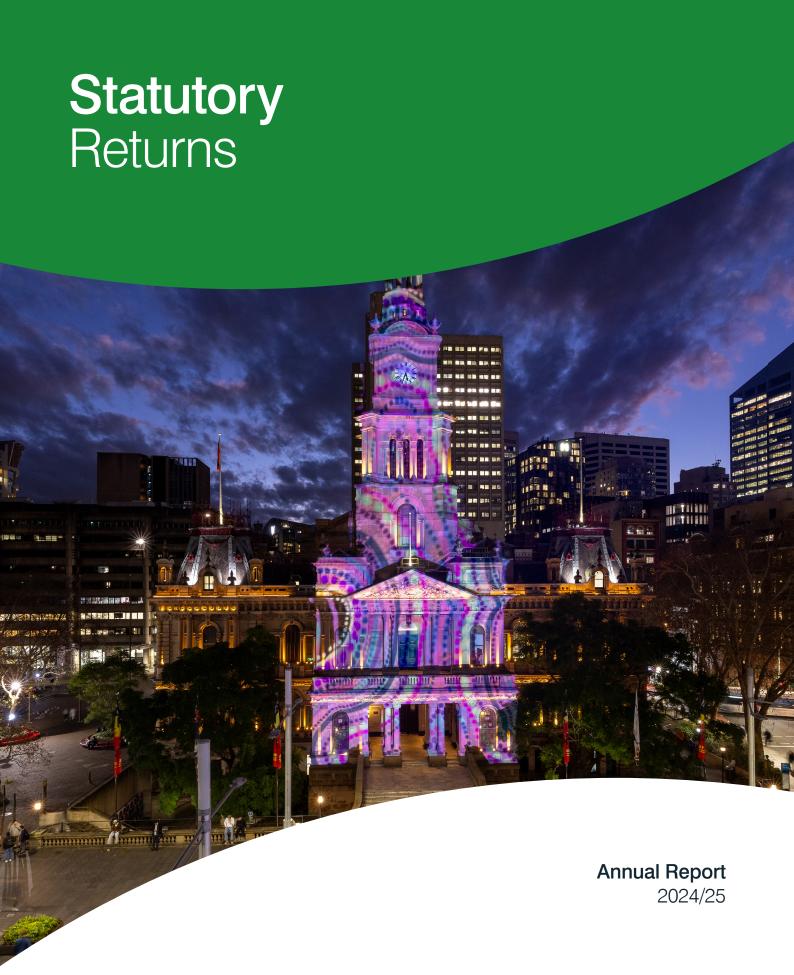
# **Attachment C**

**Annual Report 2024/25 – Statutory Returns** 







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# Legislative requirements

## Annual reporting

The City of Sydney (the City) is governed by the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and Regulation, the *City of Sydney Act 1988*, and other relevant legislation. The information that follows meets the City's statutory annual reporting obligations.

## Progress report

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s428 (1)

#### Essential Elements 5.1 and 5.2

An assessment of the City's progress on the objectives and targets in its delivery program and the effectiveness of the principal activities for the year 2024/25 – the delivery program 2022-2026 annual progress report – is attached to this report and at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

# State of our city

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s428 (2)

The state of our city report (formerly known as the end-of-term report) is not required in this reporting period. The state of our city report is required to be published in the year of a local government election. The next election is scheduled for September 2028.

The City's state of our city report for the period 2021/22–2023/24 is at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

## Report preparation

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s428 (3) and (5)

This annual report has been prepared under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 s406, Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and the NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s217 and is posted at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

#### Financial statements

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s428 (4) (a)

The City of Sydney's audited financial reports for the 2024/25 financial year are attached to this report and at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

As well as the general purpose financial statements, the financial statements include special purpose financial statements and special schedules.

## Other information

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s428 (4) (b)

This report includes other information in line with Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines, the *NSW Local Government Act* 1993 and other requirements.



Image 1. "Bara" by First Nations artist Judy Watson. This public artwork is part of the Eora Journey and is installed at Tarpeian Way, Royal Botanic Gardens, Circular Quay. Photo by Chris Southwood/City of Sydney

# Modern slavery

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s428 (4) (c) and s428 (4) (d)

The City is committed to upholding human rights, ethical business practices and responsible supply chain management. No concerns were raised by the Anti-slavery Commissioner regarding the City's operations.

The City has incorporated a modern slavery schedule into its tender and quotation documents (for contracts over \$50,000) which suppliers are required to complete, and which are part of the evaluation of supplier proposals.

The City has a refreshed modern slavery policy and also has in place a 3-year implementation plan and risk management plan. Together these provide a roadmap of the City's future approach and commits to further development to enhance due diligence and reporting to manage and minimise the risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations in the City's supply chain.

The City's report to the Anti-slavery Commissioner is below. Where reporting is optional it has been noted.

#### Part A.2 Procurement spend details

#### A.2.1 and A.2.2 Spending by category – Identified procurement spend and total procurement spend

Guidance on reasonable steps (GRS)	Value of all procurements	
Due diligence level	(ex GST)	
Heightened	\$31,981,492	
Standard	\$240,074,638	
Light	\$224,738,245	
Minimal	\$0	
Total	\$496,794,375	

# A.2.2 Spending by category – Categories procured

Guidance on reasonable steps (GRS)	Categories
Due diligence level	
Heightened	Cleaning, other vehicle types, security services, computer accessories, cleaning supplies, heavy vehicle types, printer, presentation and multi-media, food catering and consumables, general fleet vehicles, copiers and printers, generators, uniform and workwear, vehicle leasing, end user devices, network hardware purchases and inventory.
Standard	Office worker contingent labour, damage repair and flooding, roadworks, artists and artworks, call centre, helpdesk service, government road maintenance, couriers, electrical services.
Light	Council waste services, building and grounds, real estate management services, landscaping and arborists, software as a service – SAAS, licensing and maintenance, other civil construction – general, event management – non educational, architecture, liability insurances, landscape architecture, vehicle parking services, general plant and equipment repair, furniture, government departments – excluding medical, waste services, industrial equipment and construction equipment hire, civil engineering, business processes, other consulting services, legal support services, vehicle repairs and maintenance, water and sewer utilities, postage, on premise-software support and maintenance, traffic control services, signage, mobile, payments and subsidies, network hardware managed services, fixed data, sports and recreation, audit, quality assurance, probity and risk, ICT contingent labour, training expenses, fuels and lubes, lease and rental of property or building, vehicle insurance, property acquisition and valuation, commercial print, land surveying, spatial, educational equipment, education consultants, lighting, advertising related services, advertising, general office supplies, mechanical engineering, fixed voice, transaction services, insurance claims excess, asphalt services and suppliers, talent search, data provision services, employee professional memberships, other IT and telecommunications expenses, counselling/rehabilitation/physio, internet, archaeology and heritage, insurance brokerage fees, market research services, operational telco and radio, clinical and medical waste, environmental compliance, audit and due diligence, media production, environmental services, utilities engineering, live animals, private cloud services, concrete, non-vendor / staff reimbursement, temporary allocation – laundry, medical testing, design management, ICT risk management, compliance and security, air travel, educational external programs, interpreters and transcript services, children's educational and support programs, offic

Guidance on reasonable steps (GRS)	Categories
Due diligence level	
	advisory, sustainability and resilience, specialist consultant, community grants, lobbying and public relations, business related services and maintenance.
Minimal	Not applicable

#### Part B Annual modern slavery reporting

#### **B.1 Significant operational issues**

Question	Response
Indicate any 'significant operational issue' that has been identified as such to your entity, during the reporting period, by the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner, and explain the steps taken to address this issue. If the Anti-slavery Commissioner has not raised a significant issue with your entity during the reporting period, write 'None'.	None

#### B.2 Reasonable steps taken

#### 1 Commit

#### 1.1 Stakeholder engagement

Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to engage with stakeholders during this reporting period in relation to modern slavery?	The City engaged with several internal and external stakeholders during this reporting period.  Internal:

Question	Response
	<ul> <li>fortnightly meetings of the modern slavery working group with senior representatives from legal, procurement, and governance / compliance were replaced in late March 2025 with periodic updates and support provided by Legal and Governance Division on an as needed basis</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>an awareness campaign was launched through an internal news article and poster campaign</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>a presentation and paper briefed the executive on the recommended market position, 3-year implementation plan and risk management plan</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>continued roll out of modern slavery awareness training to managers, staff involved in procuring contract management activities and new starters</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>senior leaders in construction team were engaged to discuss modern slavery risks in their supple chain.</li> </ul>
	External:
	<ul> <li>the City reports to the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee (ARCC)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>engaged with the Anti-slavery commissioner's team for advice and referral of reports of alleged modern slavery not related to our supply chain or operations</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>engaged with relevant supply chain partners in relation to reports of alleged modern slavery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>engaged with other councils, universities and state government entities to understand their approach to modern slavery risk management and to collaborate / knowledge share</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>engaged Local Government Procurement (LGP), Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) to understand their developing approach to the Guidance on Reasonable Steps (GRS).</li> </ul>
Did you engage with external stakeholders on modern slavery risks in this reporting period?	Yes

# 1.2 Identify salient risks at the organisational level

Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to identify	The City's approach is evolving in relation to developing a salient modern slavery risk assessment.
salient modern slavery risks at the organisational level (i.e. across all operational and procurement activities)	We carried out a risk assessment activity to identify and manage the highest modern slavery risks in our supply chain through the modern slavery risk management plan.
during this reporting period?	We continue to identify inherent modern slavery risks in our procurement activity using the GRS Modern Slavery Inherent Risk Identification Tool prior to undertaking a procurement process with a total contract value over \$50,000 including GST.
Did you conduct or update a Salient Modern Slavery Risk Assessment in this reporting period?	No
1.3 Modern slavery policy	
Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to adopt a	During the reporting period the modern slavery policy was updated following the review of the GRS
Modern Slavery Policy during this reporting period?	Resource: Developing a modern slavery policy and incorporating feedback from the Anti-slavery Commissioner. The policy was endorsed by Council and published on the City's external website in May 2025.
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	Commissioner. The policy was endorsed by Council and published on the City's external website in May 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Optional reporting

## 1.4 Modern slavery risk management plan

Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to adopt a Modern Slavery Risk Management Plan during this reporting period?	The City carried out a risk assessment process with governance / compliance and relevant procurement team members of our highest modern slavery risk categories and developed a risk management plan that was endorsed by the executive in June 2025.
Do you have a modern slavery risk management plan, approved by your senior management, in place?	Yes
Does your plan assign accountability for performance against high-level targets to specific roles? <sup>2</sup>	No

## 2.1 Identify and map your supply-chain risks for each procurement

	Question	Response
	What steps did your entity take to identify	The City has carried out the following steps towards identifying and mapping modern slavery risks:
and map your modern slavery risks at the supply-chain level during this reporting period?	supply-chain level during this reporting	<ul> <li>continued use of the modern slavery inherent risk assessment using the GRS Modern Slavery Inherent Risk Identification Tool prior to undertaking a procurement process with a total contract value over \$50,000 including GST</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>approved funding for modern slavery consultancy services which will include supply chain mapping</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>carried out a risk assessment to identify and manage the highest modern slavery risks in our supply chain through the modern slavery risk management plan.</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Optional reporting

#### 2.2 Develop a risk-reducing sourcing strategy

Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to develop a modern slavery risk-reducing sourcing strategy during this reporting period?	The City has carried out the following foundational steps towards developing a modern slavery risk-reducing sourcing strategy:
	<ul> <li>recommended market position endorsed by the executive</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>carried out a risk assessment to identify and manage the highest modern slavery risks in our supply chain through the modern slavery risk management plan</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>continued use of returnable schedules in procurement documentation that require bidders to answer questions and supply information about modern slavery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>continued use of the modern slavery inherent risk assessment using the GRS Modern Slavery Inherent Risk Identification Tool prior to undertaking a procurement process with a total contract value over \$50,000 including GST. In addition, procurement documents such as a sourcing strategy, request for quote, and evaluation panel approvals have prompts to consider aspects of risks of modern slavery related to the procurement.</li> </ul>
In what percentage of procurement processes was modern slavery factored into your entity's sourcing strategy or other procurement planning activities during this reporting period? <sup>3</sup>	This data is not available
3. Source 3.1 Select appropriate suppliers	
Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to address	The City continues using returnable schedules in procurement documentation for processes over

\$50,000 including GST, that require bidders to answer questions and supply information about

modern slavery to address modern slavery risks when selecting suppliers.

modern slavery risks when selecting

suppliers during this reporting period?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Optional reporting

Question		Response	
In what percentage of competitive procurement processes were the Model Tender Clauses used during this reporting period? <sup>4</sup>	This data is not available		
3.2 Adopt a shared responsibility approach to	contracting		

Question Response

What steps did your entity take to adopt a shared responsibility approach to modern slavery risks, in contracting during this reporting period?

The City's contract templates include a modern slavery clause which reflects the key principles of the GRS Model Contract Clauses, is relevant to the modern slavery risk rating (a standard clause and a heightened clause for high-risk procurements), and adopts a shared responsibility approach to modern slavery risks by:

- requiring the service provider/supplier to cooperate in good faith with the City in investigating any circumstances relevant to any potential, suspected or actual breach of modern slavery laws
- including an agreement by the City and the service provider/supplier to implement systems, procedures and policies and to provide reasonable assistance to each other to comply with the obligations in the contract relating to modern slavery laws
- working together to develop and implement a remediation plan in the event of any potential, suspected or actual instances of modern slavery within the operations or supply chain of the service provider/supplier.

Where the City uses non-standard contract templates, for example, when engaging suppliers that will only engage using their standard contract templates, the City uses its leverage and works constructively wherever possible to insert our modern slavery contract clauses when applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Optional reporting

Question	Response
In what percentage of competitive procurement processes were the Model Contract Clauses used during this reporting period? <sup>5</sup>	This data is not available
Manage     A.1 Monitor and evaluate supplier performance	<u>e</u>
Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to monitor and evaluate supplier performance relating to modern slavery, during this reporting period?	The City is working towards implementing a way to monitor and evaluate supplier performance.
Has your entity required any of your Tier 1 suppliers to undergo an audit addressing modern slavery risks in this reporting period?	No
What percentage of your Tier 1 suppliers underwent an audit addressing modern slavery in this reporting period? <sup>5</sup>	This data is not available
During the reporting period, what percentage of your Tier 1 suppliers' workforce were surveyed about their working conditions? <sup>5</sup>	This data is not available

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Optional reporting

Question	Response
What percentage of your Tier 1 suppliers' workforce are temporary migrant workers? <sup>6</sup>	This data is not available
What percentage of workers engaged by your Tier 1 suppliers in the last reporting period paid or incurred a fee to secure their engagement? <sup>6</sup>	This data is not available
4.2 Develop supplier capabilities	
Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to develop supplier capabilities relating to modern slavery risks during this reporting period?	The City has continued to use contract templates that reflect the intent of the GRS Model Contract Clauses or where applicable used leverage to work constructively to include our modern slavery contract clauses in non-standard contract templates wherever possible. The City will continue to work towards the development of supplier capabilities relating to modern slavery risks.
What percentage of your entity's Tier 1 suppliers reported that they had participated in modern slavery training during this reporting period? <sup>7</sup>	This data is not available

Optional reportingOptional reporting

#### 5. Remedy

#### 5.1 Provide or enable access to effective grievance mechanisms

Question Response

What steps did your entity take to provide or enable access to effective modern slavery grievance mechanisms during this reporting period?

The City has undertaken the following steps to provide or enable access to effective modern slavery grievance mechanisms:

- adopted an updated modern slavery policy
- continued to use and promote the modern slavery reporting (grievance) procedure which has been included in awareness training, poster awareness campaign, and on the CityNet intranet page and the City's external website. https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/report-issue/reportsuspicions-modern-slavery.

How many complaints relating to modern slavery associated with your operations or the goods or services you procure were lodged during the reporting period, whether with your organisation's grievance mechanism(s) or with others?<sup>8</sup>

0

#### 5.2 Take safe immediate steps to remediate deficient practices

Question Response

What steps did your entity take to safely and immediately remedy modern slavery harms to which you were connected during this reporting period?

A complaint received during the previous reporting period was investigated with the support of external consultants and as an outcome of that process the City is working with its direct supplier to manage modern slavery risks through its rights under the contract.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Optional reporting

# 5.3 Use leverage to remediate deficient practices

Question Response	
What steps did your entity take to use leverage to remediate deficient modern slavery risk management practices during this reporting period?	Due to the nature of the complaint and relationship with the organisation (second tier supplier), leverage will be used with our direct supplier to manage modern slavery risks.
In how many procurement contracts or arrangements was a material breach related to modern slavery formally notified during this reporting period? <sup>9</sup>	0
5.4 Withdraw responsibly	
Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to withdraw responsibly during this reporting period, in connection to modern slavery risks?	All investigations have closed, with no plan to withdraw responsibly from the contract linked to the prior year's complaint. The City is working with its direct supplier to manage modern slavery risks through its rights under the contract.
How many procurement contracts or arrangements were terminated on modern slavery grounds during the reporting period? <sup>9</sup>	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Optional reporting

## 6. Report

## 6.1 Establish a victim centred reporting protocol

Question	Response	
What steps did your entity take to establish a victim-centred modern slavery reporting	The City has carried out the following steps to establish a victim-centred modern slavery reporting protocol:	
protocol during this reporting period?	<ul> <li>the modern slavery reporting procedure continues to be used and features on the City's external and internal staff website</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the reporting procedure was featured in a poster awareness campaign, and a link has been included in awareness training.</li> </ul>	
Do you have a modern slavery reporting protocol in place that prioritises the interests of the victim/survivor?	Yes	

#### 6.2 Report on your modern slavery risk management efforts

Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to report on your modern slavery risk management efforts during this reporting period?	The City carried out the following steps to report on modern slavery risk management efforts:
	<ul> <li>submission of our 2023/24 GRS annual report within our annual report and to the Office of the Anti-slavery Commissioner</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>regular reporting (4 times per annum) to our Audit Risk and Compliance Committee (ARCC)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>modern slavery is included in the quarterly strategic report for the Finance and Procurement division which is sent to executive</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>modern slavery entry was entered into the City's Compliance Obligation Register and will be reported on twice a year.</li> </ul>
Did your entity report on modern slavery in its prior Annual Report?	Yes

Question	Response
During the period, did your entity comply with its obligations to report heightened modern slavery due diligence procurements valued at \$150,000 (inc. GST) or more within 45 days?	Yes
7. Report 7.1 Learn lessons from your performance and	<u>others</u>
Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to learn lessons from your modern slavery performance and others' during this reporting period?	The City took the following steps to learn from our performance and others':  - sought advice from and consulted with the Office of the Anti-slavery Commissioner  - engaged with other councils, universities and state government entities to understand their approach to modern slavery risk management and to collaborate/ knowledge share  - engaged LGP, SSROC to understand their developing approach to the GRS  - implemented the updated modern slavery policy with input from internal stakeholders and its internal modern slavery working group.  There has been no input from grievance mechanism lessons in this reporting period.  The City's modern slavery program of work will focus on continuous improvement and will evolve based on inputs including:  - stakeholder feedback and lessons learned
	<ul><li>attending external training sessions</li><li>reviewing state government materials on modern slavery</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>reviewing state government materials on modern slavery</li> </ul>

reviewing other council's policies.

Question	Response
Has your entity updated its modern slavery policies or procedures based on stakeholder feedback or lessons from a grievance mechanism during this period?	Yes
7.2 Train your workforce	
Question	Response
What steps did your entity take to train your workforce during this reporting period?	The City has undertaken the following steps to train its workforce:
	<ul> <li>delivered modern slavery awareness information sessions to staff that undertake procurement activity or manage contracts</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>rolled out awareness training to 513 staff this reporting period including:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>remaining senior managers that did not complete the training in FY24 (34%). All senior managers have now completed awareness training</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>staff identified to be undertaking procurement and contracting activities.</li> </ul>
What percentage of your workforce received modern slavery training in the period?	19.2%

# 7.3 Cooperate with the Anti-slavery Commissioner

Question	Response		
What steps did your entity take to cooperate with the Anti-slavery Commissioner during this reporting period?	The City has taken the following steps to cooperate with the Anti-slavery Commissioner this reporting period:		
	<ul> <li>the City has not received any requests from the Anti-slavery Commissioner</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>reviewed and considered the GRS and additional resources as they were released to work towards compliance with obligations</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>undertook GRS training and online briefings held by the Office of the Anti-slavery Commissioner</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>sought advice directly from the Office of the Anti-slavery Commissioner's Office</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>referred one report of modern slavery received by the City to the Commissioner that did not involve the City's supply chain or operations.</li> </ul>		

# Report publication

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s428 (5)

The annual report is at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

A link has been provided to the Minister for Local Government.

# Special variation expenditure

NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s508 and s508A, and NSW Office of Local Government Special Rate Variation Guideline 7.1

In 2024/25 the City adopted the general rate increase set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

The City has no activities funded by special rate variation income.

# Attestation specifying compliance

NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s 428(4)(b) and NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 216T

The City's internal audit and risk management attestation statement for the 2024/25 financial year is below.

I am of the opinion that the City of Sydney has an Audit Risk and Compliance Committee, risk management framework and internal audit function that operate in compliance with the following requirements except as may be otherwise provided below:

#### **Audit Risk and Compliance Committee**

Number	Requirement	Compliance
1	The City has appointed an Audit Risk and Compliance Committee that comprises an independent chairperson and at least 2 independent members (section 428A of the Local Government Act 1993, section 216C of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021)	Compliant
2	The chairperson and all members of the City's Audit Risk and Compliance Committee meet the relevant independence and eligibility criteria prescribed under the <i>Local Government</i> ( <i>General</i> ) Regulation 2021 and have not exceeded the membership term limits prescribed under the Regulation (sections 216D, 216E, 216F, and 216G of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i> )	Compliant
3	The City of Sydney has adopted terms of reference for its Audit Risk and Compliance Committee that are informed by the model terms of reference approved by the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Local Government and the committee operates in accordance with the terms of reference (section 216K of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021)	Compliant
4	The City provides the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee with direct and unrestricted access to the Chief Executive Officer and other senior management and the information and resources	Compliant

Number	Requirement	Compliance
	necessary to exercise its functions (section 216L of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i> )	
5	The City's Audit Risk and Compliance Committee exercises its functions in accordance with a 4-year strategic work plan that has been endorsed by the governing body and an annual work plan that has been developed in consultation with the governing body and senior management (core requirement 1 of the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW)	Compliant
6	The City's Audit Risk and Compliance Committee provides the governing body with an annual assessment each year, and a strategic assessment each council term of the matters listed in section 428A of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> reviewed during that term (core requirement 1 of the Office of Local Government's	Annual assessment: compliant
	Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW)	Strategic assessment: not yet due
7	The governing body of the City of Sydney reviews the effectiveness of the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee at least once each council term (core requirement 1 of the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW)	Not yet due

#### Membership

The chairperson and membership of the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee during the relevant period was:

Chairperson	Carolyn Walsh	1 October 2014	30 June 2025
Independent member	Elizabeth Crouch AM	1 July 2013	30 June 2025
Independent member	Stephen Horne <sup>10</sup>	1 January 2024	31 December 2028
Independent member	Robert Lagaida	1 December 2024	30 November 2028
Independent member	Rosemary Milkins	1 December 2024	30 November 2028
City of Sydney (non-voting)	Cr Robert Kok	September 2016	September 2028

#### **Risk Management**

Number	Requirement	Compliance
8	The City has adopted a risk management framework that is consistent with current Australian risk management standard and	Compliant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Stephen Horne will be the chairperson from 1 July 2025

Number	Requirement	Compliance
	that is appropriate for the council's risks (section 216S of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021)	
9	The City's Audit Risk and Compliance Committee reviews the implementation of its risk management framework and provides a strategic assessment of its effectiveness to the governing body each council term (section 216S of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021)	Not yet due

#### **Internal Audit**

Number	Requirement	Compliance
10	The City has an internal audit function that reviews the council's operations and risk management and control activities (section 216O of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i> )	Compliant
11	The City's internal audit function reports to the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee on internal audit matters (sections 216M, 216P and 216R of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation</i> 2021)	Compliant
12	The City's internal audit function is independent and internal audit activities are not subject to direction by the Council (section 216P of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021)	Compliant
13	The City has adopted an internal audit charter that is informed by the model internal audit charter approved by the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Local Government and the internal audit function operates in accordance with the charter (section 216O of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021</i> )	Compliant
14	The City has appointed a member of staff to direct and coordinate internal audit activities (section 216P of the <i>Local Government</i> (General) Regulation 2021)	Compliant
15	Internal audit activities are conducted in accordance with the International Professional Practices Framework (core requirement 3 of the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW)	Compliant
16	The City provides the internal audit function with direct and unrestricted access to staff, the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee, and the information and resources necessary to undertake internal audit activities (section 216P of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021)	Compliant
17	The City's internal audit function undertakes internal audit activities in accordance with a 4-year strategic work plan that has been endorsed by the governing body and an annual work plan that has been developed in consultation with the governing body and senior management (core requirement 3 of the Office of Local	Compliant

Number	Requirement	Compliance
	Government's Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW)	
18	The City's Audit Risk and Compliance Committee reviews the effectiveness of the internal audit function and reports the outcome of the review to the governing body each council term (section 216R of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021).	Not yet due

#### Non-compliance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

I advise that The Council of the City of Sydney has not complied with the following requirements prescribed under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* with respect to the operation of its Audit Risk and Compliance:

Non-compliance	Reason	Alternative measures being implemented	How the alternative measures achieve equivalent outcomes
Nil			

These processes, including the alternative measures implemented, demonstrate that the Council of the City of Sydney has established and maintained frameworks, systems, processes and procedures for appropriately managing audit and risk within the Council of the City of Sydney.

**Monica Barone PSM** 

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Chief Executive Officer

3 October 2025

# Rates and charges written off

#### NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 132

The below rates and charges were written off during the 2024/25 year under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Section in the Act	Description	Amount
s564	Accrued interest written off under a payment agreement	\$186
s572	Amounts written off due to changes in rateability	\$307,285
s575	Mandatory pensioner rates and charge reduction <sup>11</sup>	\$701,783
s583	Voluntary pensioner rates and charges reduction	\$3,491,061
s595	Postponed rates written off	\$0
s607	Rates and charges written off	\$1,716
s607	Small balances written off	\$4,110
Total		\$4,506,141

# Councillor professional development

#### NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 186

Councillors who took part in ongoing professional development programs included:

- The Right Honourable Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore AO
- Deputy Lord Mayor Zann Maxwell
- Councillor Olly Arkins
- Councillor HY William Chan
- Councillor Emelda Davis
- Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore
- Councillor Lyndon Gannon
- Councillor Shauna Jarrett
- Councillor Robert Kok
- Councillor Jess Miller
- Councillor Linda Scott
- Councillor Matthew Thompson
- Councillor Yvonne Weldon
- Councillor Adam Worling.

Councillors receive circulars provided by the Office of Local Government, Australian Local Government Association and Local Government NSW. The City of Sydney held 17 briefing sessions for the councillors as a group in 2024/25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> An amount of \$364,088.30, representing 55% of the mandatory pensioner reduction, is subsidised by the NSW Government

# City of Sydney advisory panels

# Resolution of City of Sydney Council CM2025/000035 17 February 2025

The key activities of advisory panel during the year include:

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel held 6 meetings in 2024/25.

Key highlights over the 12 months include:

- playing a key role in the development and endorsement of the Stretch reconciliation action plan
- advocating for and supporting the Cope Street Aged Care project
- continued advocacy to help secure 107 Redfern Street to become an Aboriginalled community creative and cultural hub space
- providing guidance to help redefine
   Redfern Terrace as a place for storytelling
   and to reimagine the building.

# **Business and Economic Development Advisory Panel**

The Business and Economic Development Advisory Panel held 3 meetings in 2024/25.

Key highlights over the 12 months include:

- development of the City's economic development strategy 2025–2035, adopted by Council in December 2024
- development and testing of the strategy's momentum building projects
- active participation in the public engagement and promotion of the strategy through the consultation phase
- quarterly macroeconomic outlook with visitation and spend data insights from across the City's local areas.

# Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Panel

The Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Panel held 2 meetings in 2024/25.

Matters covered at meetings included:

- NSW Flood Risk Management process by NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy and the Environment
- the City's floodplain management program
- Darling Harbour and City Area flood study update – status of ongoing flood study
- Woolloomooloo Resilience Adaptation
   Study Impacts of Climate Change on
   Flooding A summary briefing of stage 1 of the study.

# Housing For All Advisory Panel / Working Group

The Housing For All Working Group held 3 meetings in 2024/25.

Key highlights over the 12 months included:

- discussion on examining the intersectionality of housing needs for LGBTIQA+ communities from the Shelter NSW report
- long term strategic planning for the next term of the panel
- discussion of support for new affordable and diverse housing (including new funding through the Housing Australia Future Fund, discounted land and property sales and other state government programs).

#### **Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel**

The Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel held 3 meetings in 2024/25.

Key highlights over the 12 months included:

- 12 new members being selected and approved by Council following an expression of interest process in May 2025, representing peak disability government and non-government organisations
- playing a key role in providing external strategic and expert advice to the City on the development, implementation and review of its policies, strategies and plans including the inclusion (disability) action plan
- reviewing numerous procedural guidelines to enhance accessibility including disability inclusive community engagement guidelines, inclusive language and communication guidelines, recycling station upgrades, quiet spaces and accessible viewing areas for events
- facilitating co-design workshops between August and November 2024 for the development of the inclusion (disability) action plan 2025–2029.

#### **Multicultural Advisory Panel**

The Multicultural Advisory Panel held 2 meetings in 2024/25.

Key highlights over the 12 months included:

- providing feedback on the City's social cohesion and anti-racism programs, as well as the draft Easy Read translation of the child safety policy in August 2024
- a briefing on the achievements of the Multicultural Advisory Panel and Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel in November 2024.

# **Cultural and Creative Sector Advisory Panel**

The Cultural and Creative Sector Advisory Panel held 1 meeting in 2024/25.

the final meeting of the panel was held in February 2025 to acknowledge Council's adoption of the cultural strategy 202502035. This was accompanied by presentations from City staff on special entertainment precincts, the creative lands trust feasibility study and a preview of strategy-aligned future programs in support of the cultural and creative sector.



Image 2. Fitness training at Observatory Hill, Sydney. Photo by Katherine Griffiths / City of Sydney

# Overseas visits

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a)

Details of overseas visits by councillors, council employees or other persons who travelled internationally representing the City of Sydney (including visits sponsored by other organisations) during the year ending 30 June 2025 are below.

Purpose of travel	Destination	Officer	Date	Costs met by the City
Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance – annual meeting	Stockholm, Sweden	Anna Mitchell, Executive Manager Sustainability and Resilience	September 2024	Nil – all costs paid by organisers
Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance – annual meeting	Stockholm, Sweden	Nik Midlam, Manager Carbon Strategy	September 2024	Nil – all costs paid by organisers
Keynote speaker at the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland conference	Dublin, Ireland	Bridget Smyth, City Architect/ Executive Manager City Design and Public Art	October 2024	Nil – all costs paid by organisers
Presenter at the Australian Society of Archivists conference	Christchurch, New Zealand	Janet Villata, City Archivist, Data and Information Management Services	October 2024	Airfares, accommodation, conference registration and incidentals
World Cities Cultural Forum Summit	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Bridget Smyth, City Architect/ Executive Manager City Design and Public Art	October / November 2024	Airfares
World Cities Cultural Forum Summit	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Sasha Baroni, Executive Manager, Creative City	October / November 2024	Airfares
World Cities Cultural Forum Summit	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Lisa Colley, Manager Cultural Strategy, Strategy and Urban Analytics	October / November 2024	Airfares

Purpose of travel	Destination	Officer	Date	Costs met by the City
North American Cities and Transit Agencies (NACTO) Designing Cities Conference	Washington DC, USA	Lin Yang, Senior Public Domain Coordinator, City Infrastructure and Traffic Operations	May 2025	Incidentals
Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance Conference	Glasgow, Scotland	Ishita Singh, Sustainability Engagement Manager, Sustainability Programs	June 2025	Incidentals
Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance Conference	Glasgow, Scotland	Nik Midlam, Manager Carbon Strategy, Sustainability and Resilience	June 2025	Incidentals
Singapore International Water Week – C40 Urban Flooding Network program	Singapore, Republic of Singapore	Stuart McTaggart, Principal Engineer – Environment and Water, City Infrastructure and Traffic Operations	June 2025	Incidentals



Image 3. City of Sydney skyline. Photo by Katherine Griffiths / City of Sydney

# Councillors' expenses

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a1)

The City of Sydney has a councillors' expenses and facilities policy that governs the expenses paid and facilities provided to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and other councillors in their civic duties.

Annual fees were paid to all councillors as required by the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and in line with the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal on 29 May 2024. The total amount paid to all councillors for 2024/25 was \$676,178.

In 2024/25, the cost of expenses and facilities provided to councillors was \$4,648,916. This includes domestic travel expenses such as accommodation and registration fees for seminars and conferences, as well as office administration such as postage, meals and refreshments. It also includes staff salaries and salary on-costs totalling \$4,570,881.

Details of particular categories of expenditure are as follows:

- (i) The cost of the provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to councillors on a personal basis was \$1,696.
- (ii) Telephone calls made by councillors, including mobile telephones provided by the City and from the landline telephones and facsimile services installed in councillors' homes totalled \$17,725<sup>12</sup>.
- (iii) The cost of the attendance of councillors at conferences and seminars was \$12,216.
- (iv) Expenditure on the training of councillors and the provision of skills development for councillors was \$39,400.
- (v) The cost of interstate visits undertaken by councillors while representing the City, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$9,902.
- (vi) The cost of overseas visits carried out by councillors while representing the City, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses was \$0.
- (vii) The expenses of any spouse, partner or other person who accompanied a councillor in the performance of their civic functions totalled \$1,018. These are expenses payable under guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors for local councils in NSW prepared by the Director-General from time to time.
- (viii) The expenses involved in the provision of care for a child, or an immediate family member of a councillor, to allow the councillor to undertake their civic functions totalled \$0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> This amount includes charges for communication devices and call costs which are provided for under the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy

# Major contracts

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a2)

Below are all the contracts awarded by the City during the year 2024/25, including tenders.

This list does not include:

- employment contracts (that is contracts of service but not contracts for services)
- contracts for less than \$150,000.

Company name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
Aboriginal Carbon Fund Ltd	Australian carbon credit units 2024/25	\$237,600
Aboriginal Carbon Fund Ltd	Australian carbon credit units 2024	\$248,400
Action Sound Pty Ltd	Technical services for major events and festivals	\$219,000
Altus Traffic Pty Ltd	Sydney New Year's Eve 2024 – traffic management and hostile vehicle mitigation services	\$150,494
Ausbarge Pty Ltd	Sydney New Year's Eve 2024 – barges	\$389,522
Belmadar Pty Ltd	Sydney Park, St Peters – brick kilns precinct upgrade – construction	\$30,057,616
Bibliotheca Australia Pty Ltd	Library RFID solution 2024–2027	\$710,356
Bing Technologies Pty Ltd	On demand print and postal lodgement	\$1,821,650
Bingo Waste Services Pty Ltd	Civil, construction and demolition waste and recycling services	\$1,001,000
Bodycare Health & Wellbeing Pty Ltd	Health and wellbeing programs 2024–2027	\$198,000
Boomerang Batteries Pty Ltd	Chairs in the Square	\$1,394,161
Brightly Software Australia Pty Ltd	Confirm Connect – asset management system (CAMS)	\$1,150,490
Cater Care Australia Operations Pty Ltd	Eveleigh early learning and preschool – food services	\$447,782
Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd	Mobile planters display program	\$19,626,166

Company name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
Civille Pty Ltd	Alexandria Park renewal – head design consultant	\$631,203
CNFiTech Pty Ltd	Central monitoring and control system for parks	\$1,003,513
Community Resources Ltd t/a Soft Landing	SSROC – mattress collection and processing service	\$6,985,031
Copyright Agency Ltd	Copyright licence agreement	\$218,210
Corporate Technology Services Pty Ltd	Sydney Town Hall – projectors	\$682,501
Dell Australia Pty Ltd	Dell hardware	\$5,570,928
Emily Kate McDaniel	Eora Journey – Yananurala – curatorial services	\$1,015,493
Enigma Indigenous Peoples Pty Ltd	Managed print services	\$2,073,885
Factory One Pty Ltd	Street banner installation and dismantling services	\$1,980,000
Factory Sound Sales Pty Ltd	Centennial Hall – audio console replacement	\$854,735
Garwood International Pty Ltd	Small to medium waste collection compactors	\$973,338
Geografia Pty Ltd	Spendmapp – subscription agreement	\$188,714
Green Options Pty Ltd	Fanny Place Playground, Surry Hills – asbestos remediation works	\$192,065
Harnleigh Pty Ltd	Public lighting and electrical maintenance	\$19,005,315
Hirotec Maintenance Pty Ltd	Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool – seawater source heat pumps	\$1,464,054
HSR Southern Cross Pty Ltd	Link bin (hook lift) trucks	\$634,413
Illuminart Productions Pty Ltd	Sydney Town Hall – external façade projection service	\$732,942
Immex Green Square Medical Treatment Pty Ltd	Pre-employment medicals	\$195,152
Infor Global Solutions (ANZ) Pty Ltd	ePlanning Phase 3 – replacement of Planning Xchange and extension of Pathway	\$7,252,259

Company name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
Infrastructure Management Group Pty Ltd	Roads, footpath and traffic facilities conditions assessment – consultant	\$1,124,429
Innovatus Projects Pty Ltd	Customs House Sydney – head contractor interior upgrade	\$713,719
International Conservation Services Pty Ltd	Bring Back Joy	\$175,582
Italian Automobiles Group Pty Ltd	Electric passenger fleet vehicles	\$1,081,167
IVE Group Australia Pty Ltd	Generation and distribution of notification letters	\$696,990
James Mather Delaney Design Pty Ltd	Ward Park and playground – head design consultant	\$329,990
JBS&G Australia Pty Ltd	Mandible Street, Alexandria – sports precinct – consultancy environmental services	\$191,323
JBS&G Australia Pty Ltd	Contaminated land site auditor services	\$2,703,819
Kane Constructions Pty Ltd	Huntley Street Recreation Centre, Alexandria – construction	\$27,470,154
Konica Minolta Business Solutions Australia Pty Ltd	Digital production colour copier	\$478,724
Kronos Australia Pty Ltd	Kronos – technical upgrade	\$2,092,603
Kumar Motors Bankstown Pty Ltd	Electric tipper trucks – supply and delivery	\$1,239,481
Lane Bros. Printers Pty Ltd	Rates / instalment and reminder notices – generation and distribution	\$661,300
Last Minute Productions Pty Ltd	Redfern Community Centre music studio – operation and programming	\$1,368,467
Liftronic Pty Ltd	Kings Cross library, Andrew (Boy) Charlton pool and Railway Square – lift / escalator upgrade	\$3,234,176
Look Corporate Pty Ltd	Truck livery printing and installation	\$239,855
Luhrmann Environment Management Pty Ltd	Weed eradication services	\$419,156

Company name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
Mack Civil Pty Ltd	Cooper Street and Adelaide Street reserves – refurbishment	\$1,034,643
Manheim Pty Ltd	Abandoned and impound vehicle collection, storage and disposal services	\$231,000
MDM Entertainment Pty Ltd	English library materials	\$4,981,183
Museums of History NSW	Archives storage and associated services	\$3,363,100
Optimal Stormwater Pty Ltd	Rainwater tank reuse services	\$545,747
Origin Energy LPG Ltd	Supply of natural gas large market accounts	\$2,509,632
Origin Energy LPG Ltd	Natural gas retail supply for small market sites	\$638,522
Outcomex Pty Ltd	Cisco – access switches refresh	\$158,108
Outcomex Pty Ltd	Network refresh (data centres)	\$399,163
Panel – various:	Arboriculture and urban forestry consultants	\$4,340,061
<ul> <li>Arbor Carbon Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Arborsphere Australia Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Arterra Design Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Holkan Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Integrated Vegetation</li> <li>Management Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Koala Arbor Pty Ltd as the trustee for the Koala Arbor Consulting Arborists Trust</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Sur Mer Pty Ltd as the trustee for the Sound Wood Trust</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Temporal Tree</li> <li>Management Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
Panel – various:	LED luminaires supply	\$5,839,984
<ul> <li>Masson Manufacturing Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Schreder Australia Pty Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Signify Australia Ltd</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>Traffic Technologies Ltd</li></ul>		

Co	ompany name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
Pa	anel – various:	Minor landscape works	\$59,846,960
-	AYZ Landscapes and Civil Construction Pty Ltd		
-	Quality Management and Constructions Pty Ltd		
_	Regal Innovations Pty Ltd		
_	The Gardenmakers Pty Ltd		
Pa	anel – various:	Photography and videography services	\$1,291,898
_	Anna Kucera		
_	Annabel Osborne		
_	Blackfisch Films Pty Ltd		
_	Caleb Joshua Graham		
_	Cassandra B Hannagan		
_	Damian Patrick Shaw		
_	Daniel Tran		
_	Dion Georgopoulos		
_	Edward William Rezar Hurst		
_	Graham Jepson Photography Pty Ltd		
_	Helene Chandiok		
_	Hired Gun Australasian Photo Services Pty Ltd		
-	James Horan Photography Pty Ltd		
_	Jennifer Ellen Leahy		
_	Katherine Griffiths		
_	Liquid Fur Pty Ltd		
_	Louise Anne Hawson		
-	Lucky You Found Me Pty Ltd		
_	Mark Metcalfe		
_	Michael James Matthews		
-	Michelle Tan Photography Pty Ltd		
_	Milo Jones King		

Company name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
<ul> <li>Morris McLennan</li> <li>Nathan William Moss</li> <li>Rommelaere Pty Ltd</li> <li>Simon Wood</li> <li>Studio Gilay Pty Ltd</li> <li>Warren Lee</li> </ul>		
Panel – various: – Cozens Mabel Pty Ltd – Orangefield Pty Ltd	Recruitment agency search services	\$249,000
Pangolin Associates Pty Ltd	Sydney New Year's Eve – greenhouse gas emissions assessment	\$162,888
Pathzz Pty Ltd	Location analytics and insights	\$290,400
Ping Works Pty Ltd	What's On transition to Sitecore	\$1,083,280
Place Design Group Pty Ltd	Green Park, Darlinghurst – head design consultant	\$452,515
Place Design Group Pty Ltd	Surry Hills to Central quietway	\$277,232
Place Design Group Pty Ltd	Waterloo Estate (South) – streetscape concept design consultancy	\$331,088
Polaris Marine Pty Ltd as trustee for the Polaris Marine Trust No. 1	Sydney New Year's Eve 2024 – barges and tugs	\$343,338
QMetrix Pty Ltd	Profisee platform upgrades	\$207,735
Quality Management & Constructions Pty Ltd	Arthur and Douglas Street Reserves, Redfern – park and playground construction	\$1,384,695
Quality Management & Constructions Pty Ltd	Hyde Park – lighting / electrical and CCTV upgrade – head contractor construction	\$21,874,390
Raston Group Pty Ltd	Green Square – install permanent unmetered power supply for public art project	\$175,395
Re.Cycle Operations Pty Ltd	Comingled recyclables processing service	\$13,904,032
Regal Innovations Pty Ltd	Gunyama Park Stage 2 and George Julius Avenue North – construction	\$20,753,578
Respiro Pty Ltd	Firewall refresh project	\$1,237,447

Company name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
RJC Group Pty Ltd	Sydney Town Hall façade – stage 3 restoration – vestibule dome	\$641,612
S.M.A Motors Pty Ltd	Supply and delivery of flatbed tray bodied trucks and steel bodied tipper trucks	\$1,215,474
Sanzap Pty Ltd	Solus library app	\$221,526
Scale Architecture Pty Ltd	Jubilee sportsfield amenities – head design consultancy services	\$188,584
Schreder Australia Pty Ltd	Smart controls hardware and ongoing maintenance	\$2,873,499
Secure Events and Assets Pty Ltd	Sydney New Year's Eve – crowd and transport management services	\$1,689,600
Sell & Parker Pty Ltd	Metal and white goods processing services	\$248,492
Show Technology Australia Pty Ltd	Moving head LED wash lights	\$323,987
Sico South Pacific Ltd	Centennial Hall – staging replacement contract	\$218,768
Smart WFM Pty Ltd	Kronos expert services	\$735,075
Solutions Plus Built Pty Ltd	Jubilee Oval – upgrade	\$1,758,669
St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)	Major events and festivals – first aid services – 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 event seasons	\$196,740
Stantec Australia Pty Ltd	Cliffs and retaining walls – inspection and condition assessment	\$305,982
Star Structures Pty Ltd	Playground and fitness station – safety inspections, reporting and repairs	\$176,704
Sydneywide Partyhire Pty Ltd	Temporary structures, furniture and event equipment for major events and festivals	\$2,525,867
Taylor Brammer Landscape Architect Pty Ltd	North Alexandria precinct streetscape concept design – consultancy	\$421,245
Taylor Fry Pty Ltd	Workers compensation actuarial assessment	\$250,085
The Fruit Box Group Pty Ltd	Milk supply and fulfilment services	\$222,509
The P.A People Pty Ltd	Sydney Town Hall – winch maintenance	\$198,000

Company name	Contract description	Value of contract including GST
Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty Ltd	SSROC – gross pollutant trap inspection, cleaning and maintenance services	\$1,979,482
Total Ventilation Hygiene Pty Ltd	307 Pitt Street, Sydney – design and construct passive installations – head contractor	\$582,224
Varley Electric Vehicles Pty Ltd	Electric waste collection buggies	\$766,599
Warren and Mahoney Architects Australia Pty Ltd	North Green Square – urban design study	\$219,751
We are Warriors Pty Ltd	2025 NAIDOC – event management services	\$225,500
Workforce Road Services Pty Ltd	Provision of line marking services	\$4,120,000
Yerrabingin Pty Ltd	Redfern neighbourhood parks – head design consultancy	\$863,295



Image 4. Christmas lights at Darling Square, Haymarket. Photo by Chris Southwood/City of Sydney

#### Organisations providing goods and services exceeding \$150,000 in value

Below are all the organisations who provided goods and services exceeding \$150,000 in value during 2024/25 through an approved exemption from tender or another allowable third-party procurement process such as the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council's tendering process.

The value of goods and services given is based on purchase orders / invoices listed for the 2024/25 financial year.

The number of orders / invoices is given to indicate the number of jobs.

Company name	Goods and services type	Value including GST	Number of purchase orders / invoices
Aboriginal Carbon Fund Ltd	Environment management service	\$248,400.00	1
AFL SportsReady Ltd	Recruitment service	\$163,934.68	57
Altius Group Holdings Pty Ltd	Workplace health and wellbeing	\$220,133.19	53
Altus Traffic Pty Ltd	Traffic control service	\$178,407.39	1
APP Corporation Pty Ltd	Real estate service	\$224,877.40	11
Ausgrid	Install and remove smart poles	\$1,265,626.50	73
Australia Post	Mailing services	\$1,708,162.92	31
Australian Data Storage Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$384,646.26	76
Australian Radio Network Pty Ltd	Media service	\$431,176.00	3
Australian National Couriers	Courier service	\$160,354.46	119
AW Signs Pty Ltd	Signage	\$243,012.83	6
Benedict Sand and Gravel	Waste management service	\$193,469.56	35
Bibliotheca RFID Library Systems Australia Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$153,087.92	3
Blue Stone Management	Quantity surveying	\$175,731.51	42
Brightly Software	Computer software	\$247,379.58	2
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Company name	Goods and services type	Value including GST	Number of purchase orders / invoices
Bucher Municipal Pty Ltd <sup>13</sup>	Cleaning equipment	\$5,385,110.06	150
CA Technology Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$237,344.80	9
Candalepas Associates	Architecture service	\$191,596.90	5
Cato Logistics Pty Ltd	Consultancy service	\$879,469.31	67
Coates Hire	Equipment hire	\$866,578.66	118
Cred Community Pty Ltd	Social planning	\$198,201.30	14
Crew On Call	Agency staff hire	\$470,260.33	77
Discovery Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$326,494.42	24
ESRI Australia	Computer software	\$381,810.00	1
Fleet Partners Pty Ltd	Novate leasing	\$150,174.13	8
Fleetplus Pty Ltd	Novate leasing	\$252,936.16	17
G Abral and others	Accounting and auditing service	\$181,610.00	41
Frontier Software Pty Ltd	IT software	\$167,137.30	12
Gartner Australasia Pty Ltd	IT software	\$266,475.00	4
Garwood International Pty Ltd	Waste services equipment	\$736,832.62	16
Generation-e Productivity Solutions Pty Ltd	IT software	\$176,747.50	16
Infor Global Solutions (ANZ) Pty Ltd	IT software	\$440,766.60	30
Infrastructure Logic Pty Ltd	IT software	\$280,531.77	12

 $<sup>^{13}</sup>$  Job awarded through NSW Government contract, LPA contract or Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council's (SSROC) contract

Company name	Goods and services type	Value including GST	Number of purchase orders / invoices
Innovatus Projects Pty Ltd	Construction	\$707,206.93	6
Insurance Australia Ltd	Insurance	\$323,931.33	12
Italian Automobiles Group Pty Ltd	Motor vehicles	\$879,996.43	59
James Bennett Library Services	Library management agreement	\$166,552.67	124
Jason Lazarus	Legal services	\$185,108.00	5
Kronos Australia	IT software	\$306,793.97	13
LinkedIn Singapore Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$168,531.00	3
McgGregor Coxall Australia Pty Ltd	Nursery and landscape	\$220,493.10	9
Med-X Pty Ltd	Waste management services	\$185,459.39	30
Micro Focus Australia Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$218,239.05	1
Microsoft Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$304,670.25	1
Muller Partnership	Consultancy	\$199,656.60	41
Museums of History NSW	Record storage	\$581,433.61	43
Nextgen Networks Pty Ltd	Utilities	\$307,203.50	12
NSW Police Force	Crowd control	\$211,247.45	16
Onsite Safety Australia Pty Ltd	Health and hygiene service	\$178,355.18	95
Optus Billing	Telephone services	\$652,539.02	35
Orix Australia	Car lease rental	\$459,746.04	20
Outcomex Pty Ltd	IT software	\$562,242.91	8
Playrope Group Pty Ltd	Playground equipment supplier	\$150,527.30	9

Company name	Goods and services type	Value including GST	Number of purchase orders / invoices
Project X Construction Pty Ltd	Construction	\$206,800.01	9
QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd	Insurance	\$256,668.57	11
Qtopia Ltd	Cultural training service	\$220,633.60	3
Raston Group Pty Ltd	Construction	\$166,625.23	1
Sam The Paving Man Pty Ltd	Construction	\$429,696.35	3
SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd	Planning development	\$258,716.70	20
Show Technology Australia Pty Ltd	Lighting	\$343,999.88	15
SICO South Pacific Ltd	Commercial furniture	\$218,768.00	2
Single Cell Mobile Consulting Pty Ltd	IT software	\$151,800.00	1
Sitecore Australia Pty Ltd	Computer software	\$271,234.43	1
Sitegroup	Labour hire	\$323,572.32	164
State Insurance Regulatory Authority	Insurance	\$236,505.00	2
Telstra	Telephone services / pit services	\$2,179,581.29	45
The Audit Office	Auditing services	\$273,790.00	6
The Calapi Family Trust t/a Intellitrac	IT software	\$341,262.90	105
The P A People	Consultancy	\$366,028.34	10
The Trustee for the Lewis & Clift Trust	Signage	\$267,818.66	118
The Trustee for the Makela Family Trust	Nursery and landscape service	\$209,858.55	4
Tiks Solutions Pty Ltd	IT software	\$163,768.00	1
Torchmedia Pty Ltd	Advertising	\$180,840.00	4

Company name	Goods and services type	Value including GST	Number of purchase orders / invoices
Transport for NSW	Government authority	\$1,046,099.10	33
Ungerboeck Systems International Pty Ltd	IT software	\$208,964.82	5
Varley Electric Vehicles Pty Ltd	Vehicle parts	\$781,697.25	17
Viva Energy Australia Ltd <sup>14</sup>	Fuel	\$945,728.59	11
Warren and Mahoney Architects Australia Pty Ltd	Architecture service	\$229,229.01	5
Woollahra Council	Library management agreement	\$417,341.10	4
WSP Australia Pty Ltd	Engineering	\$177,588.40	23



Image 5. Markets, Green Square. Photo by Anna Kucera / City of Sydney

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 14}$  Job awarded through NSW Government contract, LPA contract or Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council's (SSROC) contract

## Legal proceedings

#### NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a3)

In 2024/25, expenses incurred by the City of Sydney for legal proceedings taken by or against the Council were as below. This includes amounts, costs and expenses paid or received as out of court settlements, apart from those with terms that are not to be disclosed.

Description	Amount
Amounts paid in respect of proceedings	\$2,014,397
Costs received in respect of proceedings	\$591,183
Amounts paid in out-of- court settlements	\$70,050
Amounts received in out- of-court settlements	\$0

Below is a summary of the state of progress of each legal proceeding and the result if it has been finalised.

#### **Enforcement**

Enforcement proceedings include civil or criminal enforcement proceedings begun by the City of Sydney in the Land and Environment Court or Local Court. These proceedings usually arise from a failure to obtain or comply with development approval or a failure to comply with an order issued by the City, for example unauthorised works, unauthorised uses of land, or failure to comply with an order such as an order to upgrade fire safety. The City also initiates food safety prosecutions for unhealthy food premises.

#### Appeals against orders issued by the City

When the City issues an order or other regulatory notice the recipient can challenge this in the Land and Environment Court.

In 2024/25, 7 orders issued by the City were the subject of appeals to the Land and

Environment Court and 4 appeals were ongoing at the end of 2024/25.

- One appeal lodged in relation to a fire safety order was resolved by consent orders.
- Appeals against 2 development control orders were discontinued. Related appeals against a fire safety order and a cladding order were ongoing at the end of 2024/25.
- One appeal in relation to a fire safety order was lodged and is ongoing.
- One appeal against a refusal to grant a tree removal permit was lodged and is ongoing as at the end of 2024/25.
- Appeals against 2 development control orders were ongoing as at the end of 2024/25.

Seven order appeals received in the previous year were resolved in 2024/25. Of these appeals, 4 were discontinued and 3 were resolved.

Of the 3 resolved appeals:

- One in relation to a refusal to issue a building information certificate was resolved by consent orders.
- One in relation to a refusal to grant a swimming pool exemption was resolved by consent orders.
- One against a refusal to grant a tree removal permit was upheld.

#### Civil enforcement proceedings

In 2024/25, the City did not commence any civil enforcement proceedings in the Land and Environment Court seeking to enforce an order.

#### **Criminal enforcement proceedings**

In 2024/25, the City was involved in 2 prosecutions in the Local Court.

#### **Enforcement of penalty notices**

If the recipient of a penalty notice issued by a City officer disputes the matter in the Court, Revenue NSW starts proceedings in the Local Court in the City's name and the City is informed. For fines other than parking penalty notices, the City's Legal Services unit reviews the penalty notice and if it appears to have

been issued correctly, continues the proceedings.

If the penalty notice does not appear correct, the City withdraws the proceedings. Local Court parking cases are dealt with by police prosecutors except in exceptional circumstances and are not included in this report.

In 2024/25, the City was involved in 14 cases where the recipient of a penalty notice (not parking) disputed the offence. The City withdrew 8 cases and 6 cases were finalised. As at the end of 2024/25 there are 12 Local Court matters on foot.

#### **Planning**

Planning determinations by the City of Sydney may be the subject of an appeal to the Land and Environment Court. Planning appeals can arise when the City refuses, or deems to refuse, consent for a desired use or works at a premises.

They can also arise from an appeal against conditions imposed on applicants as part of a development approval.

In 2024/25, 24 planning appeals were lodged in the Land and Environment Court against the City. There were 24 appeals finalised during the year:

- 18 appeals were resolved by a s34 agreement on amended plans or amended conditions at or after a conciliation conference
- 2 appeals were dismissed in favour of the City
- 4 appeals were discontinued by the applicant

There were 13 planning appeals ongoing at the end of 2024/25.

If a party is dissatisfied with the outcome of a planning appeal it has a limited right of appeal to a Judge of the Land and Environment Court under s56A of the Land and Environment Court Act 1979. In 2024/25, the City was the respondent in 2 s56A appeals, one which was discontinued and one which is ongoing.

#### Other proceedings

#### **NSW Civil Administrative Tribunal**

Two complaints lodged with the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) in 2024/25 were dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

#### **District Court**

One construction dispute is ongoing as at the end of 2024/25.

#### **Supreme Court**

One lease dispute lodged with NCAT was transferred to the Supreme Court and is ongoing as at the end of 2024/25.

#### Australian Human Rights Commission

One complaint lodged with the Australian Human Rights Commission in 2023/24 was terminated and one complaint lodged in 2024/25 was terminated.

#### **Federal Court**

One discrimination claim was lodged with the Federal Court in relation to the Oxford Street cycleway and is ongoing.

# Commonwealth Administrative Review Tribunal

One application to the Administrative Review Tribunal for review of a freedom of information decision made by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications is ongoing at the end of 2024/25.

# Representations at coronial enquiries or inquests

The City's lawyers represent the City when a coronial inquiry or inquest is held into a death in the local government area and its regulatory or planning functions may be of interest to the coroner or if it is otherwise involved. Examples include if a person dies due to a fault in the building or in a fire.

In 2024/25, the City was not involved in any coronial inquests.

#### Compulsory acquisition proceedings

There were no compulsory acquisition proceedings in 2024/25.

#### **Contempt of court**

There were no contempt of court matters in 2024/25.

#### **Rates recovery**

In 2024/25, the City was involved in 276 cases where action was taken to pursue recovery of outstanding rates by the commencement of proceedings. Of these, 140 cases were resolved either pre-judgment or by judgment being entered in favour of the City. Of the other 136 cases, they remain to be finalised.

#### **Public liability claims**

In 2024/25 there were 19 proceedings brought against the City alleging negligence and seeking compensation for either property damage or personal injury. Of the 19 matters, 6 were finalised as follows:

- one matter was settled with judgment in favour of the plaintiff
- 3 matters were settled with judgment in favour of the City
- 2 matters were settled and proceedings were discontinued.

Thirteen matters were ongoing at the end of 2024/25.

# Work on private land

NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s 67 and NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a4)

There was no work carried out on private land by the City of Sydney in 2024/25.

## Grants

NSW Local Government Act 1993 No.30 s 356 and NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a5)

The total amount contributed or otherwise granted by the City in 2024/25 under s356 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* is below.

In August 2022 Council adopted a new grants and sponsorship policy and guidelines which is available at city.sydney/grants. The information below on our grants and sponsorship program includes funding for grants that were approved under programs that were not continued in the new policy and guidelines.

Grants that were originally approved by Council but were subsequently cancelled or terminated by the City are not included here.

Details of donations made by the City are also included. These donations are guided by the City's support for charities policy which was adopted by Council in November 2022.

# Total grants – cash summary and value in kind

Grant type	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amounts	Total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund	\$530,241	\$19,257	\$549,498
Accommodation grants program	_	\$8,776,860	\$8,776,860
Business sector support grants	\$733,060	_	\$733,060
Community services grants	\$3,338,438	\$89,145	\$3,427,583
Creative live / work spaces grants	_	\$117,073	\$117,073
Cultural and creative grants and sponsorship	\$1,600,000	_	\$1,600,000
Donations	\$192,000	_	\$192,000
Festivals and events sponsorship	\$5,539,600	\$2,352,101	\$7,891,701
Food support grants	\$1,500,000	\$29,745	\$1,529,745
Green building grants	\$171,574	_	\$171,574
Haymarket activation grant	\$200,000	\$356	\$200,356
Innovation and ideas grants	\$1,334,958	\$600	\$1,335,558
Outside grant program	\$1,700,000	_	\$1,700,000
Quick response grants	\$365,307	\$10,195	\$375,502
Street banner sponsorship	_	\$50,812	\$50,812
Venue support grants and sponsorship	_	\$290,580	\$290,580
Total	\$17,205,178	\$11,736,724	\$28,941,902

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Corey Anderson t/a Healing Through Yarning	Strong Aboriginal youth	\$43,500	-
Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corp	Live from Redfern Take 2	\$50,000	-
Innari Inc	Mob connect hub	\$20,000	\$11,257
Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corp	Kinchela Boys Home 100th anniversary	\$50,000	-
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council as auspice for Dan Munro	Biyanga (Father) Project – Healing Journey for Our Men	\$50,000	-
Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corp	Mudgin-Gal's recognition celebration	\$21,325	-
National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Ltd	Friday Night Live	\$25,000	-
Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Inc	Koori Knockout	\$49,722	\$4,000
Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Inc	Season and event supplies	\$32,756	-
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Ltd	Drop-in centre	\$50,000	-
Soul Reign Pty Ltd	The Goodways Project	\$37,938	-
The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc as auspice for Waterloo Storm Community NRL team	Koori Knockout – attendance and training program	\$50,000	\$4,000
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corp	Talent WorkFit 2025-26	\$50,000	_
Total		\$530,241	\$19,257

# Accommodation grants program – total value of grants approved in previous years and utilised in 2024/25

Name in application	Property	Value-in-kind amount
107 Projects Inc	Ground floor and level 1, 107 Redfern Steet, Redfern	\$89,194
107 Projects Inc	Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3A Joynton Avenue, Zetland	\$92,166
Antenna Documentary Institute Ltd	Suite 5, Benledi House, 186-194 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	\$15,421
Asian Australian Artists Assoc	181-187 Hay Street, Haymarket	\$298,037
Australian Design Centre	William Street Creative Hub, Level 3, 101-111 William Street, Darlinghurst	\$312,977
Australian Guild of Screen Composers	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	\$4,152
Australian Screen Editors Guild Inc	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	\$4,152
Beehive Industries Co-op Ltd	137 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	\$103,398
Big Fag Press	Jubilee Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	\$17,101
Brand X Productions Inc	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre, 225-245 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	\$77,770
City North Men's Shed	Abraham Mott Community Space, 2 Watson Road, Millers Point	\$57,808
Counterpoint Community Services	Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden Street, Alexandria	\$36,060
Digital Storytellers Ltd	William Street Creative Hub, Level 3, 101-111 William Street, Darlinghurst	\$86,467
First Draft Inc	13-17 Riley Street, Woolloomooloo	\$100,531
Geoff Holmes (Glebe Music Project)	Jubilee Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	\$17,483
Glebe District Hockey Club	Jubilee Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	\$18,357
Glebe Junior AFL Club	Jubilee Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	\$19,451

Name in application	Property	Value-in-kind amount
In the Pipeline (Arts) Ltd (Hayes Theatre Company Inc)	19 Greenknowe Street, Elizabeth Bay	\$64,722
Inner City Legal Services Centre	50-52 Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross	\$83,047
Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development Inc	Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo	\$43,512
Innovillage Pty Ltd t/a Greenhouse	Levels 1-3, Business Innovation Space, George Street, Sydney	\$2,763,024
Jessie Street National Women's Library Inc	40 William Henry Street, Ultimo	\$107,197
Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio Inc	160 St Johns Road, Glebe	\$9,253
Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio Inc	Nurses Quarters, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	\$47,891
Kings Cross Community and Information Centre Inc	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	\$61,193
KU James Cahill Preschool	1-7 Ragan Street, Waterloo	\$196,581
KU John J Carroll Preschool	2-14 Phelps Street, Surry Hills	\$125,023
KU Lance Preschool and Children's Centre	37 High Street, Millers Point	\$187,055
KU Maybanke Preschool	99 Harris Street, Pyrmont	\$111,548
KU Phillip Park Children's Centre	2-10 Yurong Parkway, Sydney	\$91,419
KU Rushcutters Bay	Waratah Street, Rushcutters Bay	\$136,148
KU Sunbeam Preschool Alexandria	8 Lyne Street, Alexandria	\$142,289
KU Ultimo Children's Centre	247-257 Bulwara Road, Ultimo	\$241,881
Mandala Community Counselling Services	40 William Henry Street, Ultimo	\$24,040
Milk Crate Theatre	Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden Street, Alexandria	\$20,303
Museum of Chinese Australian History	744 George Street, Sydney	\$642,928
Older Women's Network NSW	8-10 Victoria Street, Newtown	\$122,385
PACT Center for emerging artists	107-125 Railway Parade, Erskineville	\$98,345

Name in application	Property	Value-in-kind amount
Physical Disability Council of NSW Inc	St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	\$13,171
Pride History Group	Suite 2, Benledi House, 186-194 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	\$15,845
Radio Eastern Sydney	Paddington Town Hall, 247 Oxford Street, Paddington	\$25,891
Radio for the Print Handicapped of NSW Co-op Ltd	St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	\$69,053
Readymade Works Inc	247-257 Bulwara Road, Ultimo	\$78,919
Redfern Legal Centre Ltd	73 Pitt Street, Redfern	\$76,491
SDN Children's Services – Pyrmont Early Childhood Education Centre	Pyrmont Community Centre, 79a John Street, Pyrmont	\$209,263
SDN Childrens Services – Surry Hills Early Childhood Education Centre	443 Riley Street, Surry Hills	\$299,572
SDN Lois Barker Child Care Centre	104 Wellington St, Waterloo	\$109,482
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre	Surry Hills Community and Child Care Centre, 405 Crown Street, Surry Hills	\$152,981
Sydney Local Health District known as Glebe Early Childhood Centre	Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe	\$36,060
The Bower Re-use and repair centre Co-op	107 Redfern Steet, Redfern	\$32,781
The Creativity Centre Inc	78 Harcourt Parade, Rosebery	\$6,884
The Junction Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Suite 4, St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	\$39,120
The Pyrmont-Ultimo Glebe Men's Shed	Jubilee Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	\$31,505
The Sydney Children's Hospital Network	Reginald Murphy Activity Club, 19 Greenknowe Street, Elizabeth Bay	\$50,812
The Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Sydney	Philip Park Community and Children's Centre, 2-10 Yurong Parkway, Sydney	\$58,105
The Women's Library	8-10 Brown Street, Newtown	\$61,193
Tom Bass Sculpture Studio School	1a Clara Street, Erskineville	\$63,826
Tribal Warrior Assoc	107 Redfern Steet, Redfern	\$30,049

Name in application	Property	Value-in-kind amount
UTS Child Care (Magic Pudding)	McKee Street Child Care Centre, 1 McKee Street, Ultimo	\$285,633
We Are Warriors	Suite 2, Ground Floor, Ultimo Community Centre, 525 Harris Street, Ultimo	\$154,817
Weave Youth Family Community Inc	Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo	\$103,809
Weave Youth Family Community Inc	Waterloo Oval, Elizabeth and Allen Streets, Waterloo	\$20,160
Wildflower Garden for Good	Harry Jensen Centre, 2 Watson Road, Millers Point	\$62,006
Wrap with Love Inc	4/4 Huntley Street, Alexandria	\$19,123
Total		\$8,776,860

## **Business sector support grants**

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Australian DeFi Association Ltd	Enhancing blockchain advocacy with Al	\$30,000
Australian Fashion Council Ltd	Industry roundtable series	\$35,000
Australian Sustainable Finance Institute Ltd	Sydney: The regional hub of finance sector leadership	\$50,000
Business Council of Co-op and Mutuals	First Nations Co-operative business leadership network	\$30,000
CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Ltd	Spotlight on women in business, city business EXPO25, and accountability countdown	\$35,000
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Inc	VESPA – Darlinghurst and East Sydney activation	\$35,000
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT	Educating local businesses on guide dog access rights	\$30,000
Hollywood Quarter Inc	Hollywood Quarter	\$35,000
Newtown Enmore Precinct (NEP) Inc t/a Newtown Enmore Business Community	Newtown, Enmore, and Erskineville precinct map	\$35,000

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Paddington Chamber of Commerce Inc	Visit Paddington – brand campaign and business network	\$35,000
Pyrmont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc t/a Business in the Peninsula	Business + connect + economic participation project	\$35,000
Rainbow Precinct Inc	Rainbow precinct support	\$40,000
Social Enterprise Council of NSW and ACT Ltd	Advocacy and support for social enterprise	\$47,698
Social Enterprise Council of NSW and ACT Ltd	Measuring social impact	\$40,000
Spark Festival Ltd	Spark Festival	\$50,000
Surry Hills Creative Precinct Incorporated t/a Surry Hills Business Partnership	GATHER networking events and precinct guides	\$35,000
Sydney School of Entrepreneurship	Startup success program	\$30,362
Taxis NSW Ltd	Taxi driver ambassador program	\$40,000
The Co-operative Federation Ltd	Stronger Sydney Co-operatives	\$30,000
Uptown Sydney CBD Inc	Promoting the uptown Sydney district and supporting local businesses	\$35,000
Total		\$733,060

## **Community services grants**

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Aboriginal Corp for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services	Supporting Aboriginal rough sleepers in Sydney	\$125,000	-
Access Sydney Community Transport Ltd	Village to village shuttle bus service	\$208,200	\$53,000
Asylum Seekers Centre	The Evolving Asylum	\$30,000	_
BlaQ Aboriginal Corp	LGBTQIA+SB wellbeing retreat	\$50,000	-
Counterpoint Community Services Inc	Waterloo South community development	\$50,000	_
Detour House Inc	Aftercare brokerage program	\$20,000	-

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
End Street Sleeping Collaboration Ltd	Sydney Zero	\$25,000	-
Glebe Youth Service Inc	After Dark / Before Dusk	\$349,448	\$3,456
Good360 Australia Ltd	Bridging the digital divide	\$50,000	-
Innari Inc	Assertive outreach and case coordination for homeless vulnerable and complex Aboriginal clients	\$125,000	-
Inner City Legal Centre	Access to legal advice for vulnerable groups	\$100,000	-
Justice Reform Initiative Ltd	Jailing is Failing: lived experience speakers bureau	\$14,000	-
Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corp	Waterloo South relocation support service	\$50,000	-
Launchpad Youth Community Inc	Launchpad brokerage program	\$350,000	-
Lillian Howell Project Inc	EmpowerHER	\$10,000	-
Neami Ltd	Way2Home	\$800,000	-
NSW Users and AIDS Assoc Inc	Moving Forward Together! NSW Users and AIDS Association's annual peers and consumers forum	\$10,000	-
Plate it Forward as auspice for First Nations Response Ltd	Sydney's First Nations response pop-ups	\$50,000	
Redfern Legal Centre Ltd	Waterloo South relocations legal advice and assistance	\$50,000	-
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Ltd	Saturday night family gathering	\$50,000	-
Refugee Advice and Casework Service (Australia) Inc	LGBTIQA+ people seeking asylum	\$50,000	_
Refugee Advice and Casework Service (Australia) Inc	Reuniting families	\$44,018	-
ReLove	Scaling ReLove	\$30,000	_

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries	Scarred Tree resource centre	\$50,000	-
South Eastern Community Connect Inc	Domestic violence support worker	\$50,000	-
Spanish Community Care Assoc	CALD seniors day group	\$39,984	-
Stepping Out Housing Programme Inc	Childhood sexual abuse recovery workshops and counselling	\$47,328	-
Story Factory Inc	Empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth through creative writing	\$19,060	-
Success Works Partners Inc	Lived experience and diversity (LEAD) in mentoring program	\$20,000	-
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Surry Hills community hub and outreach project	\$45,750	-
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Inc as auspice for The Camp Fitness	Fitness for housing estate tenants	\$11,250	-
Sydney University Settlement	Providing place-based community connection for local children during school holidays	\$50,000	-
The Bower Reuse and Repair Centre Cooperative Ltd	Repair workshops and cafes program	\$14,400	-
The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc	After Hours	\$120,000	-
The Reconnect Project Ltd	Young people staying connected	\$10,000	-
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) as auspice for The Wayside Chapel Foundation	Wayside women's program	\$50,000	-
The Yoga Foundation	Yoga in nature	\$10,000	_
Ukrainian Council of New South Wales Inc	Stand with Ukraine	\$50,000	\$10,930

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
University of Sydney	Animals in need fund	\$50,000	_
University of Sydney	Sydney Peace Prize	\$50,000	\$21,759
University of Technology Sydney	Inclusivity in volunteering	\$10,000	-
Total		\$3,338,438	\$89,145

#### Creative live / work spaces grants

Property	Value-in-kind amount
113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst	\$80,673
1/770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo	\$36,400
Total	\$117,073

#### Cultural and creative grants and sponsorship

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Accessible Arts	Video art showcase	\$22,000
Antenna Documentary Institute Ltd	Antenna: Industry – discussions, masterclasses and workshops for documentary professionals	\$25,000
Artspace Visual Arts Centre Ltd	Re-Stor(y)Ing Oceania	\$10,000
Auspicious Arts Projects as auspice for Jenn Blake	Fambo collective residency	\$15,000
Bake House Independent Theatre	Kings Cross Theatre step up program – pathways to sustainable theatre careers	\$35,000
Brolga Dance Academy	Brolga Dance Academy	\$30,000
Carlsen-Wareham Pty Ltd t/a as Story Laundry	Hey, Brother – Malcolm Cole story	\$25,000
Carriageworks	Summer Moves – public dance participation project	\$25,000
City Recital Hall Ltd	City Recital Hall ongoing operational funding and capital renewal	\$1,000,000 <sup>15</sup>

 $<sup>^{15}</sup>$  Council resolved on 13 May 2024 to approve an additional ad hoc grant of \$300,000, increasing the total cash amount for 2024/25 to \$1,000,000

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Company B Ltd	25A emerging and independent artist program	\$25,000
Diversity Arts Australia	Shifting the Balance – leadership program	\$35,000
Ensemble Offspring Ltd	Lumin Machine – new concertos for cyborg pianist and ensemble offspring	\$20,000
Griffin Theatre Company Ltd as auspice for Mr Stuart Davis	The Witch of Kings Cross	\$20,000
Heaps Decent Ltd	Home Base	\$10,000
Lincoln Elliott	Repatriation: the musical	\$25,000
Marrugeku Inc	Cut the Sky	\$20,000
Milk Crate Theatre	Pathways	\$25,000
National Association for the Visual Arts	NAVA professional development: good practice exploration and collaboration	\$9,000
Passage Gallery	Passage Gallery	\$15,000
Qtopia Sydney Ltd as auspice for Mr Hayden Tonazzi	Saints of Damour	\$8,000
Radio Skid Row	Where Am I?	\$10,000
ReadyMade Works Inc	Skills sharing	\$11,000
REMIX Summits	REMIX Summit Sydney – culture, technology, entrepreneurship	\$20,000
Schizophrenia Fellowship of New South Wales Ltd t/a One Door Mental Health	Creative Space @ PICS	\$10,000
Soul of Chinatown Inc	The Playground	\$20,000
Stalker Theatre Inc t/a Box of Birds	Small Blue Thing	\$20,000
Sydney Arts Management Advisory Group Inc	Collaboration and professional development across Sydney's creative sectors	\$10,000
Sydney Theatre Company Ltd	Subsidised access to creative workshops and performances	\$20,000
The Performance Space Ltd	Joel Bray's Brolga and First Nations engagement	\$25,000

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
The Performance Space Ltd as auspice for Mr Hossein Ghaemi	Development and presentation of Thunderbloom	\$20,000
The Performance Space Ltd as auspice for Mr William Yang	Milestones	\$20,000
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) as auspice for The Wayside Chapel Foundation	Wayside Creates	\$15,000
Total		\$1,600,000

#### **Donations**

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Aboriginal Medical Service Cooperative Ltd	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Addison Road Centre for Arts, Culture, Community and Environment Ltd	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Asylum Seekers Centre	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Catholic Parish St Canice Elizabeth Bay as the Operator of a PBI t/a St Canice's Kitchen	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
First Nations Response	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Glebe Youth Service	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corp	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corp	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Ltd	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Rising Tide	Democratic right to protest	\$22,000
Sydney University Settlement	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
The Twenty Ten Assoc	Support for community at Christmas 2024	\$10,000

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Trans Justice Project	Trans justice project	\$10,000
Weave Youth & Community Services	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc	Food support for Christmas	\$10,000
Total		\$192,000

In addition the City provided value of \$4,970.73 on materials donated to community garden groups in the year ending June 2025. Materials donated included mulch, soil and plants.

#### Festivals and events sponsorship

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
ACON Health Ltd	Pride in Sport Festival	\$20,000	_
Alliance Francaise de Sydney Cultural Foundation Ltd	French Film Festival	\$25,000	\$7,680
Antenna Documentary Institute Ltd	Antenna Documentary Film Festival	\$20,000	_
ARD Operation Pty Ltd	StickyBeak	\$15,000	\$2,814
Art Fairs Australia Pty Ltd	Sydney Contemporary		\$33,800
Auspicious Arts Projects Inc as Auspice for Mr Dylan Goh	Palette Session Weave Youth & Community Services – experimental dance sessions	\$15,000	-
Australian Design Centre	Sydney Craft Week Festival	\$15,000	-
Australian Fashion Council Ltd (previously International Management Group of America Pty Ltd)	Australian Fashion Week	\$100,000	-
Australian National Maritime Museum	Sugarfest – Sunset Nasara	\$45,400	_
Bad Sydney Ltd	BAD Sydney Writers Festival	\$12,000	_
BBR Agency	Bastille Festival	\$20,000	
Bespok3 Pty Ltd	The Artistry	\$40,000	

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Bicycle New South Wales Inc	Spring Cycle	\$20,000	\$20,660
Biennale of Sydney Ltd	Biennale of Sydney	\$650,000	\$150,000
Brolga Dance Academy	Brolga Yugal Yulu-gi	\$30,000	_
Bus Stop Films	Bus Stop Films Sydney Showcase	\$10,000	_
Business Events Sydney Ltd	Securing Global Business Events for Sydney	\$300,000	-
Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation	Sorry Day stolen generations community gathering	\$40,000	-
Counterpoint Community Services Inc	Playgroups in the park – September and November	\$9,990	-
Counterpoint Community Services Inc	Playgroups in the park 2025 to 2027	\$19,500	-
Counterpoint Community Services Inc	Volunteer Awards 2025	\$2,600	_
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Inc	Oxtravaganza	\$20,000	-
Destination NSW previously Premiers Department	Australia Day in Sydney	\$150,000	\$48,880
Destination NSW	Vivid Sydney (Music HQ)	\$100,000	\$300,000
Disability Pride Sydney Inc	Sydney Disability Pride Festival	\$40,000	\$19,600
First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corp	National Indigenous Art Fair	\$32,000	\$7,200
Free Broadcasting Inc t/a FBi Radio	FBi SMAC Awards	\$10,000	-
Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corp	Yabun Festival	\$210,000	\$7,072
Gamarada Indigenous Healing and Life Training Ltd	Coloured Diggers ANZAC Day March	\$20,000	\$2,250
Hayes Theatre Co Ltd	Festival of New Work	\$25,000	-
Head On Foundation Ltd	Head On Photo Festival	\$20,000	\$5,621

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Inner City Legal Centre	Sex Work: A Kings Cross History	\$12,000	-
International Performing Writers Assoc	Story Week – A festival for writers who perform	\$10,000	\$11,088
Just Gold Digital Agency Pty Ltd	Autistic Pride conference	\$40,000	_
Lamorna Grace Nightingale t/a BackStage Music	Living music 2025 series	\$10,000	-
Maddison Costello	Shoosh Fest	\$5,000	_
MCI Australia	International Astronautical congress 2025	\$15,000	-
Moogahlin Performing Arts Inc	Yellamundie Development Festival – A program of First Peoples storytelling	\$30,000	-
Ms Geetha Balakrishnan	Sound Sorcery	\$25,000	_
Ms Lucy Boon	Love and Faith (and something unholy)	\$18,314	-
Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corp	Mudgin-gal Women's Festival	\$20,000	\$1,068
National Centre of Indigenous Excellence	NAIDOC	\$10,000	_
National Centre of Indigenous Excellence	Redfern NAIDOC Day 2025	\$37,500	-
Pact Centre for Emerging Artists Inc	Pact House Micro-festivals – Bringing community together	\$15,000	-
Plate it Forward	Third I Festival	\$30,000	_
Pyrmont – Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc t/a Business in the Peninsula	Pyrmont Festival	\$30,000	\$7,700
Queer Screen Ltd	Mardi Gras Film Festival 2025	\$35,000	-
Rainbow Giving Australia Ltd	The Aurora Ball	\$20,000	\$10,624
ReCo Enterprises Pty Ltd	Circular Sydney: empowering Sydney's sustainable businesses	\$15,000	_
Refugee Council of Australia	Refugee Week 2025	\$35,000	-

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Serbian Orthodox Youth Association Inc	Serbian Festival Sydney and Serbian Film Festival	\$35,000	\$4,050
Shopfront Arts Co-op Ltd t/a Playwave	Playwave Experiences	\$15,000	-
Smartfone Flick Fest Pty Ltd	SmartFone Flick Festival and workshop series	\$20,000	-
Social Enterprise Council of NSW & ACT Ltd	Social Enterprise Festival	\$35,000	-
Soul of Chinatown Inc	Chinatown Comedy Club	\$10,200	-
St Vincent De Paul Society NSW	Our Place – our stories community parade	\$35,000	-
SXSW Sydney Pty Ltd	SXSW Sydney	\$100,000	\$48,120
Sydney Eisteddfod	Sydney Eisteddfod Festival	\$10,000	\$2,688
Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd	Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival	\$340,000	\$70,776
Sydney University Settlement as auspice for Warren Roberts	Eora inner city NAIDOC event	\$20,000	-
Taiwan Film Festival Inc	7th Taiwan Film Festival in Australia	\$6,896	\$12,000
TEDxSydney Ltd	TEDxSydney 2025	\$15,000	\$5,500
The Ethics Centre Ltd	Fringe Thinking	\$7,200	_
The Performance Space Ltd	Liveworks and Live Dreams	\$35,000	-
The Red Rattler Theatre Inc as auspice for Mx Dyan Tai	Club Worship	\$30,000	-
The Returned and Services League of Australia New South Wales Branch	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Commemoration Service	\$6,000	-
The Society of Arts and Crafts of New South Wales	Craft Fair at the Tramsheds	\$5,000	\$5,183
The Sydney Festival Ltd	Sydney Festival	\$1,400,000	\$840,000
The Sydney Film Festival	Sydney Film Festival	\$265,000	\$462,913
The Sydney Fringe Inc	Sydney Fringe Festival	\$225,000	\$120,236

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
The Sydney Writers' Festival Ltd	Sydney Writers' Festival	\$370,000	\$144,000
Tribal Warrior as auspice for Matora Mob Committee	Woolloomooloo Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural events	\$30,000	\$578
The University of Sydney	Seymour Nights	\$25,000	_
Weave Youth and Community Services Ltd	Mad Pride – A youth-led mental health community event	\$20,000	-
Your Shot Academy Australia Pty Ltd	Academy and showcase for emerging artists	\$10,000	-
Youth and Family Connect Inc	Woolloomoolivin' annual festival of urban arts and culture	\$20,000	-
Total		\$5,539,600	\$2,352,101



Image 6. Sarah Hirst, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT with her guide dog at Hydeaway café, Hyde Park Sydney. Photo by Chris Southwood / City of Sydney

## **Food support grants**

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Aboriginal Medical Service Cooperative Ltd	Food support delivery program	\$50,000	_
Arc @ UNSW Ltd	Food Hub @ Paddington	\$100,000	\$11,845
Asylum Seekers Centre	Nourish and Sustain	\$150,000	-
BlaQ Aboriginal Corp	BlaQ healthy eating and active living	\$63,543	-
City Community Care Inc	Early Bird Cafe	\$15,000	_
Dignitas Respect Inc	Flavour	\$31,258	_
First Nations Response Ltd	Caring for Community our way, the Blak way	\$425,000	\$17,900
Food Ladder	Food ladder school systems	\$27,068	-
Foodbank NSW and ACT Ltd	Increasing access to essential food, grocery and personal care items	\$30,000	-
Glebe Youth Service	Food circle	\$73,625	-
OzHarvest Ltd	Improving OzHarvest's capacity to provide universal access to food	\$70,000	-
Plate it Forward Ltd	The Social Meal	\$40,000	_
Pocket City Farms	Farming for food security	\$27,090	-
Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd	Youth club nourishment program	\$20,000	-
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Food for health access program	\$18,000	_
Sydney University Settlement	Food support, education and capacity building at the settlement	\$122,864	_
The International Shift at Parliament on King	Soup of Human Kindness	\$25,000	-
The Marmalade Foundation Ltd	Nutritious meals for women	\$24,900	-
The Twenty Ten Assoc	Pantry Pride!	\$46,652	-

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc	Wyanga food program	\$140,000	_
Total		\$1,500,000	\$29,745
Green building grants			
Name in application	Project name		Cash amount
Laudet Pty Ltd	NABERS energy and wa 28 Albion Street, Surry H Central Surry Hills)		\$2,500
Strata Plan No 67631	Building electrification fe assessment including E\ Oxley Street, Glebe		\$3,300
Pearl Hotels D 1993 Pty Ltd t/a Ibis Sydney Darling Harbour	NABERS energy and wa 100 Murray Street, Pyrm Darling Harbour)	•	\$2,500
Pearl Hotels D 1993 Pty Ltd t/a Ibis Sydney Darling Harbour	NABERS energy and wa 100 Murray Street, Sydn Harbour)	•	\$2,500
Strata Plan No 17572	NABERS energy and wa and renewables and/or e feasibility assessments - Street, Darlinghurst	electrification	\$15,000
Strata Plan No 50530	Building electrification fe assessment including E\ Elizabeth Street, Sydney	/ charging – 148	\$3,487
Strata Plan No 56911 (The Georgia)	Building electrification fe assessment including E\ Kent Street, Millers Poin	/ charging – 155	\$3,300
Strata Plan No 64807	NABERS energy and wa and renewables and elec assessments – 71 Jones	ctrification feasibility	\$15,000
Strata Plan No 70135	NABERS energy and wa and renewables and elec assessments – 1 Potting Point (Strata Plan No SF SP 70152 – Parbury Apa	ctrification feasibility er Street, Dawes 970153 and carpark	\$13,040
Strata Plan No 74829	Renewables feasibility as building electrification fea – 30 Garden Street, Alex	asibility assessment	\$15,000

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Strata Plan No 82306	Building electrification feasibility assessment including EV charging – 5 Tambua Street, Pyrmont	\$3,351
Strata Plan No 84689	Renewables and/or electrification feasibility assessments – 4 Distillery Drive, Pyrmont	\$3,697
Strata Plan No 86806	Renewables and/or electrification feasibility assessments – 2 Distillery Drive, Pyrmont	\$3,350
Strata Plan No 92883	NABERS energy and water rating Year 1 and renewables and/or electrification feasibility assessments – 349-357 Bulwara Road	\$15,000
Strata Plan No 97158	NABERS energy and water rating Year 1 and renewables and electrification feasibility assessments including EV charging – 5 Hadfields Street, Erskineville)	\$14,480
Strata Plan No 18189	NABERS energy and water rating Year 1 and renewables and electrification feasibility assessments including EV charging – 24 Cook Street, Glebe	\$15,000
Strata Plan No 56081	NABERS energy and water rating Year 1 – 71-75 Regent Street, Chippendale	\$6,809
Strata Plan No 60448	Building electrification feasibility assessment including EV charging – 82-84 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale	\$11,760
Strata Plan No 61091	NABERS energy and water rating Year 1 – 2-10 Quarry Master Drive, Pyrmont	\$15,000
The Trustee for the Darling Harbour Hotel Trust	NABERS energy and water rating Year 2 – 12 Darling Drive, Sydney (Sofitel Darling Harbour)	\$2,500
The Trustee for the Schwartz Family Trust	NABERS energy and water rating Year 2 – 390 Pitt Street, Haymarket (Rydges World Square)	\$2,500
Winadell Pty Ltd	NABERS energy and water rating Year 2 – Pitt Street, Haymarket (Ibis World Square)	\$2,500
Total		\$171,574

## **Haymarket Activation Grant**

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Haymarket Alliance	Neon Playground 2.0	\$200,000	\$356
Total		\$200,000	\$356

# Innovation and ideas grants

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art	4A Incubator Lab	\$50,000	-
Accessible Arts	Access ideas and insights – podcast series	\$49,515	-
Arts Law Centre of Australia	Knowing your rights – empowering artists to build thriving cultural businesses	\$10,000	-
Australian School of Entrepreneurship	The Sydney young social entrepreneur sprint	\$18,840	_
Bake House Independent Theatre	Storylines in the Kings Cross Theatre Vault – with community for community.	\$14,500	_
BCMP Pty Ltd t/a BANG ON Collective	Children, Nature, and Place – ArtVentures in Sydney	\$49,994	-
Boomerang Labs Ltd	Circular Economy Club Sydney	\$48,300	-
Creative Plus Business Group Pty Ltd	THRIVE – creative sustainability for Sydney's arts professionals	\$44,500	-
Digital Storytellers Ltd	Pathway to Purpose – impact storytelling accelerator	\$45,250	-
Diversity Arts Australia	Creative cultural equity training	\$40,000	-
Edge Environment Pty Ltd t/a Edge Impact	Circular business toolkit and implementation guidance for hospitality small and mediumsized hospitality enterprises	\$35,013	-
Finding Infinity Pty Ltd	A New Normal Sydney	\$50,000	_

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Footpath Al Pty Ltd	Mapping Sydney's pedestrian experience	\$50,000	-
Forward Thinking Design Pty Ltd t/a FTD Circular	De-fit waste metrics and circularity fitout guidelines for Sydney retail/hospitality	\$21,800	-
Haymarket HQ Pty Ltd	Building a sustainable Sydney  – Greentech connector program	\$40,000	_
HerFuture HerDecade Ltd	Women's research project	\$48,400	-
Innovillage Pty Ltd t/a Greenhouse	Accelerating the green economy transition by catalysing sustainable finance	\$45,596	_
Innovillage Pty Ltd t/a Greenhouse	Sydney Climate Action Week	\$20,000	-
Milk Crate Theatre	Creating Impact – exploring a shared outcomes framework for the Arts	\$39,400	\$600
Noizend Pty Ltd	Low frequency noise control to benefit residents and visitors	\$20,000	-
Office AU Ltd	Retain, Repair, Reinvest – Waterloo Estate	\$50,000	_
Owners Corporation Network of Australia Ltd	Get Strata Prepared! – embedding emergency response plans into strata living	\$50,000	-
Refugee Council of Australia	Addressing Sydney's hidden homelessness	\$40,000	-
Revolve Recycling Pty Ltd	The Big Bike Swap Day	\$10,000	
Rocket Seeder Ltd	Rocket Seeder expansion – bringing agrifood acceleration to Sydney	\$45,800	-
Spark Festival Ltd	Spark Festival 2025	\$50,000	
Startup Muster Pty Ltd	Startup Muster Sydney	\$25,000	_

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
The Crown in The Right of the State of New South Wales, acting through the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade	NSW international student volunteer program	\$15,000	-
The Trustee for the Foong Family Trust	Zero waste clothing from zero waste yarn	\$30,600	-
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	CHEX community gift cards digital expansion	\$36,606	-
TIPIAC Pty Ltd	Sacred Earth, Sustainable Futures – first nations climate playhouse	\$50,000	-
University of New South Wales	Are public open spaces in the city of Sydney neurodiverse-friendly?	\$42,425	-
University of Sydney	Raising the Bar	\$35,500	-
University of Technology Sydney	Community led sustainable cities	\$49,901	-
Velocity Empowerment	Project Rise – early intervention for women's safety	\$15,000	-
WorkVentures Ltd	National device bank feasibility pilot	\$48,018	-
Total		\$1,334,958	\$600

# Outside grant program<sup>16</sup>

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
City of Sydney Basketball Assoc	Capital works funding request	\$250,000
Griffin Theatre Company Ltd	Griffin Theatre Company – Stables Theatre redevelopment	\$1,000,000
I MADE THIS Pty Ltd t/a The Nest Creative Space	Relocation of The Nest creative space	\$100,000
Qtopia Sydney Ltd	Sunday's at Qtopia Sydney	\$100,000
The Committee for Sydney Inc	Creative Land Trust for Sydney	\$250,000
Total		\$1,700,000

## **Quick response grants**

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
107 Projects Inc	107 Projects Inc – maintenance mode	\$10,000	_
4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art	Lunar New Year public art activations	\$8,950	-
Aboriginal Dance Theatre Redfern	Building compliance – Part 2	\$2,408	-
Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd as auspice for Mr Jamie Ingram	Ella 7s	\$9,935	-
Alexandria Rovers Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc	Training and game day equipment	\$2,000	-
Alfalfa House Community Food Cooperative Ltd	How Green is our Patch!	\$3,716	_
Asylum Seekers Centre	Asylum seekers centre stairlift	\$8,540	_
Auspicious Arts Projects Inc as auspice for Michael Louis Kennedy	All The Fraudulent Horse Girls	\$5,415	-
Auspicious Arts Projects Inc as auspice for Shakti Mental Health	The Rose Garden screening and mental health Q&A	\$2,500	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Grants approved out of scheduled grants round

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
Australian College of Audiology Ltd	World Hearing Day – hearing health seminar	\$4,200	-
Australian South Sea Islanders (Port Jackson)	First Nations bereavement support	\$9,250	_
Australian South Sea Islanders (Port Jackson)	SugarFest oceanic culture history and music – ASSI 30th anniversary	\$9,500	_
Bobby Goldsmith Foundation	The Red Ball gala auction	\$10,000	\$6,306
Brand X Productions Inc	Apertures	\$5,000	_
Christmas in Pyrmont Inc	Christmas in Pyrmont	\$10,000	_
Diversity Arts Australia	InterGenerate – the presentation	\$5,050	-
Down Syndrome Association of NSW Inc	Picnic and Play – celebrating down syndrome awareness month	\$2,543	-
Dr Christopher Bryant	State of Play	\$4,300	-
Dr Ian David	Oak barrel planters for citrus trees	\$900	-
Dr Seyedshervin Mirzeinali	Nazri	\$4,699	-
Dr Trayden Miller-Mundine	Lismore Youth Rugby League Koori Gala Day	\$4,224	-
Emma Riches	Never Are	\$5,000	_
fbi.radio	All The Best Live – almost tangible audio stories	\$3,690	-
Footscape Inc	Foot care kits	\$5,000	_
Foyer Foundation Ltd	Foyer advantage forum	\$6,000	_
Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corp	Yabun 2025	\$10,000	-
Glebe Rowing Club Inc	Supporting disadvantaged junior rowers	\$4,260	-
Glebe Youth Service as auspice for Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries	Glebe NAIDOC	\$10,000	_

"Detached"  Ms Anwyn Brook-Evans Maze Manor X Lord Gladdy \$4,300  Ms Emma Kew The Rehearsal \$1,700  Ms Erica Lovell The Female of the Species \$5,000  Ms Sexy Galexy Ken's Dream House \$3,867	Name in application	Project name	Cash amount	Value-in-kind amount
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Eastern Suburbs  Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council as auspice for for Biyanga  Milk Crate Theatre  MCT and Improv Theatre \$8,000  Miracle Babies Foundation  Miracle Moon Walk  \$2,500  Miss Jenny Kim  Echoes  \$5,000  Mr Inocencio Maquirang  Multi-Arts residency with Brand X  Mr Ryan Whitworth-Jones  Anomalies  \$5,000  Mr Sebastian Vasquez  Hayden Lane revitalisation project  Mr Tim Doubinski  Caesura Ensemble presents  "Detached"  Ms Anwyn Brook-Evans  Maze Manor X Lord Gladdy  Ms Erica Lovell  The Female of the Species  \$3,867	Kurranulla Aboriginal Corp	• •	\$8,500	_
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	Ms Erica Lovell	The Female of the Species	\$5,000	_
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THE SHAPE - SHIR ARRIVOUS #5,000	Mx Lucia Moon	The shape – shift anthology	\$5,000	

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New Ghosts Theatre Company Inc t/a as Old Fitz Theatre	Fitz 2025	\$8,500	-
NSW Police Legacy	Big Blue Swim	\$6,018	_
Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Inc as auspice for Redfern All Blacks Cricket Club	Redfern All Blacks Cricket Club Imparja Cup	\$9,982	-
Revolve Recycling Foundation Ltd	Kids bikes for Woolloomooloo	\$2,500	-
Romney Hamilton	The Children's Hour by Lillian Hellman	\$5,000	-
Settlement Services International Ltd	Pathways to Possibilities – report launch event	\$5,000	\$1,570
Souths Cares PBI Ltd	Souths Cares Boys leadership and cultural camp	\$0	-
St John's Anglican Church Glebe as auspice for Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries	Aboriginal cultural space support	\$573	-
Sydney FC Foundation	Sydney FC powerchair football activation	\$2,000	-
The Girls & Boys Brigade	Freezer replacement for food support program	\$1,500	-
The Haymarket Foundation Ltd	Easy read resources	\$9,000	-
The Marmalade Foundation Ltd	Unite Against Violence – No More Empty Shoes	\$9,660	-
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corp as auspice for Miss Amaali Gordon-Roqica	Amaali Gordon-Roqica – sporting future	\$6,500	_
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corp as auspice for Ms Marlene Cummins	Common Ground Blues – Part 1	\$10,000	-
Walking Football Federation Australia Inc t/a as WalkSoccer NSW	Walk soccer for seniors, people with disabilities and the socially isolated	\$3,000	\$1,755

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Weave Youth and Community Services Ltd	Weave's Youth Week celebrations for Woolloomooloo and Redfern communities	\$8,100	-
Weave Youth and Community Services Ltd as auspice for the family of Lesley Caldwell	Sorry business family travel	\$5,000	-
Womens and Girls Emergency Centre Inc as auspice for Mrs Alina Camiller	Inflorescence – growth, connection and empowerment	\$5,000	_
Total		\$365,307	\$10,195

## Street banner sponsorship

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Art Gallery of New South Wales	Magritte exhibition	\$9,000
Art Gallery of New South Wales	Yolŋu power – the art of Yirrkala	\$4,800
Art Gallery of New South Wales Trust	Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2025	\$5,100
National Art School	Wear the Change – Refugee Week campaign	\$7,680
Opera Australia	RENT the musical	\$9,600
QTOPIA Ltd	Pride Fest	\$3,840
The Bell Shakespeare Company Ltd	Henry 5	\$9,000
The Social Outfit Inc	Wear the Change – Refugee Week campaign	\$1,792
Total		\$50,812

## Venue support grants and sponsorship

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Adult Children of Alcoholics Australia	Weekly meeting Glebe Friday night	\$513
Australian Sustainable Finance Institute Ltd	Australian Sustainable Finance Summit	\$3,728

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Australian Tattoo Arts Ltd	Sydney Tattoo Convention	\$42,928
Australian Youth Climate Coalition	2 day climate action retreat for young people	\$734
Back to Ultimo	An annual event for current and previous residents of Ultimo	\$233
CareerSeekers New Australian Internship Program Ltd	CareerSeekers Spotlight 2025	\$7,194
Chronology Arts Ltd	Inclusive improvised contemporary performance series	\$4,304
City of Sydney Basketball Assoc	NAIDOC week free basketball tournament	\$2,330
Climate Action Network Australia Ltd as auspice for Climate Writers	Meet ups to look at climate education and advocacy	\$2,786
Code for Sydney	Group meetings to discuss civic problems	\$1,851
Country Women's Assoc of NSW	Development of creative skills in community	\$4,051
Crystal Meth Anonymous	Self help group meetings	\$210
Crystal Meth Anonymous NSW Area Inc	Twelve Step meeting	\$791
Dirty Feet Ltd	DirtyFeet inclusive dance program	\$2,690
Disability Rocks Inc	Weekly dance class	\$6,826
Gamarada	Spirituality and traditional healing	\$5,369
Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Ltd	50 years of the Hellenic Republic celebration	\$1,009
Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Ltd	Celebrating Greek Independence Day	\$8,464
Heartfulness Institute	Weekly meditation Sundays 10am	\$1,050
Indonesian Welfare Association	Weekly meetings Fridays	\$4,079
Macquarie University	National Indigenous science education program	\$2,466
Mandala Community Counselling Service Inc	Training new counsellors	\$917
Milk Crate Theatre	Milk Crate Theatre artistic program	\$8,927

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Narcotics Anonymous	Monday night meetings, Benledi House	\$974
Narcotics Anonymous	Monday meetings, Erskineville Town Hall	\$1,421
Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesday meetings, Reginald Murphy Community Centre	\$1,229
Narcotics Anonymous	Thursday night meetings, Glebe Town Hall	\$788
Narcotics Anonymous	Thursday meetings, Redfern Community Centre	\$9,258
Narcotics Anonymous	Friday night meetings, Rex Centre	\$963
Narcotics Anonymous	Friday night meetings, Glebe Town Hall	\$3,242
Narcotics Anonymous	Friday meetings, Reginald Murphy Community Centre	\$1,991
Narcotics Anonymous	Saturday meetings, Brown Street Community Hall	\$2,289
Narcotics Anonymous	Sunday men's meeting, Brown Street Community Hall	\$1,832
Newtown Breakaways Inc	Newtown Breakaways presents the 'Rainbow 80s Prom' fundraiser	\$287
NSW government schools	2024 Recognition Day	\$3,273
Radio Community Chest Inc	Handel's Messiah Sydney	\$11,455
Redfern Alcoholics Anonymous	Tuesday meeting, Redfern Town Hall	\$541
Regional Service Body of Australia Ltd	Friday meeting	\$650
S-Anon	Saturday meeting	\$1,216
Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW	Art exhibition and launch	\$976
Serving Our People Inc	Serving our People concert	\$6,136
Shelter NSW Inc	Shelter NSW annual general meeting and 50th celebration	\$1,401
SLAA Augustine Fellowship	12 step fellowship program	\$974
Spanish Community Care Assoc	Spanish Seniors group get together at Abraham Mott Hall	\$3,285

Name in application	Project name	Cash amount
Sydney Chinese Classical Poetry Assoc	Weekly gatherings for cultural experiences	\$6,500
Sydney Community Foundation (as the trustee for Impact100 Sydney)	11th Annual Maybanke lecture	\$611
Sydney Eisteddfod	Music productions	\$1,706
Sydney Male Choir Inc	Annual fund raising concert	\$16,398
Sydney U3A	Weekly and fortnightly classes	\$4,795
Sydney U3A	Weekly Spanish class	\$6,890
Sydney University Graduate Choir Inc	Sydney Sings	\$35,825
Team Sydney Inc	Gay and lesbian martial arts Newtown – self defence	\$12,635
Team Sydney Inc	LGBTIQA+ martial arts tournament	\$1,399
The Australian Remembrance Foundation	Lest We Forget Anzac Day tribute	\$21,465
The Quilters Guild	Piecemakers quilt making	\$1,985
The Sydney Fringe Inc	2024 program launch – Sydney Fringe Festival	\$1,262
Tytus Iskandar	Indonesian and Chinese community celebrations	\$2,472
United Nations Youth Australia	National finals – United Nations competition for high school students	\$588
VietAus Cultural Exchange Organization (VACEO) Inc	VietAus cultural exchange concert	\$7,290
Women's Reconciliation Network	Yarning circles	\$1,128
Total		\$290,580

# External bodies exercising functions

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a6)

During 2024/25 there were no external bodies exercising functions delegated by the City.

# Controlling interests

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a7)

During 2024/25 the City held no decision-making controlling interest in any corporation, partnership, trust, joint venture, syndicate or other body.

# **Partnerships**

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a8)

During 2024/25, the City of Sydney took part in the corporations, partnerships, trusts, joint ventures, syndicates and other bodies below.

### **City West Housing Pty Ltd**

City West Housing is a registered tier 1 not-for-profit community housing provider that develops, owns and manages affordable housing. It was established in 1994 to provide affordable housing in the Ultimo / Pyrmont redevelopment area.

The operational areas of City West Housing have expanded over the years to provide affordable housing all over the City of Sydney local area. Funding sources for City West's operations include affordable housing contributions collected by the City for the purpose of providing affordable housing. We also partner with St George Community Housing and Bridge Housing. Like City West Housing they are nominated in the City's distribution plan to receive affordable housing contributions.

#### **Waterloo Renewal Project**

This partnership includes Stockland, Link Wentworth Housing, City West Housing and Birribee Housing. The project at Waterloo South is to develop more than 1,000 new social homes, over 600 new affordable homes and around 1,500 private homes in a mixed and integrated community. Its focus is on cultural inclusion, housing outcomes and greater support for Aboriginal people. This includes working with Birribee Housing to deliver 20% of all new social homes and 15% of all new affordable homes for Aboriginal tenants. The project also includes community facilities and a two-hectare urban park – the largest delivered in the city in recent times.

#### City Recital Hall Ltd

City Recital Hall opened in 1999 as a purpose-built chamber music venue with a capacity of 1,246. It is the only such venue in Sydney, serving companies such as Musica Viva Australia, Australian Chamber Orchestra, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Pinchgut Opera and Australian Brandenburg Orchestra.

In 2015, the City endorsed the establishment of the not-for-profit organisation, City Recital Hall Ltd, to be constituted as a public company. The City established a governance structure, a company constitution, appointed company directors and established the City Recital Hall Ltd Board.

The City has provided financial support to the City Recital Hall Ltd since 2015. The current 5-year funding agreement and the sublease will expire in June 2030.

### **Resilient Sydney**

The Resilient Sydney program is a collaboration of all 33 metropolitan councils of Sydney with the NSW Government, business and the community, and is aligned to the global Resilient Cities Network. The City of Sydney has hosted the program since 2015, which is funded by the local governments of Greater Sydney.

A metropolitan steering committee is chaired by the chief executive officer (CEO) of the City of Sydney and guides the Resilient Sydney program. The committee includes local government CEOs from Greater Sydney councils and key state government agencies, including the NSW Reconstruction Authority, and business and community leaders.

In 2024 the implementation of the first Resilient Sydney strategy (2018) was completed and a program report was published outlining the achievements under the strategy. In April 2025 the second Resilient Sydney strategy (2025–2030) was published. The strategy identifies the key risks facing metropolitan Sydney and provides a roadmap for collaborative action to ensure our city is inclusive, connected and resilient. The development of the strategy was funded under the joint Australian Government-NSW Government National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Risk Reduction. The Resilient Sydney strategy can be viewed and downloaded at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

### How the strategy is implemented

The new strategy is aligned with the global Resilient Cities Framework and will be implemented through the existing Resilience Ambassadors local government network and through partnerships with government, business and the community sectors. In 2024 the Resilient Sydney data platform had more than 380 local government users accessing workshops and standardised and consistent data for disaster risk decision making across Sydney.

The Resilient Cities Network is a global city-led not-for-profit organisation that brings together knowledge, practice, partnerships, and funding to empower cities to help them build a safe, equitable and sustainable future for all. The organisation works together with city based chief resilience officers to mobilise communities, city governments, urban practitioners and partners to produce impact-driven resilience strategies and projects. The network includes more than 100 member cities in 40 countries. It is funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and other partners.

As a member of the Resilient Cities Network, Resilient Sydney and the City of Sydney gain:

- access to world's best practice knowledge and practitioners on strategic city resilience planning
- capacity building for City employees through attending and engaging in global and regional city focused events to share best practice in urban resilience
- access and support to use methodologies and resilience tools provided by the network
- access to potential global and local partners in business and philanthropy with an interest in investing or funding city resilience activities.

# Other collaborative / cooperative arrangements

Throughout the year the City also worked with others in collaboration and cooperation to achieve shared outcomes. Details of those arrangements are below.

### The food regulation partnership

The City has a partnership with the NSW Food Authority.

The partnership's objectives are to:

- clarify the responsibilities of enforcement agencies for food regulation
- improve food safety coordination between enforcement agencies, including food inspections
- provide faster responses to food emergencies and food recalls
- enable all enforcement agencies to recover the costs of food regulation enforcement
- provide a food regulation forum for consultation with enforcement agencies and the retail food sector.

This partnership guides food regulation across NSW by providing a consistent reporting approach and employee training for monitoring and enforcing food safety.

#### C40

C40 is a global network of 96 member cities that collaborate, share knowledge, and drive meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. Sydney has been a member since 2007. City staff participate in a number of networks on specific topics and join webinars to share learnings with other cities. Staff can also access guidance and resources on best practice in city-led climate action.

# University of Sydney and the University of Technology memoranda of understanding

The City of Sydney has established memoranda of understanding (MOU) with the University of Sydney and the University of Technology Sydney.

These MOUs align with the objectives of the City's vision and the strategic directions of each institution. This establishes a

collaborative and visible partnership around areas of shared mutual interest.

It includes a shared commitment to a sustainable, globally connected Sydney with vibrant, diverse precincts of liveable, learning and strong communities where each person can realise their potential, regardless of their social or cultural background.

The agreements focus on project and research partnerships, professional development opportunities, student learning opportunities, sustainability partnerships, data exploration, international student wellbeing and work-integrated learning, and city and urban planning.

High-level steering committees comprising City of Sydney and university representatives develop annual programs of projects based on identified priority areas of mutual interest.

Coordination is jointly managed by the City and the respective universities, with task groups established on a project-by-project basis.

#### **Welcoming Cities Network**

Welcoming Cities is a national network of cities, shires, towns and municipalities who are committed to an Australia where everyone can belong and participate in social, cultural, economic and civic life. Members have access to a community of like-minded local councils through knowledge-sharing, the development of partnerships, and sharing and celebrating successes.

Welcoming Cities is an initiative of Welcoming Australia, supported by the Scanlon Foundation.

# Visitor Economy Greater Sydney Local Councils Group

Destination NSW has convened the Greater Sydney East Visitor Economy Local Government Working Group, which the City of Sydney participates in alongside other local councils including Waverley, Northern Beaches, Inner West, Woollahra and Randwick. The group's purpose is to enable Destination NSW to engage with Greater Sydney councils, and to share and collaborate in achieving the NSW Government's vision to be the premier visitor economy in Asia Pacific.

This group ensures visitor economy strategies and initiatives are coordinated across government and between councils, monitors performance against targets and responds to emerging issues. The group meets quarterly and operates under agreed terms of reference.

#### **Sustainable Destination Partnership**

The Sustainable Destination Partnership is a collaboration with leading accommodation and entertainment providers and cultural institutions aiming to improve the sustainability performance in the accommodation and entertainment sector.

The partnership produces resources and tools to tackle the challenges facing the sector and helps Sydney become recognised as one of the world's top sustainable cities in the annual Global Destination Sustainability Index.

The partner members are: Accor Hotels, Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney, Art Gallery of NSW, Australian Museum, Australian National Maritime Museum, Disney Studios, EVT cinemas and hotels, Grace Hotel, Hilton Sydney, Furama Darling Harbour, Hyatt Regency, InterContinental Hotel Sydney, International Convention Centre Sydney, Merlin Entertainments, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Museum of Contemporary Art, Park Royal Sydney, Pier One, Salter Brothers, Schwartz Family Co, Shangri-La, Sheraton Grand Hyde Park, State Library of NSW, Sydney Fish Market, Sydney Harbour Marriott, Museums of History, Sydney Opera House, TFE Hotels, The Langham, The Star Entertainment Group, YHA Australia and Pro-Invest. Associate members are Business Events Sydney, Earthcheck, Green Building Council of Australia, My Green Butler, NABERS, OzHarvest, Accommodation Australia, Tourism and Transport Forum, Good Environmental Choice Australia, Destination NSW and Eco-Tourism.

#### **Innovation District Alliance**

The City of Sydney is a member of the Innovation District Alliance, a coalition of government, private sector and university stakeholders representing innovation precincts across Sydney. The alliance is focused on place-based economic development that builds on the cumulative

strengths of NSW's innovation network. The group meets monthly and in 2025 provided a signed shared submission to the NSW Government requesting funding to give effect to the NSW Innovation Blueprint.

# Joint use of facilities memorandum of understanding and project deeds with NSW Department of Education

Under the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Use Projects between the City of Sydney and the NSW Department of Education, 3 project deeds are in place for joint use of sporting facilities and community spaces. These deeds cover Alexandria Park Community School and Alexandria Park, Inner Sydney High School and Prince Alfred Park, and Green Square Public School and community spaces.

The redevelopment of the Alexandria Park Community School was completed in early 2023. It provides for shared use of a new competition-size sports field, 2 outdoor multipurpose sports courts, a multipurpose indoor sports hall and amenities. Shared sports facilities at the Inner Sydney High School include an indoor gymnasium, fitness training areas and associated amenities. The project was completed in late 2020.

The Green Square Public School and community spaces is under construction in the Green Square community and cultural precinct, Zetland. The project is being jointly funded by the City of Sydney and the Department of Education and includes a 600-place primary school integrated with facilities designed for both school and community use. It includes a community hall, a multipurpose court, courtyard and multipurpose community spaces. The school will open in late 2025.

# SSROC Procure Recycled – Paving the Way initiative

The Procure Recycled memorandum of understanding (MOU) focuses on working together to develop a framework for regional procurement of recycled material in infrastructure. Under the MOU the City, along with 15 other councils, participated in the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils' Paving the Way coordinated tender for sustainable road construction materials. The tender, which was the largest council-led procurement of its type in NSW, aggregated

demand and created a closed-loop market for around one third of kerbside domestic glass per year as a substitute for natural sand and was finalised in 2021. The City continues to use the arrangement and as part of the same working group. Other materials are being considered including working with the tyre industry to make incorporating crumb rubber from old tyres a viable inclusion into asphalt mixes.

### Regional waste working group

The City works closely with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) and 11 of its participating councils to implement a regional waste strategy and actions. The City's CEO is the chair of the waste working group.

In December 2023 the City, as part of SSROC and Resilient Sydney, other regional organisations of councils and the NSW EPA, formed the Greater Sydney Waste Leadership Forum. The forum met 4 times in 2024 and culminated in a NSW Circular Economy Summit, hosted by NSW **Environment Minister Penny Sharpe and** NSW Environment Protection Authority CEO Tony Chappel. The focus of the summit was an acknowledgement of reducing availability of landfill and the lack of clear planning pathways for new waste and recycling infrastructure development. The first chapter of the draft NSW Waste and Circular Infrastructure Plan was released in May 2025.

These projects were also completed by the SSROC working group in 2024/25:

- created and facilitated, through a NSW EPA grant, Retread: Bike Reuse and Recovery Project to support councils to host bike collection events, bike repair workshops and free bike check-up and tune stations
- curated and hosted a Buying In Buying Back summit in April 2025 for industry and councils about the processing and subsequent use of products derived from organic waste
- partnered with Product Stewardship of Excellence to carry out research and advocacy project investigating stewardship pathways for large household appliances, including

- whitegoods such as refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers
- developed resources for staff and executives on available and potential residual waste treatment options
- coordinated and chaired metropolitan
   Sydney textiles steering group to deliver
   Textiles Action Plan
- coordinated responses to state and federal consultations about the new soft plastics stewardship application to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, NSW draft Infrastructure Plan, NSW Energy from Waste Options Paper
- facilitated discussions with NSW EPA on temporary storage areas for disaster recovery planning.

# Sydney Harbour and Cooks River coastal management programs

The Outer Sydney Harbour coastal management program project is managed by the Sydney Coastal Council Group (SCCG) in collaboration with councils and other stakeholders across the catchment. This coastal management program builds on earlier work completed under the Greater Sydney Harbour coastal management program. In late 2024/25 SCCG appointed consultants to carry out technical studies.

The Cooks River coastal management program project team is managed by the Cooks River Alliance. The alliance brings together stakeholders from across the catchment to develop a coastal management program to improve the health of the Cooks River. In 2024/25 the project team began to develop mitigation options for the hazards that were identified in the previous stage of the project.

# Green Square town centre water treatment plant

The City of Sydney has entered into a contractual agreement with Sydney Water to operate the Green Square town centre water treatment plant. This agreement may form part of the City of Sydney's broader strategic partnership with Sydney Water in the future,

looking to increase recycled water production within the local government area.

### **Better Buildings Partnership**

The Better Buildings Partnership is a collaboration of leading institutional building owners working to improve the sustainability performance of existing commercial and public sector buildings in Sydney. One of the key objectives of the partnership is to work collaboratively to improve the sustainability of Sydney's commercial buildings and to help facilitate the achievement of Sydney's environmental targets, including net zero carbon emissions by 2035. It also drives national change across corporate portfolios and the broader commercial sector.

The partnership is focused on climate action, circular economy solutions and resilience by producing practical resources and tools to tackle shared challenges facing the commercial property sector, to help Sydney become one of the world's top sustainable cities. The current members are: Brookfield Office Properties Australia, Charter Hall, Lendlease, the City of Sydney, DEXUS Property Group, the GPT Group, Investa Property Group, Mirvac, ISPT, Stockland and the University of Technology Sydney. The partnership is supported by government and industry members including GBCA, Property Council of Australia, NABERS and the City of Melbourne as well as associate members engaged in property management – JLL, CBRE and Colliers.

#### **CitySwitch National Steering Committee**

CitySwitch is a free, national program supporting Australian businesses to simplify and structure their journey to net zero.

CitySwitch produces nationally consistent resources and campaigns through local engagement to drive climate action (scope 1, 2 and 3), waste reduction and circular economy outcomes, building performance ratings and accreditations and sustainability leadership in the commercial sector.

The program is governed through a National Steering Committee managed by the City of Sydney. The committee includes: North Sydney Council, City of Melbourne, City of Port Phillip, City of Yarra, City of Ballarat and the NSW Government (NABERS).

# Residential Apartments Sustainability Reference Group

The City leads a residential apartments sustainability reference group which was established in 2014. Its purpose is to inform, coordinate and advocate to achieve better sustainability and resilience outcomes in the strata residential sector.

Organisations represented include Ausgrid, Australian Resident Accommodation Managers Association, City Futures Research Centre, City of Melbourne, Facilities Management Association, Homes NSW, Jemena Gas, NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, NSW Department of Customer Service, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, NSW Fair Trading, Owners Corporation Network, PICA Group, Strata Community Australia NSW and Sydney Water.

#### **World Cities Culture Forum**

The World Cities Culture Forum is the leading global network of more than 40 creative cities. The network shares a belief in the importance of culture for creating thriving cities. It provides global leadership on culture through evidence, inspiration and global collaboration.

Beginning in 2012 as an initiative of the Mayor of London for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games, the 12 original participating cities of London, New York, Shanghai, Paris, Tokyo, Sydney, Johannesburg and Istanbul, has now grown to 44 members including Melbourne. The forum brings together senior policymakers to consider new trends, challenges and ideas, conduct comparative research and build a strong evidence base about the impact of culture on world cities and their residents.

The City has been a member of the forum since 2014 and has been actively participating in the yearly World Cities Culture Summit since 2017.

The forum enables the City to share information with other global cities, including benchmarking data and best practice policy frameworks. The City's membership has already provided significant value allowing the City to showcase its innovative work and

gain valuable insights to improve policy objectives.

The 2024 summit was held in Dubai, Saudi Arabia from 30 October to 1 November under the theme 'Tomorrow's Culture: How Will The Next Generation Shape Our World?'

The forum has also invested in other initiatives between summits. The latest initiative was the publication of the Creative Land Trust Handbook and the inaugural Creative Land Trust Summit held in San Francisco in May 2025. The City participated in the summit and contributed to the handbook.

#### **Homes NSW**

The City of Sydney and Homes NSW work together to improve services, safety and amenity for social housing residents in the local area.

The City of Sydney is a member of the Waterloo Human Services Collaborative, chaired by Homes NSW, Counterpoint Community Services and NSW Health. City staff attend all Homes NSW Neighbourhood Advisory Boards in the local area, including chairing the Waterloo Wellbeing Safety Action Group and attending the Waterloo Redevelopment Group.

Monthly meetings are hosted with Homes NSW for updates on the Waterloo redevelopment, resident relocations and supports.

Social housing operational meetings with Homes NSW are hosted by the City and held monthly to respond to operational and systemic issues including cleansing and waste, rodent management and other health, wellbeing and safety issues.

### **TAFE NSW**

The City has developed partnership agreements with TAFE NSW to present free courses in our community centres to provide lifelong learning outcomes for community members. This includes English classes for new and older migrants at Ultimo Community Centre.

#### **Music Cities Network**

The international Music Cities Network actively works to support live music and performance and contemporary music policy at a local level. The network includes local government agencies and city-focused music advocacy organisations. It provides opportunities for sharing research, and knowledge, and works cooperatively to explore policy and advocacy. The group meets monthly and has a yearly summit in a host-city. Recent years have focused on shared strategies for mitigating the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the live performance sector. Future projects are focused on building an international network of music businesses and promoters across the member cities, and shared research on the creative spaces needed to support the music ecosystem.

### **Domestic Violence NSW and NSW Police**

The City, in partnership with Domestic Violence NSW and NSW Police, coordinates quarterly domestic and family violence forums, to support collaboration and coordinate efforts across the sectors working to respond to, prevent and reduce violence. This includes producing domestic and family violence prevention and ally training for residents in the local area to build their understanding of gender-based violence, domestic and family violence, where to get help, and how to have safe supportive conversations.

This year's forums included discussions led by the Aboriginal Women's Advisory Network, Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre, Asylum Seekers Centre and Immigration Advice and Rights Centre. This year's work focused on primary prevention and building a whole of community response to address gender-based violence and economic safety.

### **Department of Communities and Justice**

In 2024/25 the City produced programs under a funding agreement with the NSW Department of Communities and Justice as part of the targeted earlier intervention program.

The program supports children, young people, families and communities experiencing, or at risk of vulnerability. The City is funded under the program's community strengthening stream for activities that facilitate an increased sense of belonging and community participation, and the empowerment and self-determination of communities. In 2024/25 the City's programs and initiatives included Connect Sydney skills and capacity building (including a dedicated workshop series for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities), Youth Week, and Youth Opportunities training, co-design and skill development.

# Intersectoral homelessness health strategy

The intersectoral homelessness health strategy improves health outcomes for people experiencing homelessness by facilitating a formalised strategic approach to the coordination of planning, delivery and evaluation of homelessness health services.

Partners in the strategy are South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, Sydney Local Health District, St Vincent's Health Network, Department of Communities and Justice, Central Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network and the City of Sydney.

#### **HART**

The Homelessness Assertive Outreach Response Team (HART) is made up of Homes NSW, the City and specialist health, homelessness and other non-government services. A collaborative approach between services results in better outcomes for both people sleeping rough and the wider community.

### Youth Week programs and events

Youth Week takes place annually in April. Each year the City partners with local youth service organisations and young people to co-design a suite of programs and initiatives to engage, entertain and educate young people.

#### **Seniors Festival**

Seniors Festival celebrates the role seniors play and the contributions they make to the community. The City participates in the festival each year and provides older people with opportunities to engage and connect with their community through a suite of social, health and wellbeing programs and activities. This includes the annual Seniors Festival Comedy Show, produced in partnership with the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

#### Refugee Week programs and events

Refugee Week provides opportunities for communities to learn more about and celebrate the talents, skills, contributions and cultural diversity of refugees and people seeking asylum. The City supports Refugee Week through a range of events and extensive promotion.

Our membership of the Refugee Council of Australia's Refugee Welcome Zone initiative was highlighted and showcased during Refugee Week, with street banners, billboards and display panels across the city promoting messages of welcome.

# Equal employment opportunity

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (a9)

The City takes its equal employment opportunity (EEO) obligations seriously. The City is an organisation that is recognised for its efforts in diversity and inclusion. In 2024/25 the following initiatives were carried out.

The City continued to achieve its actions in the people strategy 2022–2026 which is underpinned by an EEO, diversity and inclusion action plan.

The City continued its dedicated support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees and communities. The Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) includes actions to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses and to recruit, develop and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees.

In line with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce strategy, the City worked to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment outcomes through recruitment, engagement, career development and retention. The City achieved its 2024 Stretch RAP target of 3.5% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness training was implemented, with all employees due to complete this training by end of September 2025.

The City began developing an anti-racism framework for all employees, to be launched in 2025/26. Work completed to date included executive briefing sessions, executive learning and development, employee consultation and the development of draft action-oriented goals.

The City continued to support and promote its 6 employee networks to grow in numbers and maturity: the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employee network, City Women's network, City Pride, DiverseCity – culturally diverse employee network, Young Professionals network and the renewed InclusiveCity – network for people with disability.

Multiple events were held to improve awareness and understanding of issues relevant to the City's diverse employees.

- In February, 120 employees joined a Lunar New Year lunch featuring artists Andrew Yee and Chrissy Lau, deepening cultural awareness.
- In March, 180 staff attended International Women's Day under the theme "For ALL women and girls," with keynote Div Pillay highlighting barriers faced by diverse women. Feedback showed employees felt encouraged to reflect on careers, self-worth, and networks.
- April's City Pride event at Qtopia welcomed new starters with a keynote from Chantell Martin and a performance by Coco Jumbo, reinforcing allyship and inclusion.
- In May, 130 staff marked World Day for Cultural Diversity with Luli Adeyemo's keynote on difference as strength. A Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month session engaged 45 employees, with 90% reporting improved knowledge and confidence.
- National Reconciliation Week saw the launch of the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan, supported by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff.
- City Pride also marked LGBTIQA+ Domestic Violence Awareness Day with a program on healthy cultures, policy updates, and support services.

Alongside these major events, ongoing initiatives continued to engage staff. Young Professionals Network hosted quarterly sessions on career development and intergenerational perspectives, with panels of senior leaders sharing career journeys and discussing workplace preferences. City Women ran Mindful Art sessions every 2 months, encouraging mindfulness through creative activities. A special NAIDOC Week weaving session led by artist Nikita Hickey gave employees an opportunity to connect while learning new skills.

In 2024/25 the City provided the following programs to raise awareness of diversity, inclusion and EEO, and to build skills for employees and managers.

Program name	Number of employees
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness program	973
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness program – face to face	132
Access and inclusion – Disability (MAJEV)	17
Cultural safety workshop	51
Diversity and inclusion at the City of Sydney	379
Hidden Disabilities Sunflower	494
Inclusion (Disability) Awareness eLearning	278
Let's Talk Disability – Disability awareness and inclusion training	16
Voices of Oxford Street	7
Webinar – Building resilience and preventing burnout: strategies for thriving in demanding times	9
Webinar – Embracing neurodiversity: A strengths-based approach	20
Managing mental health risks at work	214
Managing psychosocial hazards in the workplace	68
Mental health first aid	59
Workers with mental health illness – A practical guide for managers	6
Total	2,723

The City enhanced its approach to employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates, people with disability, and young people holding refugee status who continue to face barriers to employment through various measures, including earning Disability Confident Recruiter status for successive years, ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation on recruitment panels, and fast-tracking applicants to interview.

The City continued developing identified employment opportunities with support from Anti-Discrimination NSW. Identified positions improve access to specific jobs, programs or services for certain groups of people. The City has continued to offer access to a pool of available positions to support diversity and inclusion efforts through talent led recruitment initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people with disability.

Key relationships developed to support equal employment opportunities included:

- continuing the long working relationship with Career Seekers and appointing people who have become refugees
- partnering with the Aboriginal Employment Service to increase candidate pools
- participating in the Australian Human Rights Commission's IncludeAbility program as a member of its employer network.

# General manager remuneration

## NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (b)

The total remuneration comprised in the remuneration package of the general manager (CEO) in 2024/25 is below.

Description	Amount
(i) the total value of the salary component of the package	\$490,177
(ii) the total amount of any bonus payments, performance payments or other payments made to them that do not form part of the salary components of their packages	\$0
(iii) the total amount payable by the Council by way of the employer's contribution or salary sacrifice to any superannuation scheme to which any of them may be a contributor	\$58,821
(iv) the total value of any noncash benefits for which any of them may elect under the package	\$0
(v) the total amount payable by the Council by way of fringe benefits tax for any such non-cash benefits	\$154

## Senior staff remuneration

## NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (c)

The total remuneration comprised in the remuneration packages of all senior employees (other than the general manager) employed during the year 2024/25 is below. This is expressed as the total remuneration of all the senior employees concerned (not individuals) and includes totals below.

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Description	Amount				
(i) the total value of the salary component of the package	\$2,896,314				
(ii) the total amount of any bonus payments, performance payments or other payments made to them that do not form part of the salary components of their packages	\$0				
(iii) the total amount payable by the Council by way of the employer's contribution or salary sacrifice to any superannuation scheme to which any of them may be a contributor	\$393,329				
(iv) the total value of any noncash benefits for which any of them may elect under the package	\$40,766				
(v) the total amount payable by the Council by way of fringe benefits tax for any such non-cash benefits	\$21,530				

# Persons performing paid work

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (d)

Details of persons performing paid work for the City of Sydney on Wednesday 4 December 2024 are below.

On 4 December 2024:	Number
(i) persons employed by the Council on a permanent full-time, permanent part- time or casual basis or under a fixed-term contract	2,250
(ii) persons employed by the Council as senior staff members 17	9
(iii) persons engaged by the Council, under a contract or other arrangement with the person's employer, wholly or principally for the labour of the person <sup>18</sup>	286
(iv) persons supplied to the Council, under a contract or other arrangement with the person's employer, as an apprentice or trainee	2

# Stormwater charge

# NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (e)

In 2024/25, the net income received by the City from the stormwater levy was \$2,135,648. In this period, the City delivered stormwater management services mainly in 2 categories:

- 1. Planning, construction and maintenance of drainage systems
- 2. Planning, construction and maintenance of stormwater treatment measures, including gross pollutant traps and raingardens

The City's total capital expenditure on drainage and stormwater treatment projects was \$8,138,074. The City also spent \$179,574 on maintenance of gross pollutant traps to remove and dispose of pollutants captured from the stormwater network.

In 2024/25, the City completed the below stormwater treatment measure works, including renewal, upgrade and new stormwater treatment assets.

Work location	Drainage work
Broughton Street, Glebe	New gross pollutant trap
Wolseley Grove, Zetland	Raingarden renewal
Hutchinson Walk, Zetland	Raingarden renewal
Morris Grove, Zetland	Raingarden renewal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Executive staff inclusive of the CEO and directors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Includes agency personnel engaged through labour hire/employment services providers. Excludes personnel employed by companies that tender for City of Sydney major services contracts

Work location	Drainage work
Levy Walk, Zetland	Raingarden renewal
Leyland Grove, Zetland	Raingarden renewal
Crown Street, Surry Hills	Raingarden renewal
Myrtle Street, Chippendale	Raingarden renewal
The City completed the below stormwater draina	ge works.
Work location	Drainage work
Abercrombie Street, Darlington	Drainage renewal
Bourke Street, Surry Hills	Drainage renewal
Burton Street, Darlinghurst	Drainage renewal
Christies Lane, Zetland	Drainage improvement
Cooper Street, Waterloo	Drainage renewal
Gardeners Road, Rosebery	Drainage renewal
Joynton Avenue, Zetland	Drainage improvement
Judge Street, Woolloomooloo	Drainage improvement
Leichhardt Street, Darlinghurst	Drainage renewal
Lower Avon Street, Glebe	Drainage renewal
McAlister Lane, Chippendale	Drainage improvement
McDonald Street, Potts Point	Drainage renewal
Orwell Street, Potts Point	Drainage renewal
Crooks Lane, Newtown	Drainage improvement
Potter Street, Waterloo	Drainage renewal
Primrose Avenue, Rosebery	Drainage renewal
Railway Lane, Newtown	Drainage renewal
Regent Street, Paddington	Drainage renewal
Reserve Street, Beaconsfield	Drainage renewal
Rochford Street, Erskineville	Drainage renewal
Thomas Street, Haymarket	Drainage renewal

Work location	Drainage work
Wentworth Avenue, Surry Hills	Drainage renewal
Wentworth Park Road, Glebe	Drainage renewal

The City completed or partially completed planning for the below future drainage and stormwater treatment measure works, including investigations, CCTV inspections and design solutions.

Work location	Drainage work
Elizabeth Street, Redfern	Investigation and design
Botany Road, Alexandria	Investigation and design
Curtin Place, Sydney	Investigation and design
Gerard Street, Alexandria	Investigation and design
Minogue Crescent, Forest Lodge	Investigation and design
Victoria Street, Potts Point	Investigation and design



Image 7. New gross pollutant trap under construction, Broughton Street, Glebe. Photo by Adrian Smit / City of Sydney

# Coastal protection charge

## NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (e1)

The City did not levy an annual charge for coastal protection services in 2024/25.

# Companion animals

## NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 s 217 (1) (f) and NSW Companion Animals Act 1998

The City's activities in enforcing and ensuring compliance with the provisions of the *NSW* Companion Animals Act 1998 and Regulation are detailed below.

#### Companion animal regulation

#### Pound data

From 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, 177 animals were collected by the City from streets in the local area (46 cats and 131 dogs).

Of these, 22 dogs and 2 cats were returned to their owners without being impounded. 148 animals were transferred to the Sutherland Shire Council Animal Shelter and 5 dogs

were transferred to other facilities. The City has a shared services agreement with the shelter to care for impounded animals.

Of the animals at the shelter during the year:

- 5 cats and 45 dogs were reclaimed by their owners
- 2 cats and 1 dog were euthanised due to illness or poor suitability for rehoming due to temperament
- 52 cats and 60 dogs were rehomed by animal shelter employees.

## Dog attacks

There were 147 reported dog attacks in the City of Sydney area in 2024/25 resulting in:

- 29 penalty notices
- 8 cautions (minor incidents)
- 64 had no action taken due to the offending dog not being able to be identified
- 46 are still under investigation
- 6 menacing dog orders
- 4 dangerous dog orders
- 4 nuisance dog orders
- 4 were euthanised due to attack.

Some incidents saw an owner of a dog being reported in more than one of the above categories.

## Off-leash dog areas

The City of Sydney has 50 off-leash dog areas in its parks and reserves. A list of these areas is available at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/dog-parks-in-sydney and displayed on the below map.



Figure 1. Off leash dog parks in the City of Sydney local area

# Companion animal community education programs

City of Sydney rangers and companion animal officers visit local parks and open spaces on a regular basis to remind park visitors about their rights and responsibilities under the *Companion Animals Act*. The City provides educational material to residents about responsible pet ownership, and leashes and clip-on dog waste dispensers. This is to encourage owners to clean up after their dogs and keep them on-leash when required.

### Companion animals community events

## <u>Butterscotch Park responsible pet ownership</u> <u>pop-up event</u>

On 9 November 2024, the City set up a responsible pet ownership tent in Butterscotch Park with a focus on ensuring dog owners were aware that the park is onleash and to ensure they are aware of the responsibility of picking up and disposing of dog waste in the area. Educational material handed out on the day included:

- keeping dogs on-leash when not in a designated off-leash area
- picking up dog waste.

On the day, 10 pet owners were assisted with updating information on the NSW Pet Registry including:

- 6 owner details updated, including pet registration
- 4 change of address applications.

#### Handouts included:

- 69 responsible dog ownership bags with information about responsible dog ownership, a leash and dog waste dispenser, torch and dog waste dispenser and silicon dog water bowl
- 3 responsible cat ownership bags with information about responsible cat ownership and 2 cat toys.

#### Councils United for Pets

Councils United for Pets (CUPS) is a group of councils from all over NSW that meet to discuss legislative changes, share information on programs and grants that are being offered and services available to pet

owners. Meetings are held quarterly and hosted by a different council. The City hosted the CUPS meeting held on 25 March 2025.

The City organised guest speakers from the pet industry and the Office of Local Government (OLG) presented a session on feedback on the discussion paper for the Companion Animals Act review. 90 people attended the meeting – 55 people attended face to face and 35 people attended remotely.

#### Uni Vets and City Pets pop-up event

On 16 November 2024, the City collaborated with the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney to host a free vaccination pop-up event.

The aim of the pop-up event was to reach residents with pension or healthcare cards, who live in the local area, struggling to afford pet care. Of the 63 animals seen on the day, 53 received free vaccinations.

Through this event, 8 dogs and 6 cats were desexed, and 3 dogs and 1 cat were microchipped for free.

# Northcott Surry Hills and Redfern and Waterloo pet days

Northcott Pet Day was held in September 2024 and Redfern Waterloo Pet Day was held in June 2025.

These annual events are designed to educate the community about responsible pet ownership as well as allowing access to desexing, microchipping, veterinary health checks and parasite control. These events also aim to promote a sense of community for all pet owners while offering support and advice.

In 2024/25, 16 dogs and 26 cats were desexed, while 38 dogs and 55 cats were microchipped for free through the City's pet day services.

## Promoting desexing and microchipping

The City continues to have a partnership with 3 local veterinary clinics and the Cat Protection Society of NSW to provide subsidised pet desexing for pet owners under the City's subsidised pet desexing and microchipping program. The resident is provided with a voucher number they can use to access the service through one of the

subsidised clinics. The resident pays the subsidised amount to the clinic and the City funds the remainder of the cost.

The City offers subsidised pet desexing and microchipping to eligible pet owners year-round. Residents must hold a pension, concession or healthcare card to access this service.

Desexing and microchipping is provided free to residents holding a concession card attending the City's pet day events.

#### Dogs

For dog owning residents with pensioner concession or health care cards, the City provides subsidised desexing and microchipping year-round. Residents can have their male dogs desexed and microchipped for \$147 and \$202 for a female dog.

In total 3 dogs were desexed and 4 were microchipped as part of the subsidised desexing and microchipping program.

#### Cats

To assist residents on low incomes or pensions, the City has been working with the Cat Protection Society of NSW and the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney to provide a subsidised desexing service. Residents can have their cats desexed and microchipped for \$57.

In 2024/25, 4 cats were desexed and 4 were microchipped as part of the subsidised desexing and microchipping program.

# <u>Total number of animals desexed and</u> microchipped

Under the City's program and pet day events, a total of 36 cats were desexed and 60 cats were microchipped, while 27 dogs were desexed and 45 microchipped.

#### Glebe cat management program

In 2019, the City collaborated with rescue groups to implement a pilot cat management program for a colony of cats in Glebe that are cared for by local residents. The trap desex adopt release program involved trapping, desexing, vaccinating, and microchipping cats from the colony.

Before implementing the program the City consulted with RSPCA NSW on the best

model and protocol to meet legislative requirements under both the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*, and the *Companion Animals Act 1998*. It was decided that the trap desex adopt release program would be the best to use in an urban ecosystem where the impact of native wildlife is low, and where residents can provide ongoing care, feeding, and management of any cats that were returned to the colony site.

The objectives of the program were to stabilise the colony in terms of cat numbers and physical health, minimise and manage the level of complaints from residents about the cat colony and empower local residents through education and training to manage the cat colony.

Of the 9 adult cats that were released into the care of the residents that had been feeding them, 5 are still being cared for and monitored by the residents, The City provides ongoing food and veterinary care for this colony and all of the cats have been desexed.

This model of cat management has prevented unwanted kittens from being born and ending up at the shelter, reduced the likelihood of cats marking their territory, reduced cat fights, and, as a result, has reduced the number of complaints about unowned cats, in the area.

## Street cat rehoming program

In 2024/25 the City continued to allocate funding towards the street cat rehoming program. The funding covered the costs to desex, microchip, and provide medical treatment for 42 kittens that were rescued from streets in the local area. The kittens were then rehomed through rescue groups and veterinary hospitals acting as satellite shelters for the City. Positive feedback from residents, rescue groups and veterinary hospitals has been received. This program is important for cat and stakeholder management.

#### Assistance dog program

In 2024/25 the City continued its partnership with MindDog Psychiatric Service Dog Association (NSW) to provide the City's assistance dog program. The program provides an opportunity for residents with disability to train their dog as an assistance

animal. The City subsidises the cost of this program for dog owners who are local residents and hold a valid pension card.

This program has enabled the City to develop its own assistance animals' accreditation process and provide clear guidance on what is required of residents to have their dog certified as an assistance animal. The participants are enrolled in the program for 12 months until they sit for their public access test for certification. There are currently 6 owners and dogs undergoing training, with 2 of these owners passing the test and receiving certification.

# Pets in Need DFV program – Domestic and family violence pets and animals' welfare support (DFV PAWS) grant

In November 2020, the City, in conjunction with the Sutherland Shire Council Animal Shelter's support, successfully applied for the domestic and family violence pets and animals welfare support grant through the

NSW Department of Communities and Justice. This program provides emergency temporary accommodation for pets to support victims of domestic and family violence.

In 2024/25 the City continued to fund this program for pet owners living in the City of Sydney local area. This program provided temporary accommodation and medical care to 2 dogs and 1 cat. All of the animals have now been reunited with their owners. The City allocated \$1,364 of funding towards this program.

## **Strategies**

The City has a shared services agreement with the Sutherland Shire Council to use its animal shelter – a low-kill facility with the lowest euthanasia rate in NSW. The focus for the agreement is to re-home all suitable animals and work together to provide a state-of-the-art animal adoption facility. The animals available for adoption are promoted in the City's weekly employee newsletter.



Image 8. A man with his dog. Photo by Jake Duczynski / City of Sydney

## Companion animal services financial report

The City spends more than \$300,000 annually on companion animal services, for which the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) provides a rebate to cover specified companion animal services.

In 2024/25 the City spent \$154,167.15 on those services specified by the OLG. Details of that expenditure is below. In 2024/25 the City received a rebate of \$39,412 from the OLG.<sup>19</sup>

Program	Amount spent
Pet desexing for cats and dogs – includes Pet Day and UVTHS Pop up events, subsidised pet desexing program and cat desexing and microchipping <sup>20</sup>	\$18,495.40
Glebe cat program – cost for food, parasite control and veterinary care	\$8,194.34
Street cat rehoming program – funding for desexing, microchipping, vaccination and veterinary care for kittens rehomed and rescued	\$9,708.60
Uni Vets and City Pets pop-up event – cost for vaccinations and booster vaccination services	\$4,226.00
Northcott Pet Day 2024 – cost to run the event including event company, health check forms, treats, flea and worming supplies, and vaccines	\$31,149.05
Councils United for Pets (CUPS) meeting – catering	\$3,612.00
Redfern and Waterloo Pet Day – event company hire, health check forms, treats, flea and worming supplies, and vaccines	\$50,515.99
Face painters for Sutherland Shire Council Animal Shelter Open Day	\$618.75
Assistance dog program – application fees, training and public access tests	\$4,400.00
Promotional material for companion animal events – collars, leashes, dog waste dispensers, bags, bowls, enrichment toys, Google Ads to promote the shelter, animal transport vehicle livery, and pet tags	\$14,691.32
Training and equipment for rangers for the management and control of companion animals	\$8,555.70
Total	\$154,167.15

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 19}$  Note the OLG's rebate is not always paid in the year the expenditure is incurred

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Includes invoices from the previous financial year receipted in 2024/25 financial year

# Environmental upgrade agreements

# NSW Local Government Act 1993 s54P (1)

The City fulfilled all its obligations and concluded 2 environmental upgrade agreements in 2024/25.

These agreements enable building owners to access finance through a tripartite agreement between a building owner, a finance provider and the Council. The NSW Government is no longer actively supporting these agreements due to low uptake over time and other forms of finance being available. The environmental upgrade agreement policy was rescinded by Council with the adoption of the Environmental Strategy 2025–2030 in June 2025. The Environmental Strategy 2025-2030 can be viewed and downloaded at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

# Local strategic planning statement

# Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 s3.9

City Plan 2036: Local Strategic Planning Statement was published with approval from the Greater Sydney Commission (later the Greater Cities Commission) in March 2020.

This City of Sydney planning statement sets out a 20-year land use vision. It balances the need for housing and economic activities while protecting and enhancing local character, heritage, public places and spaces. It links NSW and local strategic plans with our planning controls to guide development.

This report describes our progress against the statement's 13 planning priorities in 2024/25.

# Infrastructure 1 – Movement for walkable neighbourhoods and a connected city

The City progressed or finalised planning proposals that deliver through site links at 383 Kent Street, Sydney, 232-238 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, 56 Pitt Street, Sydney and O'Connell Street Precinct, Sydney.

The City has adopted updated planning controls that ensure parking in new developments is in line with current levels of car use and ownership and reflects access to new public transport such as the light rail and metro. Updates have also been adopted to support bicycle parking, electric vehicle charging and freight and servicing.

# Infrastructure 2 – Align development and growth with supporting infrastructure

The City exhibited a new contributions plan for Pyrmont as part of the implementation of the NSW Government's Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy and a review of the planning controls.

The City executed 12 new planning agreements. The agreements will deliver new and upgraded public infrastructure including widened footpaths, new roads, new laneways and extensions to parks in Alexandria, Beaconsfield, Glebe, Rosebery, Surry Hills, Woolloomooloo and Zetland.

# Infrastructure 3 – Supporting community wellbeing with social infrastructure

Planning for Pyrmont Peninsula identified social infrastructure and open space to support the community's needs.

# Liveability 1 – A creative and socially connected city

The City prepared new planning controls to manage entertainment sound which ensures new residential development is built so residents are protected from existing noise in the neighbourhood. Council also resolved to establish special entertainment precincts to encourage live performance. The City has proposed to heritage list 3 places of social significance to LGBTIQA+ communities in the Oxford Street precinct with 3 more places under investigation.

#### Liveability 2 - Creating great places

The City exhibited new planning controls and a contributions plan for Ultimo—Pyrmont in response to the NSW Government's Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy. The new planning controls facilitate opportunities to increase publicly accessible open space, widen footpaths, accommodate more than 250 new trees, 2,000 square metres of new green roofs, and minimise overshadowing to existing residents and important public parks and places.

Council approved planning control updates including new and improved controls for green roofs, tree planting and protection of sunlight in Gunyama Park and Cook + Phillip Park.

Council approved for exhibition proposed heritage listings for 9 modern period residential flat buildings, 3 buildings with social significance in Chinatown and an expansion of the listing of the Powerhouse Museum.

# Liveability 3 – New homes for a diverse community

The City exhibited draft planning controls for Ultimo–Pyrmont to assist in accommodating the 4,100 homes targeted by the NSW Government Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy. It includes increases in floor space and height for residential flat buildings, mixed use developments and small lot housing.

Council approved and finalised new planning controls to support the availability and diversity of housing in the local area in response to a trend for redevelopment of existing apartment buildings with smaller

dwellings for new apartment buildings that have larger and fewer dwellings.

The City carried out a review of the affordable housing contribution rates. Council approved draft changes to the affordable housing program and planning controls. These simplify a rezoning contribution requirement to a consistent rate, enable Council to require a rezoning contribution be satisfied through the dedication of built dwellings, and increase the equivalent monetary contribution rates.

At June 2024, the City of Sydney is on track to meet its targets under the housing strategy, with 41% of the 2036 dwelling target achieved with 22,947 dwellings built. Another 16,261 dwellings are in the pipeline. The built and pipeline dwellings make up 70% of the 20-year target.

# Productivity 1 – Growing a stronger, more competitive Central Sydney

Planning in Central Sydney is guided by the Central Sydney planning strategy which ensures future growth occurs where it respects our special places, spaces and parkland, and is highly sustainable, resilient and responsive to climate change.

The City progressed 3 site specific planning proposals under the planning strategy throughout the year. The proposals facilitate more productive floor space, protect the quality of public spaces, provide shared loading docks for surrounding businesses and have higher sustainability targets consistent with the strategy. The proposals are for 383 Kent Street, 56 Pitt Street and the O'Connell Street precinct.

# Productivity 2 – Developing innovative and diverse business clusters in city fringe

Draft planning controls for Ultimo–Pyrmont will assist accommodating up to 27,000 jobs to be serviced by the future Pyrmont metro station and in the types of commercial buildings that are in demand.

The City has progressed 3 planning proposals for sites on the eastern edge of Central Sydney to provide more work space for innovation and creative businesses. These proposals include sites on Elizabeth and Kippax streets in Surry Hills and Riley Street, East Sydney.

# Productivity 3 – Protecting industrial and urban services in the Southern Enterprise Area and evolving businesses in the Green Square-Mascot Strategic Centre

The City's planning controls continue to protect industrial and urban services in the Southern Enterprise Area.

# Sustainability 1 – Protecting and enhancing the natural environment for a resilient city

The City adopted new planning controls in the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan update which will enhance biodiversity, tree canopy and water sensitive urban design throughout the City of Sydney area.

The City continues to participate in the development of the Sydney Harbour and Cooks River coastal zone management plans. The plans will provide a coordinated management framework across government to improve the health of Sydney Harbour, the Cooks River and their catchments.

# Sustainability 2 – Creating better buildings and places to reduce emissions and waste and use water efficiently

New planning controls for water efficiency in non-residential buildings as well as requirements for electric indoor appliances in new residential buildings have been adopted as part of the update to the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan.

Following community and industry consultation through a discussion paper, Council approved the exhibition of draft controls for new medium to large offices, hotels and serviced apartments to be allelectric.

# Sustainability 3 – Increasing resilience of people and infrastructure against natural and urban hazards

The City's floodplain management controls have been updated as part of the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan update. Draft planning controls have also been adopted to reduce heat in the urban environment by requiring reflective roofs and requiring shading of windows exposed to direct summer sunlight.

# Governance 1 – Open, accountable and collaborative planning

The City continues to collaborate with a range of organisations in its planning functions on housing, including Resilient Sydney and the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils.

# Voluntary planning agreements

# Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No. 203 s7.5 (5)

The voluntary planning agreements (VPA) below were in force in the year 2024/25.

VPA No.	Street address	Suburb	Party to the agreement	Description of works	Date executed
VPA/2018/24	11 Birmingham Street	Alexandria	Ozimex International Pty Ltd and Marina Royal Pty Ltd	D/2018/871 – dedication and embellishment of land for 1.4m footpath widening	02/07/2020
VPA/2018/17	1-17 Euston Road	Alexandria	Erolyarn Pty Ltd	D/2017/1297 – dedication of 29.3m² along Euston Lane frontage and embellishment for footpath widening	21/08/2020
VPA/2019/6	132-138 McEvoy Street	Alexandria	Stormac Pty Ltd	D/2018/1615 – dedication and embellishment of 108m² of land for widened footpath and a monetary contribution of \$412,639 towards community infrastructure	02/07/2020
VPA/2023/6	132-138 McEvoy Street	Alexandria	Stormac Pty Ltd	D/2023/267 – dedication and embellishment of 108m² of land for widened footpath and a monetary contribution of \$397,904 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	8/10/2024
VPA/2019/7	135-139 McEvoy Street	Alexandria	Ms Judith Adrienne Adler	D/2018/1581 – dedication of 94m² of land and embellishment for footpath widening and a monetary contribution of \$497,537.50 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	13/10/2020

VPA No.	Street address	Suburb	Party to the agreement	Description of works	Date executed
VPA/2018/21	15 Bourke Road	Alexandria	Vasilaki Pty Ltd and Hraklis Pty Ltd	D/2018/56 – dedication of 148m² land, embellishment for footpath widening and green link and a monetary contribution of \$37,663 towards community infrastructure	28/02/2022
VPA/2015/45	15 Bowden Street	Alexandria	Alexandria JV Development Holdings Pty Ltd	D/2015/960 – monetary contribution of \$67,444, land dedication of 75.4m² and works in kind for footpath widening	13/03/2017
VPA/2017/14	15 Ralph Street	Alexandria	Lenland Alexandria Pty Ltd	D/2017/839 – dedication of 67m² of land embellishment for footpath widening	04/12/2018
VPA/2020/10	15-17 William Street	Alexandria	Mrs Katharine Jackson and Mrs Georgia Findlay and Mr David William Findlay	D/2020/1059 – monetary contribution of \$230,109 towards community infrastructure in the Green Square urban renewal area	26/05/2025
VPA/2013/73	158 Botany Road	Alexandria	Denning Real Estate Pty Ltd	D/2014/201 – dedication and embellishment of 163.5m² of land for footpath widening and monetary contribution \$227,174 towards community infrastructure	14/09/2017
VPA/2024/8	158 Botany Road	Alexandria	Denning Real Estate Pty Ltd and Blueshore Development Group Pty Ltd	D/2023/1012 and D/2024/803 – land dedication for future laneway, landscaping to road widening and future laneway, and a monetary contribution to Green Square community infrastructure	18/06/2025
VPA/2018/2	200 Bourke Road	Alexandria	Equinix Australia Pty Ltd	D/2017/1797 – dedication of 2,244m² of land for future road reserve	20/08/2018

VPA No.	Street address	Suburb	Party to the agreement	Description of works	Date executed
VPA/2023/13	216-220 Wyndham Street	Alexandria	City West Housing Pty Ltd	D/2023/884 – dedication and embellishment of 126m² of land for footpath widening to McEvoy Street, embellishment and transfer of 318m² of land for future shared zone laneway and a monetary contribution of \$268,563 towards community infrastructure in Green Square urban renewal area	19/11/2024
VPA/2019/16	22 O'Riordan Street	Alexandria	Markham Real Estate Partners Green Square Pty Ltd	D/2019/686 – dedication of land and developer's works for footpath widening to O'Riordan and Johnson streets and a monetary contribution towards community infrastructure in Green Square	21/08/2020
VPA/2019/19	22-28 Mandible Street	Alexandria	Sincourt Pty Ltd	D/2019/578 – dedication and embellishment of 1,060m² for footpath widening to Mandible Street, new public road and landscaping to the liveable green network	12/08/2020
VPA/2019/20	25 Bourke Road	Alexandria	Skylife Bourke Pty Ltd	D/2019/817 – dedication and embellishment of 343m² land for footpath widening to Bourke Road and Bowden Street and a monetary contribution of \$651,784 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	27/08/2020
VPA/2024/7	27-31 Doody Street	Alexandria	The Trust Company (Australia) Ltd	D/2024/238 – dedication of land and construction of a liveable green network and a 6m wide through-site link	10/04/2025
VPA/2022/13	28 Bourke Road	Alexandria	Centuria Prime Partnership No. 2 Pty Ltd	SSD-38600121 – dedication of land and construction of a widened footpath to the Bourke Road frontage, the embellishment and future transfer of land for new public roads and a	15/08/2024

VPA No.	Street address	Suburb	Party to the agreement	Description of works	Date executed
				monetary contribution of \$292,372 towards community infrastructure in the Green Square urban renewal area	
VPA/2021/11	284 Wyndham Street	Alexandria	Emerald City Property Investments Pty Ltd	D/2021/319 – dedication of land and embellishment for footpath widening to Bourke Street, an easement for public access for footpath widening to Botany Road and a monetary contribution of \$7,325,587 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	25/03/2024
VPA/2018/25	290-294 Botany Road	Alexandria	Angreb Pty Ltd and Sentra Investments Pty Ltd	D/2018/1500 – dedication of 102m² land, developer's works for widened footpath, through site link and monetary contribution of \$752,148 for community infrastructure	22/08/2019
VPA/2019/10	320-324 Botany Road	Alexandria	TOGA Development No 15 Pty Ltd and TOGA Project Services Pty Ltd	Dedication of 583.6m² of land for transport plaza and 150.5m² of land for footway widening to Botany Road and O'Riordan Street, the construction of transport plaza, footway widening, green infrastructure for recycled water and energy efficiency and a monetary contribution of \$4,440,000 towards community infrastructure	30/03/2022
VPA/2019/14	326-328 Botany Road	Alexandria	Leading Group Development Pty Ltd	D/2019/657 – dedication and embellishment of 66m² of land for footway widening to Botany Road and O'Riordan Steet and a monetary contribution of \$740,433 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	26/08/2020

VPA No.	Street address	Suburb	Party to the agreement	Description of works	Date executed
VPA/2022/3	330 Botany Road	Alexandria	City West Housing Pty Ltd	D/2021/1484 – land dedication and embellishment of footway widening to all street frontages and a monetary contribution to infrastructure in the Green Square urban renewal area	29/08/2023
VPA/2019/15	338 Botany Road	Alexandria	SGCH Portfolio Ltd	D/2019/87 – dedication and embellishment of 74m² of land for footway widening to Botany Road and new Green Square to Ashmore connector road and a monetary contribution of \$955,245 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	26/02/2020
VPA/2017/19	444-450 Gardeners Road	Alexandria	The Owners – Strata Plan No 34780	D/2017/240 – dedication 120m² for footpath widening and 337m² for future road widening	12/10/2018
VPA/2021/7	552-554 Botany Road	Alexandria	The Big Bocconcini Ball Pty Ltd	D/2019/1488 – dedication and embellishment of footway widening to Botany Road	06/04/2022
VPA/2018/22	5-7 Bourke Road	Alexandria	Alan Yazbek Investments Pty Ltd and Orfanos Investments Pty Ltd	D/2018/1208 – dedication of 298m² for footpath widening and future green link, construction of widened footpath and monetary contribution of \$321,160 for community infrastructure	02/07/2019
VPA/2019/26	59-99 Belmont Street	Alexandria	Aqualand Belmont Development Pty Ltd	D/2019/1249 – dedication and embellishment of 34.48m² of land for pedestrian footpath and cycleway and a monetary contribution of \$425,146.50 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	21/09/2021

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VPA/2019/18	634 Botany Road	Alexandria	Ralph TA Pty Ltd and BR Alexandria Pty Ltd and Ralph NA Pty Ltd	D/2019/684 – dedication and embellishment of a 1.4m setback to Botany Road and a 6m wide through site link to northern side boundary	29/05/2020
VPA/2021/12	110 Victoria Street	Beaconsfield	Taren Point Pty Ltd	D/2021/1054 – monetary contribution of \$36,100 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	27/08/2024
VPA/2024/10	95 Victoria Street	Beaconsfield	Victoria Street Invest Pty Ltd	D/2024/920 – monetary contribution of \$32,775 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	12/05/2025
VPA/2018/12	1 Missenden Road	Camperdown	George Hay Pty Ltd and OARE no 3 Pty Ltd	D/2018/73 – allocation of advertising time on sign for public information, community messages and promotion of council events and initiatives	10/02/2020
VPA/2015/9	51-55 Missenden Road	Camperdown	Pignataro Properties Pty Ltd	X000797 – planning proposal – heritage conservation and environmental sustainability works	16/06/2016
VPA/2022/16	169-173 Darlinghurst Road	Darlinghurst	JCDecaux Australia Pty Ltd and PG Wealth Pty Ltd	D/2022/911 – allocation of advertising time on sign for public information, community messages and promotion of council events and initiatives	07/03/2024
VPA/2021/9	56-78 Oxford Street	Darlinghurst	AM Darlinghurst Investment Pty Ltd	D/2021/1071 and D/2021/1072 – upgrade of Foley Street to a shared zone	14/07/2022
VPA/2015/3	1 Metters Street	Erskineville	Golden Rain Development Pty Ltd	D/2015/154 – dedication of 2,309.5m² of land and construction of new roads and public domain works for portions of Zenith and Metters streets, Coppersmith Lane and a monetary contribution of \$40,525 towards a future pedestrian link	19/10/2015

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VPA/2015/39	149 Mitchell Road	Erskineville	Greenland Golden Horse Investment Pty Ltd and Greenland Golden Horse Investment No. 5 Pty Ltd	D/2015/966 – land dedication and developer's works to deliver Kooka Walk, McPherson Park, Macdonald Street, Alpha and Foundry streets, Stovemaker and Nassau lanes and a stormwater trunk drain	25/07/2017
VPA/2016/30	13A Garden Street	Eveleigh	Eveleigh Precinct Pty Ltd	SSD7317 – embellishment and dedication of public domain as part of the redevelopment of the Australian Technology Park	12/10/2017
VPA/2022/1	357 Glebe Point Road	Glebe	Vision Land Glebe Pty Ltd	D/2021/711 – dedication and embellishment for footway widening to Ferry Lane	05/05/2025
VPA/2020/5	187-189 Thomas Street	Haymarket	Greaton Thomas Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – monetary contributions to community infrastructure in Central Sydney and affordable housing, and a restrictive covenant on the use of below ground floor space	06/08/2021
VPA/2022/6	410 Pitt Street	Haymarket	Australian Village No 13 – Pitt Street Pty Ltd	D/2020/1387 – securing the allocation of 403m² heritage floor space or a monetary contribution to the heritage conservation fund	11/06/2024
VPA/2021/1	413-415 Sussex Street	Haymarket	Elegant Dixon Property Pty Ltd	D/2020/1386 – allocation of the upper floors of the heritage building, including contents for a public purpose that recognises the heritage significance and connections with the Chinese migrant community	22/02/2022
VPA/2022/5	757-759 George Street	Haymarket	Samprian Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – monetary contributions to community infrastructure, public art and heritage conservation works	26/04/2023

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VPA/2021/6	14-26 Wattle Street	Pyrmont	Landdream Pyrmont Pty Ltd	D/2019/649 – construction of new footpath to Jones Street	15/12/2021
VPA/2016/23	6 Baptist Street	Redfern	Surry Hills Project Pty Ltd	X003324 – planning proposal – land dedication and embellishment of 1,389m² for Marriot Street footway widening, new pedestrian/cycle laneway, new park, sustainability measures for the building, and provision of a community bus for the duration of construction	20/12/2017
VPA/2017/11	102-106 Dunning Avenue	Rosebery	Kubis Rosebery Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – provision and dedication of affordable apartments to a community housing provider and dedication of Jones Lane	06/12/2018
VPA/2020/6	16 Rothschild Avenue	Rosebery	Deicorp Projects (Rosebery) Pty Ltd	D/2020/549 – dedication and embellishment of a pedestrian link, an easement for public access and a monetary contribution to infrastructure in the Green Square urban renewal area	05/05/2021
VPA/2024/6	22-40 Rosebery Avenue	Rosebery	Georgia Mackenzie Pty Ltd and Filetron Pty Ltd	SSD-49320959 – dedication and embellishment of 731m² of land for a new laneway, creation of a public access easement for a through site link and a monetary contribution of \$3,989,557 towards community infrastructure in Green Square urban renewal area	02/04/2025
VPA/2017/21	5-15 Dunning Avenue	Rosebery	Stockland Development Pty Ltd	D/2017/1528 – through site link and monetary contribution of \$1,465,090 towards community infrastructure in Green Square urban renewal area	18/09/2018

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VPA/2021/15	657-657A Botany Road	Rosebery	Pico Alfa Pty Ltd	D/2021/1335 – dedication and embellishment of 62.9m² of land for road and footpath widening and a monetary contribution of \$4,776 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	17/11/2022
VPA/2013/14	67 Epsom Road	Rosebery	Overland Consolidated Pty Ltd	D/2008/102 – land dedication of 10,604m² and construction of new roads, monetary contribution of \$1,670,000 towards community infrastructure in Green Square town centre and a monetary contribution of \$17,400 for local cycleways	28/09/2010
VPA/2021/4	74 Rosebery Avenue	Rosebery	Sydney Catholic Schools	D/2020/529 – upgrade of public domain Infrastructure in Morley and Rosebery avenues including pedestrian crossings and street lighting	06/09/2021
VPA/2013/1	87-103 Epsom Road	Rosebery	Reachdaze Pty Ltd and The Warehouse Pty Ltd	D/2005/1340 – land dedication of 16,332.8m² and construction of new park, roads, cycleway and modification of the intersection at Epsom and Link roads	16/09/2011
VPA/2023/14	232-236A Elizabeth Street	Surry Hills	Stasia Holdings Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – construction and dedication of a pedestrian laneway between Reservoir Street and Foster Lane	13/03/2025
VPA/2016/17	1 Alfred Street	Sydney	Lendlease (Goldfields Residential) Pty Ltd and Lendlease (Goldfields Hotel) Pty Ltd	D/2015/1049 – dedication of 400m² of land and embellishment for footpath widening, pedestrian through site links and public art	30/03/2017

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VPA/2020/7	1 Alfred Street	Sydney	Lendlease (Goldfields Hotel) Pty Ltd and Lendlease (Goldfields Residential) Pty Ltd	D/2015/882 – securing the allocation of heritage floor space or a monetary contribution to the heritage conservation fund	24/01/2023
VPA/2021/5	15-17 Hunter Street	Sydney	FT Sydney Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – through site link, public art, sustainability commitments and a monetary contribution to community infrastructure in Central Sydney	30/05/2023
VPA/2016/9	180 George Street	Sydney	Lendlease (Circular Quay) Pty Ltd	S108395 – planning proposal – land dedication for 2 public plazas, a community building and expanded laneway network. Construction of the public plazas and laneways including fitting out the basement level below the George Street plaza as a public bicycle facility. The construction and fitting out of a community building including a cafe. Installation of public art on the George Street plaza. The leasing of 3 floors in the commercial tower as a business innovation space	25/07/2016
VPA/2021/13	2 Chifley Square	Sydney	The Trust Company (Australia) Ltd	Planning proposal – monetary contribution towards community infrastructure in Central Sydney, public art, sustainability commitments and an easement for access to adjoining property basement	29/08/2022
VPA/2017/8	23-33 Bridge Street	Sydney	Pontiac Land (Australia) Pty Ltd and Property NSW	D/2016/1641 – upgrade of Farrer Place and surrounding public domain, and stratum lease over a tunnel under Loftus Street	28/02/2018

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VPA/2013/68	33 Alfred Street	Sydney	Kent Street Pty Ltd and QQT Investment 1 Pty Ltd and Qqt Investment 2 Pty Ltd and others	Planning proposal – S088527 and S106946 – construction of public domain work, through site links, dedication of air stratum, public access easements, heritage conservation work, public art and a monetary contribution towards other public domain renewal works	02/06/2014
VPA/2022/10	331-337 Kent Street	Sydney	333 Kent St Pty Ltd	D/2021/35/A – securing the allocation of 1,037m² heritage floor space or a monetary contribution to the heritage conservation fund	11/09/2023
VPA/2018/6	4-6 Bligh Street	Sydney	4TO6 Bligh Street Tst Co Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – monetary contributions towards affordable housing and infrastructure delivery in Central Sydney and environmental excellence initiatives	24/09/2018
VPA/2015/49	505-523 George Street	Sydney	CFT No 4 Pty Ltd	S121075 – planning proposal – childcare facility 2,600m², community meeting facility 250 m², environmental performance and publicly accessible toilet facilities	07/08/2015
VPA/2016/15	55 Pitt Street	Sydney	Mirvac Capital Pty Ltd and Mirvac Commercial Sub SPV Pty Ltd	S123324 – planning proposal – laneway activation, through site link, public domain upgrades, public art, a monetary contribution of \$5,000,000 towards tech startups action plan, \$7,988,080 to community infrastructure in Central Sydney and a monetary contribution to affordable housing	30/06/2021
VPA/2019/13	59 Wentworth Avenue	Sydney	59 Wentworth Ave Developments Pty Ltd	D/2017/1720/C – securing the allocation of heritage floor space or a monetary contribution to the heritage conservation fund	02/11/2021

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VPA/2022/11	9 Hunter Street	Sydney	Sydney Metro	Planning proposal – early payment of 3% development contribution, additional public art to the value of 0.5% and commitments for environmental sustainability	28/09/2023
VPA/2019/3	9-25 Commonwealth Street	Sydney	WR Sydney Pty Ltd	D/2014/1323/C – securing the allocation of heritage floor space or a monetary contribution to the heritage conservation fund	26/08/2020
VPA/2019/21	385 Wattle Street	Ultimo	TQK Pty Ltd	D/2019/811 – dedication and embellishment of a 4m footway widening to Blackwattle Lane	21/09/2021
VPA/2013/57	485-501 Wattle Street	Ultimo	West Apartments Pty Ltd	D/2002/971 – dedication of 81m² for footpath to Blackwattle Lane, through site link from Wattle Street to Blackwattle Lane, and public domain improvements, monetary contribution of \$750,559 for community infrastructure	08/11/2010
VPA/2019/24	1049 Bourke Street	Waterloo	Grand Village Pty Ltd and Good Village Pty Ltd	D/2019/1082 – dedication and embellishment of 159m² land for footpath widening and a monetary contribution of \$308,588 towards community infrastructure in Green Square	31/10/2022
VPA/2020/14	209-219 Cope Street	Waterloo	New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation and Minister for Planning	X030481 – planning proposal for Waterloo South – dedication and embellishment of new roads, open spaces and public domain	23/02/2023
VPA/2016/3	219-231 Botany Road	Waterloo	Waterloo 1 Pty Ltd	D/2015/1358 – dedication and embellishment of 98.6m² of land for footpath widening and a monetary contribution of \$1,128,150 towards community infrastructure	05/10/2017

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VPA/2021/3	25 Lachlan Street	Waterloo	25 Lachlan St Waterloo Pty Ltd and Pacific Oasis Lachlan Street Waterloo Developments Pty Ltd	D/2020/1457 – dedication and embellishment of footway widenings	31/08/2023
VPA/2016/35	2A Reed Street	Waterloo	Crown W48 Pty Ltd and The Owners – Strata Plan No 44338	D/2016/1450 – dedication and embellishment of 6,656m² of land to deliver new public infrastructure including Archibald Avenue, Reed and Tung Hop streets and Hatbox Place	08/08/2017
VPA/2013/49	857 South Dowling Street	Waterloo	Summerside Group Pty Ltd	D/2012/186 – dedication and embellishment of 110.64 m² of land for footpath widening and landscaping, a monetary contribution of \$160,987.47 towards public domain improvements in the local area and a monetary contribution of \$58,850 towards community infrastructure in the Green Square town centre	12/05/2015
VPA/2020/1	881-893 Bourke Street	Waterloo	Jeffman Pty Ltd and Red Breast Pty Ltd	D/2020/45 – dedication and embellishment of 6,901 m² of land for new east-west road, pedestrian links, shared zones, public park and footway widening to Bourke Street	11/03/2022
VPA/2015/55	895-901 Bourke Street	Waterloo	City West Housing Pty Ltd	D/2015/941 – dedication of 3m wide land at front for footpath widening, embellishment of footpath and dedication of 12m wide land at rear for future road	17/02/2021

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VPA/2016/16	903-921 Bourke Street	Waterloo	Dahua Group Waterloo Project Pty Ltd	S115125 – dedication and works in-kind for road, park and pedestrian through site link	26/03/2019
VPA/2022/14	923 Bourke Street	Waterloo	Fabcot Pty Ltd and Triton Atlas Corp Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – affordable housing, environmental performance initiatives and payment of contributions at construction certificate	18/01/2024
VPA/2023/2	164-172 William Street	Woolloomooloo	William Street Nominee Pty Ltd and Gwynvill Trading Pty Ltd and Kenmure Holdings Pty Ltd	D/2022/139 – dedication of 355m² of land and construction of new pedestrian laneway between Dowling Street and Judge Lane	12/09/2024
VPA/2013/43	13 George Julius Avenue	Zetland	Lincon Epsom Projects Pty Ltd	D/2015/913 – dedication and embellishment of 5,654m² of land for construction of roads including Peters and Letitia streets, Rose Valley Way and George Julius Avenue, footpath widening to Epsom Road, construction of trunk drainage and dedication of 6,234m² for future road and park (Gunyama Park)	10/06/2016
VPA/2013/3	13 Joynton Avenue	Zetland	Cronos Corporation Pty Ltd	D/2004/225 – dedication and embellishment of 7,691.7m² for new park (Mary O'Brien Reserve), new laneway, footpath widening, through site link, stormwater and public domain infrastructure, and monetary contribution of \$1,636,771.39	07/07/2010

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VPA/2023/4	130 Joynton Avenue	Zetland	Deicorp Projects (Joynton Ave) Pty Ltd	D/2024/514 – dedication of land and embellishment as new roads, parks and public domain including completion of Zetland Avenue, extensions of Grandstand and Victoria Park parades, George Julius, Ascot and, Defries avenues, Woolwash Park, Biyanbing Green and Zetland Avenue open space	29/01/2025
VPA/2013/70	1-7 Sonny Leonard Street	Zetland	GMNT Properties Pty Ltd and Korifi Pty Ltd and Petao Pty Ltd	D/2014/1757 – monetary contribution of \$1,631,135 for community infrastructure in Green Square town centre, dedication and embellishment of 498m² for roads, footpaths and associated public domain work and public access easements	05/11/2013
VPA/2013/26	301 Botany Road	Zetland	Crown Green Square Pty Ltd and Sathio Investments Pty Ltd and Crown Cornerstone Investment	D/2014/1758 – dedication and embellishment of 347.5m² for footway widening to Bourke Street and Botany Road, dedication of 231m² to the City for the Green Square Plaza, construction of a publicly accessible path linking the public parking on the site to the Green Square library, a monetary contribution of \$11,890,907 towards the delivery of Green Square town centre, and the design and construction of any proposed building to connect to the City's green infrastructure network	20/10/2011
VPA/2018/18	33A George Julius Avenue	Zetland	Karimbla Properties Pty Ltd	D/2019/976 – dedication of 3,126m² of land and developer's works to construct portions of Rose Valley Way, George Julius Avenue, Epsom Road widening and the Green Square trunk drain	01/05/2020

VPA No.	Street address	Suburb	Party to the agreement	Description of works	Date executed
VPA/2013/67	411 Botany Road	Zetland	Landcom and Mirvac Green Square Pty Ltd	R/2013/30 – dedication of land for new public domain, roads and plazas, works in-kind for essential infrastructure and public domain, design and construction of buildings to be capable of using recycled water, requirements for space heating and cooling and monetary contributions towards community infrastructure	20/08/2013
VPA/2013/83	499 Botany Road	Zetland	Bridgehill (Zetland) Pty Ltd and Waverley Council	R/2013/29 – dedication and embellishment of 27m² of land for footpath, 189m² of land for the extension of Emanual Lane and construction of a pedestrian path and cycleway, 1,965m² of land for public road, construction of a pedestrian through-site link and a monetary contribution of \$1,014,630.04	25/11/2014
VPA/2018/11	888 Bourke Street	Zetland	888 Place Pty Ltd	D/2017/1723 – land dedication of 1257m², construction of widened footpath and new road and a monetary contribution of \$837,541.50 towards community infrastructure	2/03/2019
VPA/2015/2	890-898 Bourke Street	Zetland	Baozheng Development Pty Ltd	D/2015/98 – land dedication of 210m² on Bourke Street for future footpath widening and monetary contribution of \$1,233,575 for community infrastructure	05/09/2016
VPA/2022/18	905 South Dowling Street	Zetland	Karimbla Properties (No 60) Pty Ltd	Planning proposal – dual reticulation in buildings for recycled water, a minimum 4% non-residential gross floor area, exceedance of BASIX targets for water and energy and provision for EV charging capable parking	18/03/2024

VPA No.	Street address	Suburb	Party to the agreement	Description of works	Date executed
VPA/2023/10	905 South Dowling Street	Zetland	Karimbla Properties (No 60) Pty Ltd	D/2023/724 – dedication of land and embellishment for new parks, roads, road widening, through site link and extension of Green Square trunk drainage system	24/06/2024

# Development contributions – planning agreements

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#### **Contributions received**

Land, works and monetary contributions received through planning agreements in the year 2024/25 are below.

VPA No.	Address	Land (m²)	Attributed land value	Land purpose	Works in kind (WIK)	Attributed WIK value	Monetary contribution	Contribution purpose
VPA/2015/45	15 Bowden Street, Alexandria	75.40	\$15,080	Footway widening	-	-	_	-
VPA/2019/20	25 Bourke Road, Alexandria	343.00	\$68,600	Footway widening	Footway widening	\$124,166	_	-
VPA/2020/10	15-17 William Street, Alexandria	-	-	-	-	-	\$230,109	Community infrastructure in Green Square urban renewal area

VPA No.	Address	Land (m²)	Attributed land value	Land purpose	Works in kind (WIK)	Attributed WIK value	Monetary contribution	Contribution purpose
VPA/2021/12	108-112 Victoria Street, Beaconsfield	-	-	-	-	-	\$36,100	Community infrastructure in Green Square urban renewal area
VPA/2024/10	95 Victoria Street, Beaconsfield	-	-	-	-	-	\$32,775	Community infrastructure in Green Square urban renewal area
VPA/2016/23	6 Baptist Street, Redfern	889.0	-	Footway widening and new road	-	-	_	-
VPA/2020/6	16 Rothschild Avenue, Rosebery	296.10	\$59,220	New pedestrian laneway	Pedestrian laneway	\$228,422	-	-
VPA/2018/11	888 Bourke Street, Waterloo	-	_	-	-	-	\$1,011,302	Community infrastructure in Green Square urban renewal area
VPA/2013/70	501-509 Botany Road, Zetland	673.60	-	Footway widening, new road and pedestrian link	-	-	-	-

VPA No.	Address	Land (m²)	Attributed land value	Land purpose	Works in kind (WIK)	Attributed WIK value	Monetary contribution	Contribution purpose
VPA/2013/67	77-93 Portman Street, Zetland	-	-	-	Extension of Portman Lane	\$268,947	-	-
VPA/2013/43	106 Epsom Road, Zetland	111.60	\$22,320	Road widening	-	-	_	-
Total		2,388.70	\$165,220			\$621,535	\$1,310,286	

# **Contributions expenditure**

Expenditure of planning agreement monetary contributions in the year 2024/25 is below.

Purpose	Amount
City North public domain masterplan (including public domain in Bridge / Loftus Street vicinity)	\$13,000,000
Heritage Conservation Fund works to Hyde Park lighting, Chinatown Gates restoration, City Centre Sydney Square upgrade, public art restoration, and Hyde Park tree replacement works	\$6,341,190
Sydney University to Redfern station public domain improvements	\$2,000,000
Community infrastructure	\$1,291,299
New roads, stormwater drainage and facilities in the Green Square town centre and urban renewal area	\$650,000
George Street business innovation space – fitout works and operating costs	\$100,000
Total	\$23,382,489

# Development contributions – s7.11 contributions and s7.12 levies

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The City of Sydney administers 2 development contribution plans.

The Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 is a section 7.12 plan that applies to development in Central Sydney. Residual contributions also continue to be received and managed for developments to which the Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2013 applied. This was a contributions plan under section 61 of the City of Sydney Act 1988 which has now been repealed, but it preceded the start of the 2020 plan.

The City of Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 is a section 7.11 contributions plan that applies to the remainder of the City of Sydney local government area.

#### **Contributions received**

The total amount of contributions received under contributions plans for 2024/25 financial year was \$70,689,721, comprising monetary contributions of \$48,243,931 and works in kind of \$22,445,790.

#### **Contributions expenditure**

The total amount of monetary contributions expended under contributions plans for 2024/25 financial year was \$48,243,931.

The below provides a breakdown of section 7.11, section 7.12 and section 61 contributions expended during the 2024/25 financial year, against works list items detailed within the respective plans. Both plans are currently in recoupment, meaning that contributions received are applied to works previously undertaken. Accordingly, amounts expended under each plan are limited to the extent of contributions received during the financial year.

The percentage of cost funded by contributions reflects contributions expended to date as a proportion of total project cost. For projects with a status of 'recoupment' or 'underway', the per cent of cost funded by contributions is subject to change in future years as works are completed and/or further contributions are received. Only works list items from each plan that used development contributions during the financial year are shown in the table below.

Contributions plan (CP)	Project ID (per CP)	Project description	Type of public amenity or service	Monetary amount expended from development contributions	Contributions expended to date	Project status	Cost funded by contributions
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	OS2	Embellishment – embellishment of acquired land, 0.45 ha approx.	Open space	\$1,645,138	\$3,145,138	Underway	100%
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	OS4	Upgrade – install shading at various existing playgrounds e.g. Oatley Road Reserve, Paddington	Open space	\$36,682	\$236,682	Underway	66% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	OS6	Acquisitions – southern precinct – 4.61 ha approx. – various locations	Open space	\$5,633,223	\$68,757,647	Underway	68% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	OS25	Embellishment – Drying Green, Zetland, 0.62 ha	Open space	-\$16,252 <sup>21</sup>	\$8,894,050	Complete	39% to date

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> A correction due to finalisation of project costs resulted in credit adjustments to the contribution expenditure

Contributions plan (CP)	Project ID (per CP)	Project description	Type of public amenity or service	Monetary amount expended from development contributions	Contributions expended to date	Project status	Cost funded by contributions
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	OS38	Upgrade – Alexandria Park community school – upgrade playing fields, subject to community support	Open space	-\$8,242 <sup>22</sup>	\$1,863,678	Complete	23% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	TT68	New road – east-west relief route – west of Green Square town centre (land acquisition, 0.481 ha)	Traffic and transport	\$427,506	\$5,150,837	Future	100%
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	TT73	New road – east-west boulevard (Zetland Avenue) – within Green Square town centre (works)	Traffic and transport	\$355,796	\$7,775,978	Recoupment	96% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2013 (Section 61 City of Sydney Act)	32	Embellishment – Harbour Village North Public Domain	Public domain	\$250,000	\$14,722,895	Recoupment	83% to date

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> A correction due to finalisation of project costs resulted in credit adjustments to the contribution expenditure

Contributions plan (CP)	Project ID (per CP)	Project description	Type of public amenity or service	Monetary amount expended from development contributions	Contributions expended to date	Project status	Cost funded by contributions
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2013 (Section 61 City of Sydney Act)	33	Public domain improvements (principally footways) – Chinatown	Public domain	\$2,241,657	\$12,666,727	Recoupment	93% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Section 7.12)	11	Light Rail-related George Street public domain upgrade and ancillary works – CBD to southeast	Public domain improvements	\$10,000,000	\$22,000,000	Recoupment	10% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Section 7.12)	16	Land acquisition – Town Hall Square	Public domain improvements	\$9,000,000	\$23,000,000	Recoupment	37% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Section 7.12)	20	Redevelopment – Prince Alfred Park and Pool	Community facilities	\$6,759,649	\$8,759,649	Recoupment	41% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Section 7.12)	26	Works package – Cook & Phillip Aquatic and Fitness Centre	Community facilities	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Underway	93% to date

Contributions plan (CP)	Project ID (per CP)	Project description	Type of public amenity or service	Monetary amount expended from development contributions	Contributions expended to date	Project status	Cost funded by contributions
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Section 7.12)	28	Acquisition – Customs House	Community facilities	\$5,000,000	\$7,000,000	Recoupment	26% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Section 7.12)	30	Cycleway – Liverpool Street	Roads, traffic and transport facilities	\$3,182,532	\$4,304,674	Recoupment	47% to date
Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2020 (Section 7.12)	32	Cycleway – Castlereagh Street, central and south	Roads, traffic and transport facilities	\$2,736,242	\$3,236,242	Recoupment	33% to date

The following are non-monetary contributions (land and works in kind) received/recognised during 2024/25.

Contributions plan (CP)	Project ID (per CP)	Project description	Type of public amenity or service	Value of land dedication	Value of material public benefit provided <sup>23</sup>	Contribution received to date	Project status	Cost funded by contributions
City of Sydney Development Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	OS16	Dedication – McPherson Park, Erskineville, 0.74 ha	Open space	-	\$7,522,431	\$7,522,431	Future	0%
City of Sydney Development Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	OS18	Dedication – Kooka Walk, Erskineville, 0.74 ha	Open space	-	\$4,407,121	\$4,407,121	Future	0%
City of Sydney Development Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	SD2	New trunk drain – Ashmore to Alexandra Canal	Stormwater drainage	-	\$5,695,181	\$5,695,181	Future	0%
City of Sydney Development Plan 2015 (Section 7.11)	SD1	New trunk drain – Green Square and Joynton Avenue to Alexandra Canal	Stormwater drainage	-	\$4,821,058	\$4,821,058	Future	0%

The following field was not applicable for the City of Sydney in the 2024/25 financial year and have not been included in the table above:

amounts expended temporarily borrowed.

This category will be reported in future years as applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Material public benefit contributions (i.e. works in kind) are recognised at the earlier of: 1) receipt of a bond/bank guarantee securing the value of works; or 2) acceptance and transfer of completed works (where value not previously secured)



Image 9. Liverpool Street cycleway. Photo by Will Jones / City of Sydney

# Public access to government information

**Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009** 

No 52 Part 7 s 125 and NSW Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 CI 8(d) and Schedule 2

This report includes information on the City's proactive disclosure program, our program of informal access to information through information access requests, and information in the form required by clause 8 and Schedule 2 of the *Government Information* (Public Access) Regulation 2018 on section 41 (formal) access applications and section 82 review applications.

# 1. Review of proactive release program – Clause 8(a)

Under section 7(3) of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, each year the City must review its program for the release of government information. This identifies the kinds of information it holds that should, in the public interest, be made publicly available and that can be made publicly available without imposing unreasonable extra costs.

Our program for the proactive release of information involves 4 broad activities:

Activity 1 – providing information, which is not statutorily required to be provided, through extensive publication on our website

Activity 2 – maintaining and promoting to employees a practice of openness and accountability about the information for which they are stewards

Activity 3 – identifying both information that is requested most often and opportunities for future self-service access to that information

Activity 4 – planning and implementing open data initiatives.

As in previous years, this year's review of the program identified information that the City proactively disclosed, the platforms on which publication occurred, and high level data about website and social media use. The latter demonstrates high levels of access to

the information disclosed proactively by the City.

Activity 1 – Examples of providing information, which is not statutorily required to be provided, through extensive publication on our website

<u>Cataloguing, digitising and publishing archival</u> <u>records</u>

The online catalogue, Archives and History Resources, continues to provide enhanced access to the City's increasing archival resources.

The catalogue now provides online descriptive information for around 1,071,242 items.

In 2024/25 more than 31,000 digital items were added to the catalogue through our ongoing digitisation and volunteer programs.

New collections added to the catalogue included:

- Town Clerk's correspondence 1899 –
   1913 Vols 2-9 Letters Sent (6,000 items)
- Michael Yates photograph collection (237 items)
- Paul Patterson Sydney Squares and Precincts (32 items)
- Paul Patterson Light rail photographs Part 1 (555 items)
- Katherine Griffiths Photographs of City models (15 items)
- Survey plots (96 items)
- Protocol photographs (132 items)
- C. Moore Hardy Fair Day 2012 (242 items)
- C. Moore Hardy Mardi Gras 2012 (526 items)
- Town Hall ephemera (58 items)
- Community ephemera (58 items)
- Paddington Town Hall photographs (191 items)
- Demolition Book albums (17 items)

Scans were added to the following collections:

Town Clerk's correspondence folders (12,900)

- Finance Committee reports (534)
- Staff cards1900–1920 (10,000)
- Video and film series (188 items)

New curated 'collection tiles' were added to improve access to archival resources.

Several series were made more accessible due to volunteer projects to enhance descriptive information. Volunteers have also compiled 3,000 index entries this year for the Surveyor's Field Books (24,000 in total).

At 30 June 2025 there were 11,520 registered catalogue users. Indicative figures demonstrate consistently that users are represented from all age groups with 25 to 34 year olds being the most common users.

In the year the catalogue saw:

- 231,550 total users
- 1,935,405 page views
- 385,977 sessions
- 51,308 downloads.

Specific records that were proactively disclosed, by name on webpage

Community support and funding

- LGBTIQA+ services
- Food support grants

Cultural support and funding

- Innovation and idea grants
- Festivals and events sponsorship

Public health and safety programs

- Food support directory for the 2024/25 holiday season
- Mobile cooling hubs

Outdoor events filming

- Holding small gatherings in parks and public spaces
- Holding wedding ceremonies and marriage proposals in parks and public spaces

Waste and recycling services

- Get recycling help
- Using recycling stations

#### **Parks**

Garraway Park

Building and facility upgrades

- Eternity Playhouse maintenance works
- Jubilee Oval upgrade
- Victoria Park Pool maintenance

Building new infrastructure

 Building the new Huntley Street Recreation Centre, Alexandria

Improving streets and public spaces

- Building new cycleways on Wellington Street, Waterloo
- A cycling link between King and College streets, Sydney
- Improving Darghan Street Steps, Glebe
- Managing waste on Dixon Street
- New raised intersection with Progress Pride flag in Darlinghurst
- Planting more trees on Dibbs Street, Centennial Park
- Planting more trees on Walker Street, Redfern
- Two-way cycling on some one-way streets

Park and playground works

- Building Gunyama Park stage 2 and George Julius Avenue North, Zetland
- Greening McConville Reserve, Beaconsfield
- Improving neighbourhood parks in Redfern
- Upgrade works for Cooper Street Reserve and Adelaide Street Reserve, Surry Hills
- Upgrade works for Douglas Street Playground Redfern
- Upgrading Edgely Street Reserve, Surry Hills
- Upgrading lighting and power in Hyde Park
- Upgrading Observatory Park exercise equipment
- Upgrading Robyn Kemmis Reserve, Glebe

#### City of Sydney submissions

 WestConnex and related projects – response to the NSW Government's work and alternative solutions

#### Council governance and administration

- Australian Life Photography Competition 2025
- Child safe code of conduct facilities and venues
- Complaint management procedure
- Contracts awarded over \$150,000
- Councillor meeting records with registered lobbyists and property developers
- Councillors' expenditure reports
- Delegation registers
- Development contributions register
- Grants and sponsorship program guidelines
- KGV fitness centre membership
- Library conditions of entry
- Open access information
- Our child safe reporting process
- Our risk management principles
- Outdoor dining guidelines
- Pecuniary interest returns
- Sydney Lunar Festival 2026 Banner Gallery expression of interest
- Sydney (re)Imagined competition 2024 terms and conditions

#### Policy and planning changes

- Draft deed of variation to planning agreement: 200 Bourke Road & 504A– 506 Gardeners Road, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 9–13 Bourke Road, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 15-17 William Street, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 20 Bourke Road, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 22-40
   Rosebery Avenue & 108 Dalmeny
   Avenue, Rosebery

- Draft planning agreement: 25–27 Dunning Avenue, Rosebery
- Draft planning agreement: 27–31 Doody Street, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 95 Victoria Street, Beaconsfield
- Draft planning agreement: 132–138
   McEvoy Street, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 158 Botany
   Road & 158 Wyndham Street, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 174, 174A & 180 George Street & 11-15, 12-22 & 17-23 Sai Ying Lane, Sydney
- Draft planning agreement: 216-220
   Wyndham Street, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 290–294
   Botany Road, Alexandria
- Draft planning agreement: 723 Botany Road, Rosebery
- Draft planning agreement 903-921
   Bourke Street Waterloo
- Draft planning agreement: 130 Joynton Avenue, Zetland
- Have your say on our car sharing policy
- Have your say Central Sydney on-street parking policy
- Have your say on changes to the display of goods on the footway policy
- Have your say on changes to the managing waste in public places – local approvals policy
- Have your say on our neighbourhood onstreet parking policy
- Have your say on hoisting and construction activities on and above roads
- Have your say on proposed planning controls in Ultimo and Pyrmont
- Have your say on our revised environmental strategy
- Have your say on standards for construction-related temporary structures
- Have your say on our updated community strategic plan
- Proposed heritage listing of 3 buildings in Chinatown

- Your feedback on changes to planning controls for 56–60 Pitt Street and 3 Spring Street, Sydney
- Your feedback on our new inclusion (disability) action plan
- Your feedback on our pesticide use notification plan and weed management policy
- Your feedback on proposed changes to planning controls for 1–25 O'Connell Street and 8–16 Spring Street, Sydney
- Your feedback on proposed changes to planning controls to support all-electric new development
- Your feedback on proposed changes to reduce the loss of housing across the City of Sydney area
- Your feedback on proposed planning controls for heritage conservation areas
- Your say on our delivery program, operational plan and resourcing strategy
- Your say on our draft councillors' expenses and facilities policy
- Your say on our draft mobile food vending vehicles local approvals policy
- Your say on flooding in Sydney City, Darling Harbour and neighbouring suburbs
- Your say on our new environmental strategy
- Your say on proposed amendments to managing entertainment sound and trading hours
- Your say on proposed changes to the Central Sydney development contributions plan 2020
- Your say on proposed planning changes for 232–240 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills
- Your say on proposed planning changes for 383-395A Kent Street, Sydney
- Your say on proposed planning control changes 8-24 Kippax Street, Surry Hills
- Your say on proposed planning control changes for 47-51 Riley Street Woolloomooloo

- Your say on proposed planning control changes for 242-258 Young Street, Waterloo
- Your say on special entertainment precincts
- Your say on our Stretch reconciliation action plan 2025-2028
- Your say on the updated busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practice policy
- Your say on our updated grants and sponsorship guidelines
- Your say on updates to planning controls related to greening, amenity, parking and design excellence
- Your say on updating our register of significant trees

#### Proposed works and maintenance

- Your feedback on new exercise equipment at Observatory Park
- Your feedback on Redfern Park Playground, Redfern
- Your feedback on new fencing at The Crescent Synthetic Sportsfield
- Your feedback on the proposed design for Mountain Street Reserve, Ultimo
- Your feedback on seating in Hyde Park
- Your feedback on upgrading Jubilee Oval public toilets
- Your say on increasing tree canopy on Rosebery Avenue, Rosebery
- Your say on Kirsova 3 Playground, Glebe
- Your say on May Pitt Playground, Forest Lodge
- Your say on parking changes to Arundel,
   Catherine, Seamer, Mount Vernon and
   Westmoreland streets, Glebe
- Your say on planting more trees on Tweedmouth Avenue, Rosebery
- Your say on the proposed design for Ward Park, Surry Hills
- Your say on Thomas Portley Reserve Playground, Glebe
- Your say on upgrading Observatory Park exercise equipment

#### Vision setting

- Your say on our new economic development strategy
- Your feedback on all-electric new development
- Your say on developing our new inclusion (disability) action plan
- Your say on shaping your city

#### **Public notices**

- 2023/24 annual financial statements
- Ad hoc grant The Nest
- Land classification proposal 57C
   Ashmore Street, Erskineville
- Land classification proposal for 895–901
   Bourke Street, Waterloo
- Proposal to reclassify 10 lots of operational land
- Proposed land classification 22
   O'Riordan Street, Alexandria
- 2023/24 annual financial statements
- Proposed lease to City North Men's Shed for Abraham Mott Community Space, 2 Watson Road, Millers Point
- Proposed lease to Flowers on Martin Place
- Proposed lease to Habibi Juice Belmore Park, Haymarket
- Proposed lease to Wildflower, Gardens for Good for Harry Jensen Centre, 2 Watson Road, Millers Point
- Proposed licence for temporary storage of sports equipment at Bicentennial Park
- Proposed traffic changes at Tweed Place, Green Square
- Proposed works licence for Jones Street Pocket Park, Pyrmont
- Your say on the proposed name Daranggara Park
- Your say on the proposed name Frog Lane
- Your say on the proposed name Heckle Lane
- Your say on the proposed name Ngana gili Plaza

- Your say on the proposed name Wiriyagan Place, Alexandria
- Your say on a proposed outdoor alcoholfree zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont
- Your say on renaming Erskineville Oval grandstand

#### **Policies**

- Asset management policy
- Car sharing policy
- Central Sydney on-street parking policy
- Child safety policy
- Code of conduct procedures
- Code of meeting practice
- Complaint management policy
- Council-related development applications policy
- Councillor meetings with registered lobbyists and property developers policy
- Councillors' expenses and facilities policy
- Investment policy
- Investment property policy
- Managing asbestos policy
- Mobile food vending vehicles policy local approvals policy
- Modern slavery policy
- Neighbourhood parking policy
- Privacy management plan
- Revenue policy: Fees and charges
- Work, health and safety policy

#### Guides

- Bike sharing
- Business bicycle fleet toolkit
- Exemptions for pruning and removing trees
- Guidelines for speakers at meetings
- Library membership and your City of Sydney account
- Managing an apartment building's waste and recycling
- Prepare for an emergency: residents, workers, visitors

- Programs and support for older people
- Support for carers
- How we're saving water

#### Opportunities

- Apply to hire our synthetic sports fields in Alexandria
- Become the broadcast partner for Sydney New Year's Eve
- Become a storyteller at one of our spaces
- Bring your creative and community ideas to life in Green Square
- Build and run an affordable residential aged care facility in Redfern
- Create a living museum: Redfern Terrace
- Create the midnight soundtrack for Sydney New Year's Eve 2025
- Expression of interest 2 multipurpose spaces offered for community use
- Expression of interest creative live/work spaces
- Expression of interest: NAIDOC in the City event management
- Expression of interest creative work space
- Hire Eternity Playhouse for productions
- Join the anti-racism allyship network
- Join our changemakers launchpad program
- Join our floodplain risk management committee
- Join the international student leadership and ambassador program
- Join one of our advisory panels
- Join the Sydney Lunar Festival community performance program
- Join our youth civic participation program
- Major events and festivals charity partnerships
- Nominate to join our design and public art advisory panels
- Perform at Sydney Streets
- Register your interest to run a Christmas market in Martin Place

- Register your interest to run a market in Taylor Square north
- Share your experiences working in the creative sector and in creative spaces
- Show your artwork super-sized
- Sydney (re)Imagined artist callout

#### **NSW Government projects**

 Centennial Parklands and Callan Park regulation

#### Research and reports

- Affordable and diverse housing update
- Annual report
- Approved grants
- City economic insights
- City monitor reports
- Community insights report 2024
- A community vision for Wentworth Park
- Creative City cultural policy and action plan 2014-2024 highlights and achievements
- Danks Street south precinct: concept design summary
- Engagement report inclusion (disability) action plan 2025-2029
- Floor space and employment survey 2022
- Green report
- Inclusion (disability) action plan annual report
- Inner Sydney Regional Bicycle Network:
   Demand assessment and economic appraisal
- Insights report on community gardens policy review
- Mapping summer microclimates
- Millers Point traffic and transport study
- Open field agency: public domain and public art strategy report for the Danks Street south precinct
- Smart green apartments annual report
- Stretch reconciliation action plan annual report

#### Case studies

Arkadia apartments

- BaptistCare
- Billyard Gardens
- Moore Park Gardens
- Oasis apartments
- Parc Belvoir
- Presidio apartments
- Rhodes House apartments
- Verve apartments
- Wharf Terraces
- Zenix apartments
- Zinc apartments

#### Strategies and action plans

- Access strategy and action plan: continuing the vision
- City Art public art strategy
- City centre public art plan
- 'A City for Walking' strategy and action plan – continuing the vision
- Community engagement strategy and community participation plan
- Cultural strategy 2025–2035
- Cycling strategy and action plan
- Economic development strategy
- Green Square public art strategy
- Local emergency management plan
- Operational plan
- Reconciliation action plan
- Resourcing strategy
- A city for all towards a socially just and resilient Sydney

#### Lists, maps and inventories

- Bike hire, shops and pumps
- Coach parking zones map
- Construction approvals: End of year exclusion zones
- Fees and charges for outdoor venue hire
- Fees and charges for joining or using a library
- Mobility parking
- Parking permit area maps

- Sydney cycling map
- Tree species list

#### History

- History of Arthur McElhone Reserve
- History of Erskineville Oval
- History of Glebe foreshore parks
- History of Hollis Park
- History of Observatory Park
- History of Shannon Reserve

#### Walks and rides

- House and building histories guide
- History walks

#### Affordable housing contributions

- City of Sydney affordable housing program
- Green Square affordable housing program

#### Things to see and do

Town Hall House city model

#### Sports facilities

- Alan Davidson Oval
- Alexandria Park Oval
- Erskineville Oval
- Federal Park Sportsfield
- Gunyama Park Synthetic Sportsfield
- Jubilee Oval
- Outdoor courts, Maybanke Community Centre
- Redfern Oval
- Reg Bartley Oval
- Turruwul Park Sportsfield
- Waterloo Oval
- Alan Davidson Oval
- Wentworth Park Sportsfields

#### Hireable indoor spaces

- Community Room 3, Pyrmont Community Centre
- Darlington Activity Centre
- Meeting room, Perry Park Recreation Centre

Conference venue hire

Hireable outdoor spaces

Sports facility booking and services

#### General

- How to lodge electronic files for development, building and public domain applications
- Request flood model information for a floodplain catchment
- Living colour displays
- KGV Recreation Centre pickleball competition
- Sydney Christmas

Environment support and funding

- Reusable furniture drop-off trial
- Green building grants

#### Libraries

Access printing, copying and scanning services

Methods of public access to proactively disclosed information

#### Owned media

The City's main owned distribution platforms are:

#### Websites:

- Corporate website: cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
- What's On: whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
- City of Sydney News: news.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

#### Email newsletters:

- City of Sydney News
- What's On
- Libraries
- Sydney Your Say
- Community centres
- CitySwitch
- Sustainable apartments
- Green Square
- Sydney City Farm

#### Printed materials

- Letters
- Signs
- Posters
- Hoardings

#### Paid media

Above the line platforms, including:

- Communications pylons
- Outdoor media
- Press
- Out of home
- Radio

Digital advertising, including:

- Display
- Search engine marketing
- Social media advertising
- Discovery platforms
- Native advertising
- Podcast advertising
- Content partnerships

#### Social media

- LinkedIn
  - 636 published posts and messages
  - 62,217 followers
- Facebook
  - 10,897published posts and messages
  - 301,574 followers
- X (formerly Twitter)
  - 741 published posts and messages
  - 267,549 followers
- Instagram
  - 6,846 published posts and messages
  - 259,789 followers
- YouTube
  - 46 published posts and messages
  - 16,075 followers

#### Website access

The development application search page received:

- 1,190,241 views
- 120,803 users
- 327,977 sessions
- 100,041 referrals to eplanning.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Pages /XC.track/SearchApplication.aspx from cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

The City of Sydney website (cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au and online.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) received:

- 8,591,632 views
- 2,353,966 users
- 4,209,647 sessions
- 399,907 downloads.

Indicative figures demonstrate consistently that users are represented from all age groups with 25 to 34 year olds being the most common users.

# Activity 2 – Maintaining and promoting to workers a practice of openness and accountability for information and decision making

Under the access to information guideline for City of Sydney employees, subject matter experts throughout the City continued to apply principles of openness and accountability by locating information and providing it to the information access and archives teams to meet requests by members of the public.

# <u>Activity 3 – Identifying information requested</u> most often

As in previous years, the City identified that most requests received for records and information were related to development applications and decisions, namely open access information.

The City's website and the Archives and History Resources catalogue provided access to a significant amount of this information with search tools to facilitate public self-serve access. As described above new information was added to the catalogue in 2024/25.

#### Activity 4 - Open data

In 2024/25 we published 6 open data sets in the City of Sydney data hub:

- Parks
- Sports and recreation facilities
- Library accessible features
- Car sharing usage 2023
- Floor Space and Employment Survey 2022
- Free tree giveaway 2025

#### 2. Information access (informal) requests

We have an online service for information access requests, section 41 access applications and section 82 internal review applications. Requests and applications can also be made by email and letter.

The City's information access and archives teams received 2,904 information access requests in 2024/25. Most of the information was provided by email and other digital means.

The City continued to provide a reading room service on level 21 of Town Hall House when access to the hard copy of records was required, for example when copyright prevented sending copies. There were 168 visits to the reading room recorded for the year. A virtual online reading room also continued to operate.

# 3. Access applications received – Clause 8(b) Government Information (Public Access) Regulation

In 2024/25 the City of Sydney received 78 formal access applications (including withdrawn applications but not invalid applications which remained invalid).

# 4. Access applications refused – Clause 8(c) Government Information (Public Access) Regulation

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# Statistical information about access applications

Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome<sup>24</sup>

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members of Parliament	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private sector business	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
Not for profit organisations or community groups	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Members of the public (application by legal representative)	32	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Members of the public (other)	21	3	0	1	0	0	0	2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision. This also applies to Table B

Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome

	Access granted in full	Access granted in part	Access refused in full	Information not held	Information already available	Refuse to deal with application	Refuse to confirm/deny whether information is held	Application withdrawn
Personal information applications <sup>25</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	54	3	0	4	1	0	0	12
Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The total number of decisions in Table B should be the same as Table A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> A personal information application is an access application for personal information (as defined in clause 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual)

**Table C: Invalid applications** 

Reason for invalidity	No of applications		
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	5		
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	0		
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	0		
Total number of invalid applications received	5		
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	0		

Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 to the Act

	Number of times consideration used <sup>26</sup>
Overriding secrecy laws	0
Cabinet information	0
Executive Council information	0
Contempt	0
Legal professional privilege	0
Excluded information	0
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and, if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies in relation to Table E

	Number of times consideration used <sup>26</sup>
Transport safety	0
Adoption	0
Care and protection of children	0
Ministerial code of conduct	0
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0
nformation about complaints to Judicial Commission	0
nformation about authorised transactions under Electricity Network Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2015	0
nformation about authorised transaction under Land and Property Information NSW (Authorised Transaction) Act 2016	6 0

Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of the Act

Number of occasions when application not successful
0
0
3
0
0
0
0

**Table F: Timeliness** 

	Number of applications
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	63
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	2
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	0
Total	65

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Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)

	Decision varied	Decision upheld	Total
Internal review	2	0	2
Review by Information Commissioner <sup>27</sup>	0	1	1
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0	0
Review by NCAT	0	0	0
Total	2	1	3

Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)

	Number of applications for review
Applications by access applicants	1
Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application relates (see section 54 of the Act)	2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions but can make recommendations to the original decision-maker. The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made by the Information Commissioner

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#### Table I: Applications transferred to other agencies under Division 2 of Part 4 of the Act (by type of transfer)

	Number of applications transferred
Agency-initiated transfer	0
Application-initiated transfer	0



Image 10. Cliff Noble Centre, Alexandria. Photo by Abril Felman

# Recovery and threat abatement plans

## Fisheries Management Act 1994 s 220ZT (2)

The City was not identified as responsible for the implementation of any recovery plans for threatened species, populations and ecological communities or threat abatement plans prepared under the *Fisheries Management Act* during 2024/25.

# Donations – public space improvements

## City of Sydney Act 1988 s63(3)

In 2024/25 the City received 7 donations for public space improvements towards planting of trees and park benches. These donations are shown below.

Date	Donor	Amount
18 Jul 2024	Bethany Bartos	\$1,000
15 Aug 2024	Julian Parry (Arbor Pride)	\$1,000
16 Sep 2024	Ruth Bearpark	\$1,000
13 Dec 2024	Maureen Macfarlan	\$10,000
7 Feb 2025	Sally Tingle	\$1,000
28 Feb 2025	Rachael Tsang	\$1,000
20 Mar 2025	Shaluka Dsilva	\$1,000
Total		\$16,000

The donations were used to plant trees in Ethel Turner Reserve, Victoria Park, Giba Park, Sydney Park and Tarakan Reserve.

### Capital expenditure

#### Office of Local Government and Department of Premier and Cabinet – Capital Expenditure Guidelines December 2010 s12

The capital works projects listed below meet the criteria for reporting under the NSW Office of Local Government's Capital Expenditure Guidelines (December 2010) in 2024/25:

Sydney Park Brick Kilns – renewal works

#### Service review

# Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines 2021 Essential Element 5.3

The City is committed to improving the quality of services to our communities. We also have a commitment to simplify and improve internal processes and services. We progressed reviews of internal corporate service processes, with the intent of freeing up employee time and improving employee satisfaction.

A review of the operating model for property services was carried out. The review resulted in a changed operating model, focused on improved portfolio management, asset management and stakeholder engagement.

A review of the procurement and contract management service was completed. The review resulted in recommendations to increase the value for impact through procurement activity.

Council processes are continually being improved, with a current focus on simplifying and digitising all application forms. These forms will improve the community experience of residents and business when requesting City services.

### Corporate sponsorship

#### **City of Sydney Corporate Sponsorship Policy**

All sponsorships, including the name of the sponsor and the sponsorship asset sponsored in the financial year 2024/25 are below.

#### **Art & About**

OM Digital Solutions – support partner

#### **Reboot Webinar Series**

Service NSW – leadership partner

#### **Sydney Christmas**

- Australian Radio Network - media partner

#### Lord Mayor's Welcome for International Students

Premier's Department, Study NSW – leadership partner

#### Sydney New Year's Eve

- Australian Radio Network media partner
- Australian Broadcast Corporation leadership partner

#### **Sydney Lunar New Year Festival**

- Australian Radio Network media partner
- Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office support partner
- The Special Broadcasting Service associate partner
- TorchMedia associate partner
- Transdev associate partner

Of the \$1,791,238 total corporate sponsorship revenue received, \$152,000 was made up of cash and \$1,639,238 was value in kind.

#### Public interest disclosures

#### Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022 S78

The City's public interest disclosure policy outlines the procedures for reporting serious wrongdoing, dealing with disclosures and protections against detrimental action. The policy is modelled on the NSW Ombudsman's guidelines and model policy and applies to all public officials at the City.

The policy ensures that as a public authority, the City meets its responsibilities when receiving and dealing with public interest disclosures under Part 5 of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022*.

The City carried out a number of actions to ensure public officials associated with the City are aware of the policy and the protections under the legislation for a person who makes a public interest disclosure. These actions included training and information sessions, internal communications and content on the intranet.

				Voluntary pub disclos	
Public offic of Sydney	ials who made pu	blic interest discl	osures to the City	4	
Public inter	rest disclosures re	ceived		4	
Total public	c interest disclosu	res finalised		5	j
Disclosures	received primarily	/ about:			
Corrupt conduct	Government information contravention	Local government pecuniary contravention	Corrupt maladministration	Privacy contravention	Serious and substantial waste of public money
4	0	0	0	0	0

### Swimming pool regulation

NSW Swimming Pools Act 1992 s22F (2) and NSW Swimming Pools Regulation 2018 cl 23

The activities below took place during the year to ensure compliance with the provisions of the *NSW Swimming Pools Act 1992* and its regulations.

Description	Number
Inspections of tourist and visitor accommodation	17
Inspections with more than 2 dwellings	100
Inspections resulting in the issue of a certificate of compliance 22D	271
Inspections resulting in the issue of a certificate of non-compliance	0
Inspections with single dwellings	205



Image 11. City of Sydney lifeguard watching over swimmers at Gunyama Park and Aquatic Centre pool. Photo by Chris Southwood / City of Sydney

### Carers recognition

## Carers Recognition Act 2010 No. 20 s 8 (2)

The City maintained its strong commitment to supporting people with carer responsibilities. It responds to the diverse and changing needs of employees who are carers by providing flexible and inclusive work practices that support individual life situations. In 2024/25 the City met its obligations under the Carers (Recognition) Act 2010 through a range of initiatives and programs.

We were named one of Australia's best places to work by the Australian Financial Review. We maintained our certification as a family friendly workplace by UNICEF Australia and Parents at Work, and we were recognised as an inclusive employer by the Diversity Council of Australia.

Notable initiatives and provisions include:

- introducing gender neutral parental leave of 26 weeks full pay and 52 weeks half pay
- supportive return to work provisions following parental leave
- extending personal and carers leave allowing employees to support someone who is ill or needs care in an emergency
- maintaining care and culture leave giving employees 3 extra days to participate in health and wellbeing and care, cultural or religious days, or other events of significance
- increasing domestic and family violence leave to support employees impacted by domestic and family violence
- responsive flexible working arrangements which help individual employees and teams meet the increasing demands of family life and social commitments
- maintaining the network of trained peer support employees with the skills and lived experience to assist employees who may be experiencing an issue that is affecting their mental health and wellbeing
- maintaining internal employee networks who identify, support and drive initiatives

- that raise awareness, offer insight and increase responsiveness to the needs of carers and other priority groups
- reviewing resources for managers to support employees with disability and caring responsibilities.

# Inclusion (disability) action plan

#### Disability Inclusion Act 2014 s13 (1)

The City's ongoing commitment to making Sydney truly inclusive and welcoming is embodied in the inclusion (disability) action plan 2021–2025. The plan contains the long-term vision for the City to meet its obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *NSW Inclusion Act 2014*, amended by the *Disability Inclusion Amendment Act 2022*.

The inclusion (disability) action plan recognises the City's ongoing social responsibility to address barriers faced by people with disability and to build on the success of previous plans. The plan is overseen by the Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel, who play a vital role in monitoring its implementation.

Each year we develop a detailed report of the City's progress in meeting its targets and goals in the plan, which is provided to the NSW Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Inclusion and the Disability Council of NSW. Our annual reports on the inclusion (disability) action plan can be viewed and downloaded at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

The City has achieved much in the past 12 months across the 4 key direction areas.

## Direction 1: Positive community attitudes and behaviours

The City produced a diverse range of programs to celebrate International Day of People with Disability 2024 over a 2-week period including:

 The Activate Inclusion Sports Day (Youth and Children) and Adults Unleashed Adults Sports Day at Perry Park Recreation Centre. The events were produced in collaboration with Disability Sports Australia and Variety Australia, the children's charity. The day offered multisport stations catering for participants with mental health conditions and/or learning, physical, intellectual or sensory disabilities. The events were attended by 150 participants

- Good access is good for business breakfast showcased the business case for access and inclusion, which increases profits, diversifies customer bases and builds more brand loyalty to more than 50 businesses
- Connect Sydney provided training on intersectionality and the City of Sydney youth opportunities program co-designed workshops on disability awareness and how to be an active ally
- More than 120 City of Sydney employees attended the 'Are you pulling my leg' comedy show which explored access and inclusion through a lived experience lens and raised awareness and understanding of the many facets of disability
- Short videos titled 'It's time to spill the tea on some pet peeves of people with disability', were produced in collaboration with members of the Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel. They were viewed 33,838 times and a video was created in collaboration with Guide Dogs NSW / ACT with 3 tips for businesses to increase access and inclusion, which was viewed 27,994 times
- The City captured 140 new images of people with disability and added them to the City's image library. Storytelling and shared lived experience of disability and caring were featured in City of Sydney News, and disability inclusive events content on QMS screens year-round as part of our suite of evergreen content. It has recently been refreshed to include more imagery options including diverse disabilities and non-visible disabilities
- 364 employees completed the inclusion (disability) awareness training, 499 employees completed diversity and inclusion training, 491 employees completed Hidden Disabilities Sunflower training and 41 employees completed

- specialist disability training relevant for their roles. The training increased understanding, empathy and built capacity for greater disability inclusion.
- More than 88 programs to promote positive community attitudes towards people with disability were produced at community centres, and 59 creative projects and festivals were funded for and with people with disability, including:
  - more than 3,600 disability-inclusive events and activities
  - 184 artists with disability and 281 people with disability participated in creative activities.

#### **Direction 2: Liveable communities**

- \$21,005,164 was spent on upgrades to pedestrian access with 18,478m² of footpath installed. 162 access and inclusion improvements were built, including new kerb ramps, continuous footpath treatments and raised pedestrian crossings. In addition, in June the Sydney Streets Code was undergoing review and a focus group was conducted with Vision Australia and Guide Dogs NSW to provide targeted accessibility feedback for consideration.
- 4 new parks and playgrounds were updated to be inclusive and welcoming of people with diverse disabilities and sensory needs. The City website was updated to provide access and inclusion features of parks and playgrounds, and Access Keys were developed for 6 aquatic and recreation centres to provide detailed access and inclusion information for people with diverse disabilities, which were viewed almost 3,000 times.
- 4 new mobility parking spaces were installed.
- There were 4,925 views of the accessibility map, and public access technology, water bubblers, quiet spaces and accessible play in parks were added to the map.
- The City updated its planning controls to increase the requirement for accessible housing in the Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 to require all dwellings be delivered to a minimum Liveable

Housing Design silver performance standard. In larger new residential developments, 15% of dwellings will continue to be delivered to the Australian Standard (Adaptable Housing).

- The City developed a campaign with Guide Dogs NSW/ACT to promote access and inclusion tips and the legal access rights of people with assistance animals. The campaign targeted businesses and organisations to improve access and inclusion for people who are blind or have low vision, which was viewed 27,994 times. The City also presented the new inclusion (disability) action plan 2025– 2029 to 11 NSW councils at the Zero Barriers communities of practice.
- The City participated in the Settlement Services International communities of practice, to share ideas and collaborate on providing best-practice and promoting more meaningful employment for people with disability, supporting their storybook project and Pathways to Possibilities launch.
- 166 programs promoting social inclusion, connection and participation were designed to empower people to manage their stressors and social and emotional wellbeing across community centres with 140,007 attendees. City aquatic centres also provided the Take Charge mental health exercise program, a disabilityinclusive open day held in collaboration with national advocacy partners, a series of inclusive health and wellbeing days offering allied health services and accessible activation spaces, and weekly inclusive tennis programs and school holiday camps. Collectively, these programs achieved more than 1,000 attendances at sport and recreation centres.
- 17 inclusive Auslan storytime sessions were held for Deaf people with more than 135 people attending. Seven cultural programs with content about or delivered by people with disability also had 121 attendees.
- Major events were produced in line with the inclusive and accessible event guidelines. Accessibility features included quiet spaces, sensory tents at all

Christmas concert events, accessible adult change facilities, accessible viewing platforms, staffed accessible drop off and pick up points and promotion of accessibility features to ensure the community has access to all accessible elements of City events.

#### **Direction 3: Meaningful employment**

The City's ongoing commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace is reflected in its continued leadership and collaboration to provide for more meaningful employment for people with disability. The following demonstrates the City of Sydney's commitment to being an inclusive employer:

- The Diversity Council Australia listed the City as an inclusive employer, embedding the values of 'Better Together' results in its 2023/24 Inclusive Employer Index, which surpassed the national benchmark when measuring how employees feel about their employer and how diversity and inclusion is embedded in key systems across the organisation.
- The City is undergoing reaccreditation as a Disability Confident Recruiter by the Australian Network on Disability for its third successive year.
- The City is participating in the Australian Human Rights Commission's Equality at Work program aiming to provide best practice employment and development opportunities for employees with disability.
- Partnered with disability employment providers to create meaningful employment opportunities for people with disability.
- Trialled a reverse mentoring program to use learnings and apply them to promote greater awareness and understanding, as well as leadership and development opportunities for employees with disability in the coming year.
- Opportunities to recognise and reward accessible and inclusive behaviour were created through the annual employee recognition awards.
- Inclusive City disability employee network experienced steady growth and had 7 meetings and developed a draft action

- plan to commence disability-led change in the coming year.
- The number of employees with disability increased from 2.4% last year to 2.5% this year.

## Direction 4: Equitable access to mainstream services

Grants and sponsorship programs approved 7 projects that enhance access and inclusion for people with disability with \$44,273 in funding. Projects included a Disability Pride celebration at Sydney Town Hall, a conference showcasing Autistic Pride, and research into best-practice for neurodiverse-friendly public open spaces. The grants and sponsorship program was also reviewed to simplify and improve accessibility of grants for people with disability.

The inclusion (disability) action plan 2025-2029 was developed with extensive targeted and inclusive engagement approaches from August until November 2024. This included capturing the feedback and ideas of more than 350 people through a Sydney Your Say online survey with 160 respondents and 5 peer-led focus groups with a total of 53 people attending, including:

- people with intellectual disability, in collaboration with the Council for Intellectual Disability
- people of diverse sexualities and genders with disability, in collaboration with Sydney Queer and Disability Community Group
- people with disability from multicultural backgrounds, in collaboration with Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association, Ethnic Community Services Co-operative and Settlement Services International
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, in collaboration with First Peoples Disability Network Australia

- people who are neurodivergent, in collaboration with Autism Spectrum Australia
- An additional focus group with 12 representatives from disability service providers who are members of the City of Sydney and Eastern Sydney Ageing and Disability Interagency network
- A co-design roundtable workshop attended by 90 people, which included people with disability, family members and carers, disability service providers, disability representative organisations, City employees – the table-based workshops were peer-facilitated by members of the Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel and the Inclusive City disability employee network
- Multiple, in-person pop up engagements at R U OK Day, Wear it Purple and Lunar Moon festival events at community centres were also held. 12 internal workshops were delivered to refine the actions, and the draft plan was open for feedback on the City's website from 13 May to 11 June 2025. A total of 16 submissions were received, which were all addressed by actions within the new plan. The plan's 29 actions are integrated into the operational and business unit plans for governance with bi-annual reporting required, and an annual report developed for Council, the NSW Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Inclusion and NSW **Disability Council**
- Recruitment was carried out for the Inclusion (Disability) Advisory Panel, with a refreshed terms of reference with 12 new panel members appointed in June to provide strategic advice to advance access and inclusion across the City.

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