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.** Engagement Report

**Attachment B.** List of Recommended Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas

Attachment C. Map of Recommended Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited

Areas

Attachment D. List of Alcohol Restrictions Not Recommended for Establishment

#### **Background**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Based on the findings of a comprehensive review of outdoor alcohol restrictions, at its meeting on 24 June 2024, Council approved the 30-day public exhibition of the list of alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces for a four-year period.
- 6. The list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas placed on public exhibition met one or more of the following criteria:
  - Locations with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults these
    were identified using NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research crime data
    for alcohol-related (24hr) assaults for 2023.
  - Areas of concern as identified through the review this includes locations on land owned by NSW Government, such as Waterloo Green, Tom Uren Place and Poet's Corner.
  - Resident and business applications for new alcohol-free zones the City is required to place on public exhibition all valid applications received for alcoholfree zones.
- 7. A total of 236 areas were placed on public exhibition, including ten new locations proposed as alcohol-free zones.
- 8. The public exhibition process was undertaken in accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993 which outlines the consultation requirements to establish alcohol restrictions.
- 9. As per the legislative requirements, a copy of the proposed list of alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas was provided to Anti-Discrimination NSW, who advised in writing that they had no objection subject to the City following of the 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-free Zones.
- 10. The public exhibition period took place between 27 June 2024 to 29 July 2024.

- 11. Through the public exhibition period the following community engagement was undertaken:
  - (a) Sydney Your Say survey;
  - (b) email notifications regarding the public exhibition process were sent to key stakeholders, including targeted engagement via with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations, liquor licensed premises, neighbourhood advisory boards, NSW Police, Ant-Discrimination NSW and other government agencies; and,
  - (c) direct community engagement at events in Waterloo.
- 12. A total of 162 submissions in relation to the list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas were received. All were assessed through internal review. A summary of the issues raised in the submissions, together with responses and staff recommendations, is included in the Engagement Report at Attachment A.
- 13. Generally, the feedback received through the public exhibition period was marginally supportive of the proposed list of alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas to be established for a four year period.
- 14. During the public exhibition Place Management NSW notified City staff there were eight areas that come under their management that had been incorrectly included in the list placed on public exhibition. These locations have been removed from the list of alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas recommended to be established for a four-year period as outlined in Attachment B.
- 15. NSW Police made a general submission during the public exhibition period advising they were concerned about the substantial list of outdoor alcohol restrictions which are expiring on 20 August 2024. They have requested that all of the previously existing 428 areas be established as alcohol-free zones and/or alcohol-prohibited areas. Details about their submission are included in the Engagement Report at Attachment A.
- 16. When reviewing the ten new locations proposed for outdoor alcohol restrictions, consideration was given to feedback received through the public exhibition period and if these were locations with high incidents of alcohol-related crime and assaults. Of these new locations, none are being recommended to be established as alcohol-free zones for the following reasons:
  - (a) Bay Street, Ultimo not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.
  - (b) Buckland Lane, Newtown not supported by community during public exhibition period.
  - (c) Frances Street, Glebe not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.
  - (d) Greek Street, Glebe not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.
  - (e) Grose Street, Glebe not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.

- (f) Oatley Road, Paddington not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.
- (g) Regent Street, Paddington not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.
- (h) Regent Street Reserve, Paddington not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.
- (i) Towns Place, Millers Point not a location with higher than average incidents of alcohol-related assaults.
- (j) Watkins Street (between King and Wilson Streets), Newtown not supported by community during public exhibition period.
- 17. The City will work with relevant Police Area Commands to address community concerns, improve perceptions of safety and minimise alcohol-related impacts in the above locations.
- 18. It is noted that, if evidence emerges that impacts are arising from the removal of the alcohol-free zones, or if there is increased indication of harm in the newly requested areas that are not supported in this report, further applications for alcohol-free zones can be considered by Council in accordance with the process set out in the Local Government Act 1993 and guidelines.
- 19. During the public consultation period several respondents to the Sydney Your Say survey identified new areas they would like established as an alcohol-prohibited area or an alcohol-free zone. These respondents will be notified about how they can apply to establish an alcohol-prohibited area or an alcohol-free zone using the City's online application form. Any applications received will be considered through the next review of the outdoor alcohol restrictions.
- 20. Based on the outcomes of the public exhibition period this report recommends the establishment of 218 areas as either an alcohol-free zones or alcohol-prohibited areas, as identified in Attachment B to the report.
- 21. If approved by Council, and as per Section 644B of the Local Government Act 1993, a notice will be placed on the City's website declaring the establishment of outdoor alcohol restrictions. City staff will also notify key stakeholders and community through our various channels.
- 22. In accordance with Section 644C of the Local Government Act 1993, the outdoor alcohol restrictions will not come into effect until seven days after such notice and until roads and footpaths affected are adequately signposted.

#### **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 program is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
  - (a) Direction 7 Resilient and diverse communities People feel safe in the City.
  - (b) 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

24. All restrictions are currently scheduled to expire on 20 August 2024. Public exhibition of proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions was 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

- 25. 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.
- 26. The City is collaborating with NSW government agencies and local community organisations to develop strategic responses to the health impacts of alcohol use for priority communities, including people experiencing homelessness and social housing residents.
- 27. The City will 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.

#### **Economic**

- 28. 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.
- 29. 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**

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

#### **Relevant Legislation**

- 32. Local Government Act 1993.
- 33. Liquor Act 2007.
- 34. Roads Act 1993.

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

35. All outdoor alcohol restrictions currently will expire on 20 August 2024.

#### **Options**

- 36. Not establish the areas as recommended this is not recommended given the feedback from community and business during the review process and the public exhibition period demonstrates that these restrictions are supported in certain circumstances.
- 37. Establish the areas as recommended but for a shorter period this is not recommended as a significant amount of time is required when undertaking a comprehensive review of outdoor alcohol restrictions. In addition, adequate time is needed in order to monitor data to determine if the recommended approach delivers improved outcomes for community.
- 38. Advocate for NSW Government to review the current regulatory framework on managing consumption of alcohol in public places with extensive community consultation undertaken given the diverse community interests. As part of this review consideration needs to be given to NSW Government taking on responsibility for establishing and managing outdoor alcohol restrictions.

#### **Public Consultation**

- 39. The City engaged Urbis to undertake a comprehensive review of outdoor alcohol restrictions which was informed by extensive stakeholder and community engagement including: a Sydney Your Say survey; workshops with social housing residents, community organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations; and, interviews with community legal centres and state government agencies such as NSW Heath, Homes NSW, the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner and NSW Police. The findings of the review informed the approach used to develop the proposed list of areas that were placed on public exhibition.
- 40. As part of the most recent public exhibition period the following stakeholder and community engagement activities were undertaken:
  - (a) A survey was conducted on Sydney Your Say from 27 June to 29 July 2024 and was advertised in the 'Sydney Your Say' emailed newsletter. The survey was also distributed to City community centres and libraries.
  - (b) Email notifications regarding the public exhibition process were sent to key stakeholders, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communitycontrolled organisations, liquor licensed premises, neighbourhood advisory boards, NSW Police, Ant-Discrimination NSW and other government agencies; and,
  - (c) Direct community engagement was undertaken at events in Waterloo.

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# **Attachment A**

**Engagement Report** 



# Engagement report – Proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions



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# Overview

### Background

The City reviewed alcohol restrictions to identify which have broad community support and should be kept, and which can be lifted. A place-based approach to alcohol management had community support, considering restrictions alongside harm reduction strategies. Council endorsed the review's outcomes in June 2024, alongside setting criteria for restrictions based on:

- locations with significant incidents of alcohol-related assault
- · areas of concern identified in the review
- applications from residents and businesses for new alcohol restrictions

There are 428 alcohol restrictions active in the City of Sydney, expiring on 20 August 2024. Based on the criteria, the number of alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas proposed for establishment in the local area for public exhibition was reduced to 236.

Alcohol-free zones apply to public roads and footpaths, 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Alcohol-prohibited areas apply to parks and civic spaces and can be timed.

This report outlines the community engagement activities that took place to support the consultation and summarises the key findings from the consultation.

### **Engagement summary**

From 27 June to 29 July 2024, we asked the community for feedback on proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions, including perspectives on timed restrictions.

To make the opportunity to give feedback as accessible as possible, we presented the proposed zones as a map on the Sydney Your Say page and as a corresponding list in the online survey. Community members could view a list of proposed zones in each precinct, nominate if they support, do not support or support with a change of time for each zone. They could provide a reason for their choice in their own words.

Feedback was gathered through Sydney Your Say, via email submissions and in person.

The Sydney Your Say survey listed all locations by suburb and residents could tick boxes for their corresponding answers (support/oppose/support with time change) or could simply type in their answers if they preferred. Community were also given to option to include reasons for their decisions.

Posters were placed in community centres and libraries directing people to the consultation.

In addition, in person consultation was conducted at community events in Waterloo.

# Purpose of engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- gather feedback from community members and organisations on their level of support for the proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions
- determine if community members and organisations support timed restrictions

# Outcomes of engagement

#### Submissions received during June/July 2024 consultation

We received a total of 162 submissions via surveys (148) and email (14) during the public consultation period.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 989 times during the consultation period.

Five submissions were made on behalf of local community groups/organisations, as listed below.

- Anti-Discrimination New South Wales
- Redfern Legal Centre
- Counterpoint Community Services
- NSW Alcohol and Drug Foundation
- NSW Police

#### Submissions and engagement activity

Quantity	Description of activity
162	Total submissions received
148	Survey submissions
9	Emailed submissions received from community groups / residents
5	Emailed submissions from community organisations
989	Sydney Your Say webpage visits
255	Document downloads

# Key findings

# Overview of key findings from June/July 2024 consultation

During the consultation period we received 162 submissions via Survey Monkey (148) and email (14). These submissions are included together in the summaries below.

Of the 162 submissions:

- 54 people provided comments on why they support restrictions
- 31 people provided comments on why they oppose restrictions
- 21 people provided comment on changing the timing of the current restrictions
- 11 people requested new restrictions

There was majority support for the 236 proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions, however, the number of responses collected per area is not enough to confirm community sentiment on specific zones.

### Support for alcohol restrictions

Those who provided rationale for supporting outdoor alcohol restrictions (54 submissions) typically focussed on individual areas within their suburbs.

The key reasons people gave for supporting restrictions were:

- Concerns about anti-social behaviour in specific locations (11 submissions)
- Concerns regarding feelings for personal safety if people are allowed to drink on the street (6 submissions)
- General support for restrictions (5 submissions)
- Concerns about noise created by people drinking on streets and in parks (5)

### Opposition to alcohol restrictions

Those who provided rationale for opposing outdoor alcohol restrictions (31 submissions) typically opposed the overall concept and not individual areas. The main take aways from their comments about the alcohol restrictions were:

- Oppose restrictions in general and believe the enjoyment of alcohol fosters a vibrant community atmosphere (7 submissions)
- Support responsible alcohol consumption (5 submissions)
- Believe alcohol restrictions unfairly target the most vulnerable members of our community (4 submissions)
- Newtown was the only area in the City where the majority of survey respondents opposed the proposed restrictions.

### Changes to timed restrictions

Community was invited to provide feedback on timed restrictions. Of the 12 people who provided additional comments on changing 24/7 restrictions to timed, some reasons given were:

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- Believe the enjoyment of alcohol fosters a vibrant community atmosphere
- · Concerned that restrictions are not an effective way to address anti-social behaviour
- Concerned the restrictions negatively impact businesses and nightlife

Of the 9 people who provided comments on changing timed restrictions to 24/7, some reasons given were:

- Concerns about safety and anti-social behaviour
- Concerns about noise created by people drinking on the street
- Belief that alcohol consumption should only happen in licenced premises.

# Submissions table

The comments in the table below included feedback provided through Survey Monkey, email submissions and face to face engagement during the consultation period. All authors of submissions that suggest locations for alcohol restrictions not recommended in this report will be invited to submit applications for alcohol restrictions that can be considered in future rounds.

Theme/issue raised	Total	Response	
Summarise issue raised	Number	The City's response to the issue	
General comments in support of alcohol restrictions			
General concerns related to anti-social behaviour and public safety	17	Noted.	
Support all proposed alcohol restrictions	5	Noted	
Concerns about noise created by street drinking	5	Police will retain powers to deal with offensive behaviour in public places.	
Locations should be established where people can drink outside	5	The City will continue to work with state government to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve community health and safety.	
Support timed restrictions in all commercial areas	1	Noted	
More signage should be installed in restricted areas to make it clearer to people using them	1	Signage will be subject to auditing and updates.	
Alcohol consumption should be limited to licenced premises	1	Noted. Equity for people who cannot afford to drink alcohol in liquor licensed venues has been identified as an issue through the review and public exhibition process.	
General comments in opposition to alcohol restrictions			
Oppose restrictions in general and believe the enjoyment of alcohol fosters a vibrant community atmosphere	7	Noted.	
Support responsible alcohol consumption	5	Noted	
Oppose restrictions/timed restrictions as they target vulnerable populations	4	The City will continue to advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve community health and safety.	

Theme/issue raised	Total	Response
Better effort should be put into addressing why people are drinking rather than imposing restrictions such as community outreach and harm reduction strategies	3	The City will continue to advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve community health and safety.
Police only use the restrictions to fine people and raise revenue	2	There are no fines for drinking alcohol in an alcohol prohibited area or alcohol-free zone. These restrictions provide NSW Police with the power to confiscate alcohol.
Restrictions prevent diverse use of outdoor spaces	1	Noted
Oppose all restrictions in Redfern and Waterloo due to targeting of community	1	The City will continue to advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to work with social housing residents and people who drink alcohol in public places to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve community health and safety.
Authorities should be given further legal powers to deal with anti-social behaviour and not target drinkers who are not causing an issue	1	The City will continue to advocate to the state government to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve community health and safety.
Site specific comments on alcohol restrictions		
Support for Timed Restrictions on Waterloo Green	7	The City will continue to advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to work with social housing residents and people who drink alcohol in public places to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve community health and safety.
Harm minimisation approach needed to manage alcohol consumption on Waterloo Green	7	The City will continue to advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to work with social housing residents and people who drink alcohol in public places to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve the community's health and safety.
Support for current alcohol restrictions which do not permit alcohol consumption in Waterloo	5	Noted.

Theme/issue raised	Total	Response
Concerns removal of restrictions on Glebe Foreshore will lead to anti-social behaviour	4	Applications for reinstatement of alcohol restrictions can be submitted for consideration for future rounds. The City will continue to work with NSW Police and community to manage alcohol-related antisocial behaviour.
Request Alcohol Prohibited Areas in all local parks in Redfern	3	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Alcohol restrictions on Waterloo Green disproportionately impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities	2	The City will 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 and Homes NSW.
On Waterloo Green Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities felt it was a safe space for drinking.	2	The City will continue to advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to develop holistic approaches to community safety.
Do not support the removal of any restrictions in the Redfern/Waterloo area	1	The City will continue to advocate to NSW Health and Homes NSW to work with social housing residents and people who drink alcohol in public places to develop and implement harm minimisation measures that improve community health and safety.
Remove restrictions from all Place Management NSW sites	1	Sites have been removed
Restrictions should be eased in Prince Alfred Park so it can be used by more people for a wider variety of activities	1	There is evidence of a higher than normal level of alcohol related assault in the area and it is recommended for renewal.
All of Potts Point and Woolloomooloo should have restrictions applied	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Support for restrictions in Watkins Street and Buckland Lane, Newtown due to rubbish and noise related issues	1	Noted, feedback is considered alongside criteria such as levels of alcohol-related assault
Support for restrictions in Towns Place, Millers Point due to anti-social behaviour of party boat patrons using the jetty	1	The jetty is not managed by the City. Towns Place is not currently impacted by higher than normal levels of alcohol- related assault.
Support for restrictions along Bayswater Road due to anti-social behaviour	1	Bayswater Road is recommended for establishment.

Theme/issue raised	Total	Response
Hickson Road, Millers Point should be changed to apply all year and not just on New Years Eve.	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Request for new restrictions		
Implement outdoor alcohol restrictions in the whole Kings Cross area	2	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Hannam Street, Darlinghurst	2	All locations require a valid application. Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Cook Street, Glebe	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Blackwattle Bay Park, Glebe	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Sims Street, Darlinghurst	1	All locations require a valid application. Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Flemings Lane, Darlinghurst	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Darling Island Road, Pyrmont	1	This site is not under the authority of the City.
Sturt Street, Darlinghurst	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Caldwell Street, Darlinghurst (including Nimrod Street Rest Area)	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Chisolm Street Reserve, Darlinghurst	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
All streets surrounding The Star Casino, Pyrmont	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
Around the war memorial in Newtown (Corner King and Newman streets)	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.
During match times surrounding the Moore Park stadiums	1	Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.

# Submissions from community groups/organisations

#### **Anti-Discrimination New South Wales (ADNSW)**

The ADNSW had no objections to the proposed restrictions providing the City contacted local Police and service providers, published the proposed zones and had written to relevant interested parties as required by the Ministerial Guidelines on the Establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones.

Response: Noted. The public exhibition process adhered to the requirements set out in the NSW Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-free Zones 2009.

#### **Redfern Legal Centre**

Redfern Legal Centre would like to see restrictions in areas with high First Nations populations, including Redfern, Woolloomooloo and Surry Hills, timed and reduced. Alcohol-free zones should coexist with support for people experiencing homelessness, mental health and harm reduction services. Redfern Legal Centre expressed that on their own the restrictions disproportionately affect groups that cannot afford to drink inside liquor licenced venues: young adults, people on low-income or no income and experiencing homelessness.

Redfern Legal Centre supports strategies to improve community safety and reduce alcohol-related violence. They would like to see a more holistic approach to the issue and expressed concern about the impact of restrictions on those already living in vulnerable circumstances.

Response: The City will 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.

#### **NSW Alcohol and Drug Foundation**

The NSW Alcohol and Drug Foundation is the supportive of the proposed restrictions on alcohol consumption in public spaces to minimise the significant public health impacts of alcohol use in NSW. They are supportive of the restrictions not including associated fines, as they believe this approach may lead to individuals at greater risk of contact with police experiencing financial harms. Response: Noted.

#### **NSW Police Force**

The NSW Police Force support all proposed locations for outdoor alcohol restrictions, however, they hold concern about the reduction of proposed sites.

NSW Police state the reduction of sites has the potential to impact public safety and neighbourhood amenity resulting in an increase in alcohol-related crime and alcohol-related harms because of unmonitored consumption of alcohol.

NSW Police raised concern that a significant number of children's playgrounds will not be renewed. believe this has the potential to increase the risk of harm to children, particularly through the waste and broken glass that is left behind by the people consuming within these areas.

Police also hold concerns about an increase in the instance of "preloading" due to the proposed reduced Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions in those locations.

They do not support the City's decision to reduce temporary alcohol restrictions for events, including those for Mardi Gras and New Years Eve and believe it has the potential to result in alcohol related harm. Response: Applications can be submitted for consideration in future rounds.

#### Counterpoint

Counterpoint support retention of all alcohol restrictions and oppose further reductions.

#### Engagement report – Proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions

Supports a city-wide ban on alcohol consumption within public spaces, balanced with well-planned designated areas to address the issue effectively.

A city-wide approach assures all residents an equality-based approach, eradicating possible discrimination. This should be done while balancing accessible choice, community safety, health, and well-being and promoting responsible, safe consumption.

Counterpoint believes this recent proposal to reduce alcohol-free zones lacks evidence-based substance and contradicts the previous consultations' submissions and subsequent independent reports.

They do not support the City's proposal to eliminate restrictions in more affluent areas of the city while maintaining them in disadvantaged areas. They believe this will lead to discrimination.

Response: The City will 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.

# Engagement activities

### Overview of engagement undertaken

Summarise all activities that took place during the consultation period

#### Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage (https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/public-notices/your-feedback-proposed-outdoor-alcohol-restrictions) was created to facilitate this consultation. The page included a map of all proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions, survey and other key information about the consultation.

#### Online feedback form via Survey Monkey

The community and stakeholders were able to give feedback using an online feedback form. A link to the feedback form was provided on the Sydney Your Say website.

#### Sydney Your Say e-news

The consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletters in June 2024 which was sent to 6650 subscribers.

#### Consultation letter

A letter was posted to all liquor licensees in the LGA, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 2332 letters were distributed.

#### Face to face discussion

In person consultation was conducted at community events in Waterloo.

#### On-site signage

Posters were displayed inviting people to give feedback on the proposal at the following locations:

- Harry Jensen/ Abraham Mott Centre
- East Sydney Community and Arts Centre
- Darlinghurst Community Space
- Glebe Town Hall notice board
- Waterloo Neighbourhood Centre

#### Stakeholder emails

Emails were sent to 551 people and organisations on the City's outdoor alcohol restrictions. Stakeholders were invited to give feedback on the proposed locations. The emails were sent to:

Stakeholder type	Number of stakeholders contacted
People who commented on the earlier AFZ review	275
Aboriginal community-controlled organisations	41
Homelessness sector	29

#### Engagement report – Proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions

Health services	30
Legal services	17
Women's advocacy groups	19
LGBTIQA organisations	22
Social housing community organisations	7
Previous applicants	31
Social housing neighbourhood advisory boards	80

# Appendices

# Appendix A - Sydney Your Say webpage

# Your feedback on proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions

Help us maintain well-designed, safe and attractive public spaces.

#### Open for feedback

We invite your feedback on this proposal.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD 27 June 2024 to 29 July 2024

# What we're doing

We invite your feedback on proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions for the City of Sydney's local area.

These sites are proposed to manage and reduce antisocial behaviour and related impacts.

Alcohol-free zones apply to public roads and footpaths and are 24 hour restrictions. Alcohol-prohibited areas apply to parks and civic spaces and are timed, typically 10pm to 10am.

We're advocating for timed alcohol-free zones through the Office of Local Government. Your insights on when alcohol-related issues occur and your recommendations for whether restrictions should be in place at all times or only overnight are welcome.

In early 2024, we reviewed alcohol restrictions to identify which have broad community support and should be kept, and which can be lifted. A place-based approach to alcohol management had community support, considering restrictions alongside harm reduction strategies. Council endorsed the review's outcomes in June 2024, setting criteria for restrictions based on:

- locations with high incidents of alcohol-related crimes
- areas of concern identified in the review
- applications from residents and businesses for new alcohol-free zones.

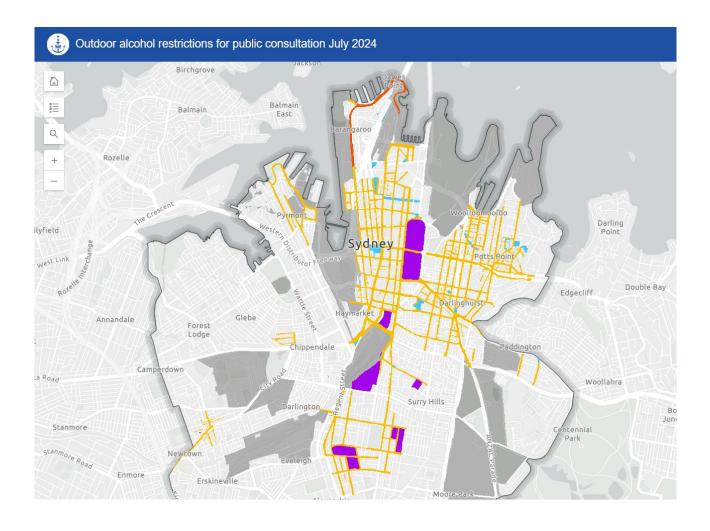
Based on the criteria, please view a list of the proposed restrictions below.

#### Senior Project Manager

City Engagement

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# Appendix C – Online map of proposed restrictions



# Appendix C – Sydney Your Say EDM



# Your feedback on proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions

Have your say on proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions for sites in our area. A place-based approach to alcohol management had community support and these sites are proposed to manage and reduce antisocial behaviour and related impacts.

We advocate for timed alcohol-free zones to the Office of Local Government. Your insights about when alcohol-related issues occur and recommendations for restrictions are welcome.

Consultation closes Monday 29 July.

Read more

# Appendix D – Consultation letter to licensees



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25 June 2024

Our Ref: 2024/364780

#### **Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions**

Dear Operator,

In accordance with the NSW Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones 2009, the City invites your view on proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas in the local area. You can view proposed alcohol restrictions at Sydney Your Say https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/consultations

Please provide your submission for or against proposed alcohol restrictions by midnight Sunday 28 July 2024.

Online: Sydney Your Say

Email: safecity@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Post: Safe City Manager

City of Sydney GPO Box 1591 Sydney NSW 2001

If you would like to speak to a council officer regarding proposed alcohol restrictions, please contact Rebecca Martin, Safe City Manager on 9265 9333 or safecity@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Martin Safe City Manager

# Appendix E – On-site signage

# CITY OF SYDNEY

# Have your say

Have your say on the proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions.

We invite your feedback on proposed outdoor alcohol restrictions for the City of Sydney's local area.

These restrictions apply to help prevent alcohol related antisocial behaviour and time.

Proposed sites are based on:

- locations with high incidents of alcohol-related crimes
- areas of concern identified in the review
- applications from residents and businesses for new alcohol-free zones.



#### How to give feedback

You can view a map of proposed restrictions and give feedback at city.sydney/consultations or scan the QR code.

Consultation closes at 5pm, Monday 29 July 2024.

For more information, contact 02 9265 9333 sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

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# **Attachment B**

List of Recommended Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas

#### Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZ 24/7)

For establishment 24 hours a day, seven days per week until 21 August 2028.

#### Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA 24/7)

For establishment 24 hours a day, seven days per week until 21 August 2028.

#### **Timed Alcohol Prohibited Areas (Timed APA)**

To operate between 10pm to 10am, seven days per week until 21 August 2028.

#### **Temporary Alcohol-Free Zone (Temp AFZ)**

To operate on New Years Eve (NYE) and New Years Day (NYD) until 2 January 2028.

Number	Location	Suburb	Туре
1	Railway Square	Chippendale	Timed APA
2	Strickland Park Playground	Chippendale	APA 24/7
3	Albert Sloss Reserve	Darlinghurst	Timed APA
4	Arnold Place	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
5	Bourke Street from Cowper Wharf Roadway to Foveaux Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
6	Burton Street from Oxford Street to Barcom Avenue	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
7	Chisholm Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
8	Craigend Street from Darlinghurst Road to Barcom Avenue	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
9	Crown Street from Sir John Young Crescent to Albion Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
10	Darlinghurst Road	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
11	Flinders Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
12	Foley Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
13	Kells Lane	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
14	Kirketon Road	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
15	Langley Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
16	Little Burton Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
17	Little Oxford Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
18	Liverpool Street from Sussex Street to Victoria Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
19	Norman Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
20	Oxford Street from Whitlam Square to Greens Road	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
21	Palmer Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
22	Providence Place	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7

Number	Location	Suburb	Туре
23	Riley Street from Sir John Young Crescent to Foveaux Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
24	Rosebank Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
25	Sherbrooke Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
26	Taylor Square	Darlinghurst	Timed APA
27	Taylor Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
28	William Street	Darlinghurst	AFZ 24/7
29	Trinity Avenue Playground	Dawes Point	APA 24/7
30	Barncleuth Square	Elizabeth Bay	AFZ 24/7
31	Fitzroy Gardens	Elizabeth Bay	Timed APA
32	Lawrence Hargrave Reserve	Elizabeth Bay	Timed APA
33	Belmore Park	Haymarket	APA 24/7
34	Cunningham Street	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
35	Dixon Street from Goulburn Street to Hay Street	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
36	Eddy Avenue	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
37	Factory Street	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
38	Goulburn Street	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
39	Hay Street	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
40	Ibero American Plaza	Haymarket	APA 24/7
41	Kimber Lane	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
42	Little Hay Street	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
43	Railway Square	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
44	Rawson Place	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
45	St Laurence Lane	Haymarket	AFZ 24/7
46	Hickson Road	Millers Point	Temp AFZ NYE
47	Bucknell Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7
48	Campbell Street from O'Connell Street to Elizabeth Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7
49	Goddard Playground	Newtown	APA 24/7
50	King Street from Missenden Road to Newman Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7
51	Longdown Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7
52	Missenden Road from Carillon Avenue to King Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7
53	MJ Hayes Playground	Newtown	APA 24/7
54	Railway Lane from Thomas Street to Angel Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7
55	Stephen Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7
56	Victoria Street from Hordern Street to O'Connell Street	Newtown	AFZ 24/7

Number	Location	Suburb	Туре
57	Selwyn Street	Paddington	AFZ 24/7
58	Barncleuth Lane	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
59	Brougham Street	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
60	Earl Place	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
61	Earl Street	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
62	Goderich Lane	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
63	Kellett Street	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
64	Kellett Way	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
65	Kings Cross Road	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
66	Llankelly Place	Potts Point	Timed APA
67	Macleay Street	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
68	Mansion Lane	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
69	Orwell Lane	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
70	Orwell Street	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
71	Pennys Lane	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
72	Roslyn Street	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
73	Springfield Avenue	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
74	Springfield Gardens	Potts Point	Timed APA
75	Springfield Lane	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
76	Springfield Mall	Potts Point	Timed APA
77	Victoria Street	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
78	Ward Avenue	Potts Point	AFZ 24/7
79	Edward Street	Pyrmont	AFZ 24/7
80	Harris Street from Pirrama Park to Pyrmont Bridge Road	Pyrmont	AFZ 24/7
81	Murray Street from Pirrama Road to Union Street	Pyrmont	AFZ 24/7
82	Paternoster Row	Pyrmont	AFZ 24/7
83	Pirrama Road	Pyrmont	AFZ 24/7
84	Pyrmont Street between John Street and Allan Street	Pyrmont	AFZ 24/7
85	Union Square	Pyrmont	Timed APA
86	Union Street	Pyrmont	AFZ 24/7
87	George Street from Cleveland Street to Phillip Street	Redfern	AFZ 24/7
88	Kettle Street	Redfern	AFZ 24/7
89	Lawson Street	Redfern	AFZ 24/7
90	McKell building open space	Redfern	APA 24/7
91	Morehead Street from Redfern Street to Phillip Street	Redfern	AFZ 24/7
92	Poets Corner (open space around Gilmore, Kendall and Lawson buildings)	Redfern	APA 24/7

Number	Location	Suburb	Туре
93	Redfern Street	Redfern	AFZ 24/7
94	Regent Street from Cleveland Street to Boundary Street	Redfern	AFZ 24/7
95	Walker Street from Cooper Street to Wellington Street	Redfern	AFZ 24/7
96	Bayswater Road	Rushcutters Bay	AFZ 24/7
97	Kellett Place	Rushcutters Bay	AFZ 24/7
98	Albion Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
99	Brisbane Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
100	Campbell Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
101	Chalmers Street from Elizabeth Street to Bedford Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
102	Clare Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
103	Devonshire Street from Chalmers Street to Crown Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
104	Devonshire Street Reserve	Surry Hills	Timed APA
105	Elizabeth Street from Hunter Street to Phillip Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
106	Harmony Park	Surry Hills	Timed APA
107	Hill Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
108	Linden Lane	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
109	Maiden Lane	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
110	Patterson Lane	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
111	Pelican Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
112	Poplar Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
113	Prince Alfred Park	Surry Hills	APA 24/7
114	Short Place	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
115	Short Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
116	Waine Street	Surry Hills	AFZ 24/7
117	Eddie Ward Park	Surry Hills	APA 24/7
118	Albion Place	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
119	Alfred Street from George Street to Young Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
120	Angel Place	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
121	Ash Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
122	Barrack Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
123	Bathurst Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
124	Bond Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
125	Carrington Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
126	Castlereagh Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
127	Central Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
128	Clarence Street from Margaret Street to Druitt Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7

Number	Location	Suburb	Туре
129	Curtin Place	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
130	Cuthbert Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
131	Day Street from Druitt Street to Liverpool Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
132	De Mestre Place	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
133	Douglass Lane	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
134	Douglass Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
135	Druitt Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
136	Eagar Lane	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
137	Eagar Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
138	Erskine Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
139	George Street from Alfred Street to Lee Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
140	Hamilton Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
141	Hunter Street from George Street to Elizabeth Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
142	Hyde Park	Sydney	APA 24/7
143	Kent Street from Margaret Street to Liverpool Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
144	King Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
145	Lang Park	Sydney	Timed APA
146	Lime Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
147	Little Hunter Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
148	Loftus Street from Alfred Street to Bridge Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
149	Macquarie Place	Sydney	Timed APA
150	Market Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
151	Martin Place	Sydney	Timed APA
152	O'Connell Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
153	Palings Lane	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
154	Park Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
155	Pitt Street from Alfred Street to Railway Square	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
156	Queens Square	Sydney	Timed APA
157	Regimental Square	Sydney	Timed APA
158	Reiby Place	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
159	Shelley Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
160	Slip Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
161	St James Road	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
162	Sussex Street from Hickson Road to Hay Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
163	Sydney Square	Sydney	Timed APA
164	Wilmot Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7

Number	Location	Suburb	Туре
165	Wynyard Lane	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
166	Wynyard Park	Sydney	Timed APA
167	Wynyard Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
168	York Street from Margaret Street to Druitt Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
169	Young Street from Alfred Street to Bridge Street	Sydney	AFZ 24/7
170	King George V Memorial Park	The Rocks	Timed APA
171	Banks and Cook buildings open space	Waterloo	APA 24/7
172	Botany Road from Boundary Street to Raglan Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
173	Cooper Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
174	Cope Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
175	George Street from Phillip Street to McEvoy Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
176	Phillip Street from Cope Street to Young Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
177	Pitt Street from Phillip Street to Wellington Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
178	Raglan Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
179	Waterloo Green ((Matavai, Turanga, Solander and Marton buildings open space)	Waterloo	APA 24/7
180	Wellington Street	Waterloo	AFZ 24/7
181	Badham Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
182	Bland Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
183	Bourke St Park	Woolloomooloo	Timed APA
184	Brougham Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
185	Broughton Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
186	Burrahpore Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
187	Busby Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
188	Cathedral Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
189	Charles Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
190	Corfu Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
191	Cowper Wharf Roadway from Lincoln Crescent to McElhone Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
192	Cross Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
193	Crown Street Reserve	Woolloomooloo	Timed APA
194	Daffodil Park	Woolloomooloo	Timed APA
195	Dowling Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
196	Egan Place	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
197	Faucett Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
198	Forbes Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
199	Forbes Street Reserve	Woolloomooloo	Timed APA

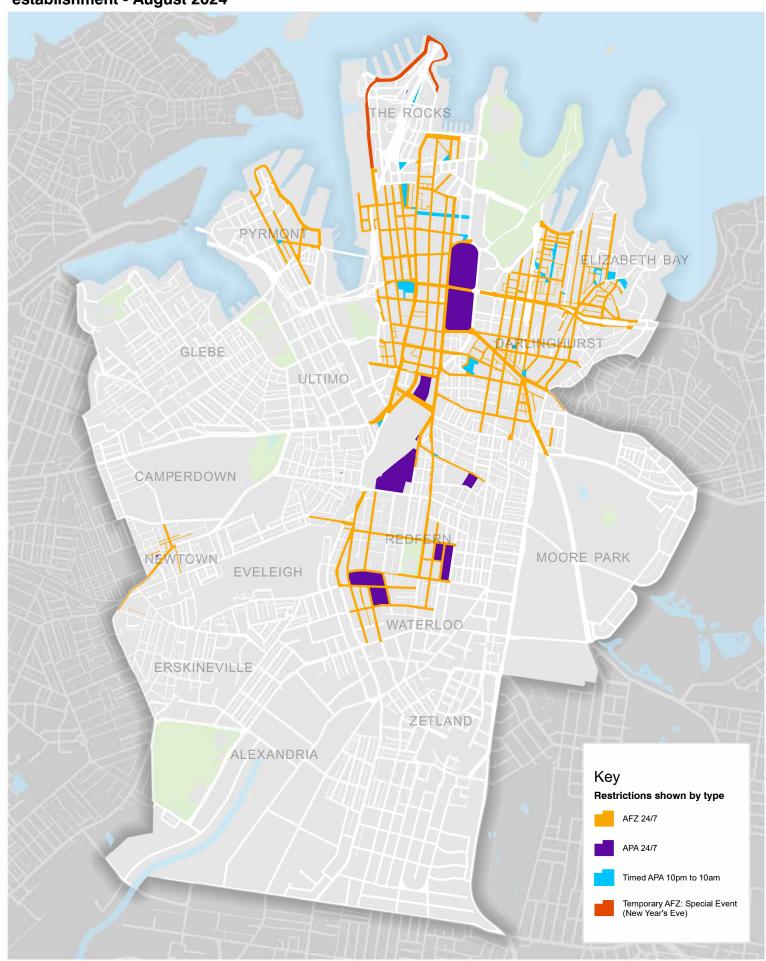
Number	Location	Suburb	Туре
200	Griffiths Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
201	Harmer Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
202	Judge Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
203	Judge Place	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
204	Judge Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
205	Junction Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
206	Junction Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
207	Kennedy Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
208	McCarthy Place	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
209	Nicholson Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
210	Plunkett Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
211	Robinson Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
212	St Kilda Lane	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
213	Stephen Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
214	Suttor Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
215	Talbot Place	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7
216	Tom Uren Place	Woolloomooloo	Timed APA
217	Walla Mulla Park	Woolloomooloo	Timed APA
218	Wilson Street	Woolloomooloo	AFZ 24/7

## **Attachment C**

Map of Recommended Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas



# Alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas recommended for establishment - August 2024



## **Attachment D**

**List of Alcohol Restrictions Not Recommended for Establishment** 

## Alcohol restrictions not recommended for establishment

Location	Suburb	Туре
Proposed new restrictions not supported		
Bay Street (between Greek Street and	Glebe	AFZ
Parramatta Road)		
Grose Street	Glebe	AFZ
3. Francis Street	Glebe	AFZ
4. Greek Street	Glebe	AFZ
5. Towns Place	Millers Point	AFZ
6. Watkin Street (between King Street and Wilson	Newtown	AFZ
Street)		
7. Buckland Lane	Newtown	AFZ
8. Regent Street	Paddington	AFZ
Regent Street Reserve	Paddington	APA
10. Oatley Road	Paddington	AFZ
Place Management NSW sites removed	l	
11. Argyle Street from Trinity Avenue to Circular	The Rocks	AFZ
Quay West		
12. Cumberland Street	The Rocks	AFZ
13. Essex Street from Harrington Street to George	The Rocks	AFZ
Street		
14. Gloucester Walk	The Rocks	AFZ
15. Harrington Street from Essex Street to Grosvenor	The Rocks	AFZ
Street		
16. Kendall Lane	The Rocks	AFZ
17. Mill Lane	The Rocks	AFZ
18. Playfair Street	The Rocks	AFZ

## Item 4.

# Grants and Sponsorship - Ad Hoc Grant - City of Sydney Basketball Association Limited - Capital Works Funding Request

File No: X092336

## **Summary**

City of Sydney Basketball Association Limited (the Association) is a not-for-profit organisation that operates from Alexandria Basketball Stadium (the Stadium) at 53-57 Maddox Street, Alexandria NSW. The Stadium, built in 1968, is owned by Association community members and sits on Crown land.

The Association offers a range of low and no cost programs for the benefit of community including priority populations, with all revenue directly reinvested back into community basketball activities.

The Association provides an important conduit for players to progress to state and national level competition, and has a membership base of approximately 4,000 people, with over 5,000 people visiting the Stadium each week.

The entire Stadium roof is in urgent need of replacement due to severe structural damage that causes substantial leaks during heavy rain.

In early July 2024, the Association made a special request to the City of Sydney to consider funding support of \$100,000 for the project.

This report recommends a grant of \$100,000 to support the Association to realise the project and help protect and enhance this critical public asset in the City of Sydney Local Government Area in line with sport and recreation infrastructure targets outlined in the City's Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study 2016.

Council funding would be conditional on the Association demonstrating to the City that all required funding for the project has been secured.

#### Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash grant of \$100,000 (excluding GST) to be sourced from the 2024/25 General Contingency Fund to City of Sydney Basketball Association Limited towards replacement of the stadium roof of the Alexandria Basketball Stadium at 53-57 Maddox Street, Alexandria NSW;
- (B) Council note that payment of the \$100,000 (excluding GST) cash grant will only be paid following Sydney Basketball Association Limited demonstrating that funding in full has been secured for the project; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the grant agreement with Sydney Basketball Association Limited.

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Nil.

## **Background**

- City of Sydney Basketball Association Limited (the Association) is a not-for-profit organisation that operates from Alexandria Basketball Stadium (the Stadium) at 53-57 Maddox Street, Alexandria NSW. It serves residents of the City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra local government areas. All revenue is directly reinvested back into community basketball activities.
- 2. The Association is focused on developing the game of basketball for the benefit of community and attracts significant numbers of competitive and recreational basketballers. The Association has a growing membership base of approximately 4,000 people, with over 5,000 people visiting the Stadium each week.
- 3. Association program participants come from a wide range of backgrounds and include people from priority populations including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, culturally and linguistically diverse people, with people of 110 nationalities represented, people of diverse sexualities and genders, young people, people on low incomes and people living in affordable or social housing.
- 4. The Association offers a range of low and no cost programs from the Stadium. Programs range from "Kids Come N Try" days, female only programs, learn to play programs for ages five to 12, holiday camps and school basketball programs through to high level competitions. Most recently, a school holiday NAIDOC Week tournament for young people saw over 300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players compete.
- 5. The Association provides an important conduit for local basketball players to progress from casual play to competing in local competitions and even games at state and national representation levels.
- 6. The Stadium was built in 1968. It sits on Crown land and the Association is the leaseholder.
- 7. The Stadium consists of two basketball courts, with seating capacity on the main court for over 600 people along with a weights room, administrative spaces and changing and bathroom facilities.
- 8. The Stadium was the home of the city's first professional basketball team, the Sydney Supersonics. It is now the home of the Sydney Comets representative and junior representative programs.
- 9. The Comets representative programs provide a platform for the ongoing development of players, coaches and officials in a safe and supportive environment for all members of the community. The Comets take part in competitions run by Basketball NSW and Basketball Australia, the governing bodies for basketball Australia.
- 10. The entire Stadium roof is in urgent need of replacement due to severe and unrepairable structural issues that cause substantial leaks during rain. These significant and critical infrastructure issues mean that the Association is frequently forced to turn away participants, cancel fixtures and reschedule games.
- 11. The Stadium roof issues and leaks are significantly adversely impacting members and visitors to the Stadium. It is also having a detrimental impact on the Association's ability to build up funds to address the essential repairs.

- 12. Three quotations obtained by the Association indicate that the total forecast capital works cost for the project is approximately \$250,000.
- 13. Essential front of building upgrade works carried out in 2023/24 to the Stadium to ensure accessibility and upgraded changing and bathroom facilities have severely depleted the Association's cash reserves and they are not now in a position to solely finance the cost of the project. The Board are, however, undertaking a review of cashflow prediction and the Association plans to contribute substantial funding to the project.
- 14. The Association has approached partners, other councils and has applied for State and Federal grant funding, including the most recent round of infrastructure grants for sport and recreation offered by the NSW Office of Responsible Gaming. This grant round closed on 22 July 2024. The Association has not yet been able to raise funds through these channels.
- 15. The Association is also pursuing corporate sponsorship opportunities, including stadium naming rights and have letters of support from community members, Councillors and Members of Parliament to testify to the importance of the facility for the local community.
- 16. A recently launched community funding campaign has yielded \$20,000 in contributions from Association members to date.
- 17. In early July 2024, the Association made a special request to the City of Sydney to consider funding support of \$100,000 for its capital works project as the lack of available funding is threatening the ongoing viability of the courts. This request has been assessed in line with the City's Grants and Sponsorship Policy.
- 18. Council funding would be conditional on the Association demonstrating to the City that all required funding for the project has been secured.

## **Key Implications**

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

- 19. 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 3 Public places for all The Alexandria Basketball Stadium is an important public sport and recreation facility serving residents from the City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra local government areas. It provides an important conduit for players and prospective players in these areas to meet the requirements of the Basketball Association of NSW and Basketball Australia and progress to competition at state and national representation levels.
  - (b) Direction 6 An equitable and inclusive city The Association is a not-for-profit organisation providing access to basketball programs and competition for a wide range of community members, ensuring healthy, active living and promoting social cohesion in the City of Sydney.

(c) Direction 7 - Resilient and diverse communities - The Association's programs are open to a wide range of community members, including people living in social and affordable housing, young people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. The programs ensure that players from all walks of life have opportunities to play basketball at competition level, including the ability to represent their region or state.

#### Risks

- 20. Sydney Basketball Association Limited has not yet secured all funds required to complete the project. Conditions of the grant agreement will be that the Association demonstrate all funding payable and that they have been able to secure all required funding to deliver the project before the grant is paid.
- 21. Should the repairs not be carried out, the Stadium and, as a result the Association, may cease to be viable.

## Social / Cultural / Community

- 22. As outlined in the City's 2016 Open space, sports and recreation needs study, provision of sport and recreation facilities is essential to support increased density and encourage healthy lifestyles. The repairs to the Stadium will enable access to increase individual physical and mental health and fitness and enhance social cohesion and community wellbeing.
- 23. Completion of the critical repairs will enable the Association to provide ongoing sport and recreation programs for community in a safer and more welcoming environment.

#### **Economic**

24. The repairs to the Stadium will ensure increased utilisation, which will enable the Association to build funds and increase the financial stability of the organisation, visitation to, and use of the facility.

## **Financial Implications**

25. The required funding of \$100,000 will be sourced from the 2024/25 General Contingency Fund.

## **Relevant Legislation**

- 26. 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. Public exhibition of this sponsorship is not required because the funds are being paid to a not-for-profit organisation that is not operating for private gain.
- 27. This grant is permitted under Regulation 393B of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. Under the regulation, in the four weeks prior to the election, which commences on 16 August 2024, Council must not enter into contracts of an amount above \$150,000 or one per cent of rate revenue for the preceding year (whichever is the larger). For the City of Sydney, the relevant amount is \$3,283,300 which is greater than this grant.

## **EMMA RIGNEY**

**Director City Life** 

Kirsten Woodward, Manager Social City

## Item 5.

Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grant Program - Support for Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated (4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art) and Australian Design Centre

File No: \$046367

## **Summary**

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

In recent months, Accommodation Grant Program tenants Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated (4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art) and the Australian Design Centre advised the City of financial stress with deficit forecasts and have requested increased subsidies of 100 per cent for the remainder of their current leases.

This report seeks Council approval to increase rental subsidies to 100 per cent for 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art and Australian Design Centre.

#### Recommendation

#### It is resolved that:

(A) Council approves a new subsidy and grant level for Accommodation Grant Program tenant Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated for Level 1 and Shop 3 The Corporation Building, 181-187 Hay Street, Haymarket for the remaining years of the current lease on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Rental Subsidy	Rental Subsidy Value	Rent Payable
Pro rata Year 4 01/09/2024 – 30/6/2025 (303 days)	\$249,456	100% (current subsidy amount 97%)	\$249,456	\$0
Year 5 2025-26	\$309,515	100% (current subsidy amount 97%)	\$309,515	\$0

(B) Council approves a new subsidy and grant level for Accommodation Grant Program tenant Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated for Shop 2, Ground Floor, The Corporation Building, 181-187 Hay Street ,Haymarket for the remaining years of the current lease on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Rental Subsidy	Rental Subsidy Value	Rent Payable
Year 2	\$66,538	100%	\$66,538	\$0
2024-25		(current subsidy amount 97%)		
Year 3	\$68,534	100%	\$68,534	\$0
2025-26		(current subsidy amount 97%)		
Year 4	\$70,590	100%	\$70,590	\$0
2026-27		(current subsidy amount 97%)		

Year 5	\$72,708	100%	\$72,708	\$0
2027-28		(current subsidy amount 97%)		

(C) Council approve an increase in rental subsidy to Accommodation Grant Program tenant Australian Design Centre for 101-111 and 113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst for the remaining years of the current lease on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Rental Subsidy	Rental Subsidy Value	Rent Payable
Pro rata Year 4 01/09/2024 - 22/3/2025 (203 days)	\$175,271	100% (current subsidy amount 93%)	\$175,271	\$0
Year 5 2025-26	\$324,597	100% (current subsidy amount 90%)	\$324,597	\$0

- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into any documentation required to vary the leases to reflect the new rental subsidies; and
- (E) 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**

Nil.

## Background

- 1. The Accommodation Grants Program supports community, cultural, economic and sustainability focused organisations by providing accommodation in City owned buildings within the property portfolio at nil or below market rent.
- 2. As properties become available, the City seeks applications from for profit and not for profit organisations interested in occupying a City-owned property at a reduced rental rate.

## Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated (4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art), 187 Hay Street, Haymarket (Shop 2, Shop 3 and Level 1)

- 3. Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated (4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art, hereby referred to as 4A) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that champions Asian Australian artists in Sydney, across Australia and throughout Asia.
- 4. Since 2000, 4A have occupied Level 1 and Shop 3 of The Corporation Building, 181-187 Hay Street, Haymarket as an Accommodation Grant Program tenant. Since 2023, it has also occupied Shop 2, on the ground floor, under a separate lease. 4A is currently in Year 4 of a five-year lease for Level 1 and Shop 3, expiring in 30 June 2026, and Year 1 of a five-year lease for Shop 2, expiring 31 August 2028.
- 5. The spaces are used as an art gallery, event and office space to deliver an annual program of exhibitions and public programs showcasing the work of Asian-Australian contemporary artists.
- 6. In 2023, 4A presented eight exhibitions, 38 public programs and engaged 144 creatives. It presented 101 artworks and received 204,000 visitations and are a significant, successful cultural institution in the Haymarket precinct.
- 7. 4A demonstrated leadership in the national cultural landscape by being certified carbon neutral in 2019 by the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard, set by the Australian Government Department of Environment and Energy. They were the second arts organisation in NSW to achieve this, along with Sydney Opera House.
- 8. The organisation has a strong track record for local, interstate and international partnerships and collaborations, including partnering with Biennale of Sydney and design of the Sydney Pavilion at Shanghai Biennale.
- 9. Most recently, 4A have devised innovative local community engagement projects such as the Secret Snacks Haymarket foodie walking tour, and the Precinct Activation program Art in the Heart of Haymarket.
- 10. In June, 4A advised the City of a significant 2024 forecasted budget deficit. The organisation faced unforeseen costs from a recent capital works project for gallery improvements due to defects, compliance and rising material costs, during a period of organisational change with the appointment of new executive team members.
- 11. Additionally, the post-Covid increase in cost of living and material costs significantly impacted their exhibition and programming budgets for 2023 and 2024.

- 12. The organisation has already implemented significant operational cuts including reduced gallery opening hours and staffing reductions, while attempting to maintain service levels through the introduction of a volunteer program. Further operational efficiencies will be explored across the coming months as the organisation considers its position.
- 13. To address the budget shortfall 4A is actively raising funds and the Board is in discussion with both Creative Australia and Create NSW for increased funding on existing commitments.
- 14. To support them through this challenging period, 4A has requested 100 per cent rental subsidy from the City of Sydney for the remainder of its lease terms.
- 15. The total impact on City revenue from this proposed subsidy increase across both leases is \$25,120 over five years.
- 16. 4A does not have any outstanding arrears with the City.

#### Australian Design Centre, 101-111 and 113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst

- 17. Australian Design Centre (ADC) has operated for 60 years to showcase craft and design practice in Australia. Through exhibitions, touring programs, festivals, events and publications ADC promotes craft and design ideas, from 3D printing, data visualisation and sustainable architecture to handmade crafts, including glass, textiles, ceramics and jewellery.
- 18. Since 2015, ADC has occupied 101-111 and 113-115 William Street Darlinghurst as an Accommodation Grant program tenant. ADC is currently in Year 4 of a five-year lease for 101-111 and 113-115 William Street Darlinghurst, expiring 22 March 2026.
- 19. The premises is used as a gallery, retail shop, event space and office space to deliver an annual program of exhibitions and public programs in support of craft and design practitioners.
- 20. In 2023, ADC supported more than 1,000 artists, makers and designers and achieving more than \$560,000 in self-generated (non-grant) income for artists. ADC produces up to 18 exhibitions each year and presents the work of more than 100 makers in their retail space.
- 21. In 2024, ADC will produce the annual Sydney Craft Week Festival for the eighth year running which last year saw 519 artists deliver 218 events across 37 suburbs with an estimated audience of 73,000 people. The ADC On Tour national touring exhibition program is currently touring three major exhibitions across regional NSW and interstate with the work of more than 50 artists.
- 22. In the second quarter of 2024, ADC advised the City of a significant 2024 forecasted budget deficit. This is due to a combination of increasing costs, and unsuccessful application for Creative Australia funding an unexpected outcome which sees ADC without federal funding for the first time ever.
- 23. While Create NSW continues to provide significant funding each year, this is not indexed so has not kept pace with rising operational costs. While ADC have committed to applying for future rounds of federal and state funding, their current secured funding is insufficient to meet their immediate operational costs, which will be managed in the short term through reliance on reserves.

- 24. The organisation is planning operational reductions for 2025 through reduced exhibition delivery. Further operational efficiencies may be explored across the coming months as the organisation considers its position.
- 25. To support them through this challenging period, ADC has requested 100 per cent rental subsidy from the City of Sydney for the remainder of its lease term.
- 26. The total impact on City revenue from this proposed subsidy increase is \$44,729 across 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- 26. ADC does not have any outstanding arrears with the City.

## **Key Implications**

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

- 27. 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 / Community

- 28. 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.
- 29. 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**

30. The total additional recommended subsidy for the duration of the recommended period for 4A is \$25,120 in revenue forgone, compared to market value rent.

- 31. The total additional recommended subsidy for the duration of the recommended period for ADC is \$44,729 in revenue forgone, compared to market value rent.
- 32. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 grants and sponsorship budget and future years forward estimates to support the revenue foregone in the Accommodation Grant program.
- 33. The current financial year 2024/25 impact on Accommodation Grants programs budget due to the increased subsidy level is \$27,902.

## **Relevant Legislation**

- 34. 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.
- 35. 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 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.
- 36. These grant subsidies are permitted under Regulation 393B of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. Under the regulation, in the four weeks prior to the election, which commences on 16 August 2024, Council must not enter into contracts of an amount above \$150,000 or one per cent of rate revenue for the preceding year (whichever is the larger). For the City of Sydney, the relevant amount is \$3,283,300 which is greater than these grant subsidies.

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

37. The increased subsidies in this report are recommended to commence on 1 September 2024.

#### **EMMA RIGNEY**

**Director City Life** 

Marni Jackson, Cultural Projects Manager

## Item 6.

# Grants and Sponsorship – Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

File No: \$117676

## 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.

The City advertised the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Program.

This program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations deliver projects that meet the needs of their community in the local area. The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund is open all year for applications until the annual budget is exhausted. Three applications were received in this funding round.

This report recommends three applications for a total of \$149,722 in cash for payment in the 2024/25 financial year.

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.

The grant recipient 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 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (C) 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
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor changes 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 - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 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 1 July 2024, the City announced the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications open all year round, until budget is exhausted.
- 3. Information about this grant program (such as application dates, guidelines, and eligibility criteria) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the grant program through the corporate website, content marketing, e-newsletters, paid and organic social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn) and AdWords. 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.
- 4. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program is dedicated to local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, groups and organisations and is open to eligible not-for-profit organisations, incorporated associations, corporations, co-operatives, partnerships, sole traders, trustees of a trust and an individual or unincorporated community group auspiced by an eligible not-for-profit organisation or corporation.
- 5. No eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations or sole traders through the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program.
- 6. Three oral applications were received for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program meeting the August Committee timeframes and are all recommended in this report:
  - (a) Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation;
  - (b) Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Incorporated; and
  - (c) The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc as auspice for Waterloo Storm Community NRL team.

#### **Grants assessment process**

- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. The assessment criteria for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund for proposals of between \$20,001 to \$50,000 per year are:
  - Why is there a need for the project and what are the proposed outcomes?

- What is your experience in delivering projects?
- How have you included the local diverse community and how will they benefit and/or being engaged?
- How does the project rate against the funding priorities?
- 10. An assessment meeting for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program was held on 30 July 2024. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Team, Venue Management and City Business and Safety Teams. An additional assessment meeting for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program was held on 1 August 2024. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Team and Social City Teams.
- 11. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, the City will prepare grant agreements to be entered into with the successful applicants, which will include conditions that must be adhered to and acquitted against.
- 12. It is expected that all successful applicants will work cooperatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding.
- 13. For the two grant applications recommended for multi-year agreements, funding will be available each year for the period of 2024/25 to 2026/27 (three years) with the following conditions for Year 2 and Year 3:
  - (a) Year 1: \$50,000 (or the recommended amount of \$49,722 for the second applicant)
  - (b) Year 2 and Year 3: Up to \$50,000 per applicant based on submission of the following:
    - (i) Proposed program for the upcoming year which demonstrates that the City of Sydney funding will only support local community members to participate in Koori Knockout;
    - (ii) Budget demonstrated clear need for level of request; and
    - (iii) Appropriate level of governance and management of the program.
  - (c) The proposal each year will be assessed before funding is provided for Year 2 and Year 3.
- 14. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.

## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

- 15. The applications recommended for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program are outlined in Attachment A to this report.
- 16. The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund budget for 2024/25 is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$500,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	(\$21,325)
Total cash available	\$478,675
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	3
Total cash value requested from applications	\$149,722
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$0
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support in this report	3
Total amount of cash funding for payment in this report (to be paid in 2024/25)	\$149,722
(Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$100,000)	
(Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2026/27 - \$100,000)	
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25	\$0
(Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$0)	
(Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2026/27 - \$0)	
Remaining cash amount available in 2024/25	\$328,953

## **Key Implications**

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

- 17. 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 recommended grant projects in this report will contribute to strengthening partnerships and relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and prioritise their cultural, social, environmental, spiritual and economic aspirations.

#### **Organisational Impact**

18. 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.

#### Cultural / Economic / Social / Environmental

19. 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**

20. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 grants and sponsorship budget, included in the City's operating budget for 2024/25 to support the recommended grants. Details and relevant amounts are included in the tables above.

## **Relevant Legislation**

- 21. 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.
- 22. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to forprofit organisations because:
  - (a) the funding is part of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program;
  - (b) the details of the program were included in the Council's adopted 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**

23. The funding period for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program for 2024/25 is for activities taking place 12 months from the project start date. Grant agreements will be prepared for all successful applicants after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for the commencement of projects.

#### **Public Consultation**

- 24. During July 2024, two briefing sessions took place where stakeholders were notified about the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program and how to apply.
  - (a) An in-person information session for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was held at 119 Redfern in Redfern on 23 July 2024. A total of six attendees participated in the session.
  - (b) A second in-person information session for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was held at Juanita Nielsen Community Centre at Woolloomooloo on 29 July 2024. A total of one attendee participated in the session.

#### **EMMA RIGNEY**

Director City Life

Alana Goodwin, Grants Coordinator

## **Attachment A**

Recommended for Funding
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
Collaboration Fund Program

## Aboriginal and/or 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
Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation	Kinchela Boys Home 100th Anniversary	A project supporting remaining survivors to attend the 100th Anniversary of Kinchela Boys Training Home in October, followed by an exhibition at 119 Redfern.	\$50,000	Nil	Up to \$50,000	Nil	Applicant to provide a revised budget for the two activities.
Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Incorporated	Koori Knockout	Support for the Redfern All Blacks RLFC to take four teams including male and female junior teams and open teams to compete in the Annual NSW Aboriginal Knockout carnival.	\$49,722	Nil	\$49,722 (Year 1 – 24/25) Up to \$50,000 (Year 2 – 25/26) Up to \$50,000 (Year 3 – 26/27)	Nil	Year 2 and Year 3 funding based on submission of the following: i. Proposed program for the upcoming year which demonstrates that the City of Sydney funding will only support local community members to participate in Koori Knockout; ii. Budget demonstrated clear need for level of request; and iii. Appropriate level of governance and management of the program.

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc as auspice for Waterloo Storm Community NRL team	Attendance and Training Program for the Koori Knockout	A program of several training and mentoring sessions with the girls and boys teams at Waterloo in the lead-up to the Koori Knockout, as well as supporting the costs for four teams to attend.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 24/25) Up to \$50,000 (Year 2 – 25/26) Up to \$50,000 (Year 3 – 26/27)	Nil	Year 2 and Year 3 funding based on submission of the following: i. Proposed program for the upcoming year which demonstrates that the City of Sydney funding will only support local community members to participate in Koori Knockout; ii. Budget demonstrated clear need for level of request; and iii. Appropriate level of governance and management of the program.