

Attachment D

Fourth quarter supplementary reports 2025/26
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- Community facilities – fee-waived and discounted community hire
- Grants and sponsorship
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Community facilities approved fee waiver requests – 2025/26

In a report adopted by Council on 27 June 2022, information was requested to track fee-waived and discounted community hire in 2022/23 to support the community to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fee waiver was extended by Council through 2023/24 and now extended for a further 4 years, to the end of June 2029. At the end of June 2024, it was agreed that the reporting of community fee waiver requests would change from quarterly to annually from 2025/26, to be reported in Q4.

Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2026, a total of 590 requests were approved for a fee waiver for community venue hire for local community groups. This includes 38,576.75 hours of use to the value of \$1,164,402.57.

In 2025/26, a total of 184 community venue fee waiver requests were approved, with a total of 12,922.95 hours of use to the value of \$430,087.72.

In addition, in support for the Jewish community following the Bondi Beach tragedy, the City waived venue hire and hard costs valued at \$13,218.50 for the Chanukah in the City event and a waiver to the value of \$15,425.00 was provided to Yabun to cover the hard costs associated with the Yabun 2026 Banner campaign.

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
1	Autistic Adults Peer Support Groups Sydney	Ultimo Community Centre	10	\$437.25
2	Ultimo Sustainability Group	Ultimo Community Centre	3	\$112.50
3	Redfern All Blacks	Redfern Oval Community Room	180	\$5,175.00
4	Chinatown Bilingual Parkinson Support Group	Ultimo Community Centre	12	\$450.00
5	Au2gether	Ultimo Community Centre	12	\$477.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
6	Back To Ultimo	Ultimo Community Centre	4	\$154.00
7	Green Square Play Group	Tote Building, Zetland	8.5	\$225.25
8	Sydney Friends of Standing Together	Harold Park Community Hall	5.5	\$306.13
9	Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors	Rex Centre, Potts Point	4	\$129.51
10	Counterpoint Multicultural	Alexandria Town Hall	360	\$11,790.24
11	Deadly Connections	Glebe Town Hall	10	\$513.50
12	Narcotics Anonymous	Sydney Park Pavilion	30	\$1,007.25
13	Fong Lok Chinese opera group	Ultimo Community Centre	159	\$4,684.35
14	Inner City Legal Centre	Darling Square Library	5.5	\$280.50
15	Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation	Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Glebe	78	\$2,589.12
16	Kangaru	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	5.5	\$541.75
17	Pymont Ultimo Network of Services & Organisations (PUNS)	Darling Square Library	2	\$105.00
18	Sydney Gatherers	180 George Street, Sydney	5	\$270.88

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
19	Ukrainian Council of NSW	Redfern Town Hall	4	\$197.00
20	Mission Australia	Booler Centre, Camperdown	156	\$4,134.00
21	Redfern Village parent clothing swap	Ron Williams Community Centre, Redfern	5	\$143.75
22	Sydney Shape Note Singers	Booler Centre, Camperdown	8	\$230.00
23	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	1.5	\$49.13
24	Green Square Public School P&C	Tote Building, Zetland	3	\$86.25
25	Friends of Pyrmont Community Centre	Pyrmont Community Centre	52	\$1,106.65
26	Sydney Book Club	Redfern Town Hall	5	\$270.88
27	What Were You Wearing	180 George Street, Sydney	6.5	\$287.13
28	Deadly Connections	Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Woolloomooloo	15	\$528.00
29	PUG Mens Shed	Harold Park Community Hall	6	\$237.00
30	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	10	\$302.00
31	Kandake Ltd	Sydney Park Pavilion	16	\$744.25
32	Chinatown Bilingual Parkinson Support Group	Ultimo Community Centre	12	\$462.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
33	Rostrum 14	180 George Street, Sydney	94.5	\$4,506.68
34	Toastmasters	Tote Building, Zetland	5	\$143.75
35	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	6	\$85.00
36	Millers Point Movement Association	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	84	\$2,751.00
37	Jasmines Group sound Meditation	Glebe Town Hall	35	\$2,686.00
38	Augustine Fellowship	Rex Centre, Potts Point	125	\$3,737.48
39	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	125	\$3,535.60
40	Baddies Create	Sydney Park Pavilion	60	\$2,932.87
41	Climate Cop out	Darlington Activity Centre/Glebe Town Hall	34	\$1,147.00
42	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre	2	\$53.00
43	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	8	\$215.64
44	Free Tai Chi	Rex Centre, Potts Point	96	\$3,624.00
45	Code for Sydney	Darling Square Library	31.8	\$2,096.00
46	Fort Street P & C	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	4	\$197.00
47	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity centre	45	\$1,035.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
48	The Glebe Society	Benledi House, Glebe House, Glebe	24	\$1,032.00
49	Brahma Kumaris Centre for Spiritual Learning	180 George Street, Sydney	535.5	\$16,204.00
50	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	23	\$647.00
51	Counterpoint Multicultural	Alexandria Town Hall	375	\$10,612.50
52	Counterpoint Multicultural	Alexandria Town Hall	325	\$10,644.00
53	Counterpoint Multicultural	Alexandria Town Hall	300	\$8,490.00
54	Knitters Guild of NSW Inner City	Cliff Noble Community Centre, Alexandria	24	\$690.00
55	Local acoustic musicians	Darlington Activity Centre	104	\$2,703.00
56	With One Voice Redfern Community Choir	Redfern Town Hall	119.25	\$4,389.06
57	Neurodivergent Craft Group	Green Square Library	16.4	\$1,078.00
58	Deadly Connections	Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Woolloomooloo	30	\$1,056.00
59	Millers Point Movement Association	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	156	\$5,673.75
60	Millers Point Movement Association	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	104	\$238.50

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
61	Sydney Quiet Queers	Cliff Noble Community Centre, Alexandria	36	\$1,035.00
62	Cleftomaniacs Choir	Alexandria Town Hall	82	\$4,038.50
63	Knitters Guild of NSW Inner City	Cliff Noble Community Centre, Alexandria	52	\$690.00
64	Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre	Booler Centre, Camperdown	172	\$4,429.00
65	Alcoholics Anonymous	Brown Street Community Hall, Newtown	90	\$3,577.80
66	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	104	\$2,990.00
67	Ethnic Community Services Cooperative Inc	Erskineville Town Hall	390	\$24,543.15
68	Friends of Erskineville Inc.	Erskineville Town Hall	30	\$917.12
69	Glebe House Inc	Glebe Town Hall	315	\$8,662.50
70	Ukrainian Council of NSW	Redfern Town Hall	6	\$295.50
71	Green Square Mothers group	Green Square School Community Space	2.5	\$135.44
72	Back to Ultimo	Ultimo Community Centre	4	\$154.00
73	Vipassana Meditation Centre	Joseph Sargeant Centre, Erskineville	75	\$2,156.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
74	The Social Glue of Sydney	Alexandria Town Hall	200	\$11,051.70
75	FLAG (Forest Lodge & Glebe Coordination Group)	Glebe Town Hall	15	\$424.50
76	Kyegu Buddhist Institute	Harold Park Community Hall	12	\$513.50
77	Glebe Readers	Benledi House, Glebe House, Glebe	24	\$1,075.40
78	Chinatown Bilingual Parkinson Support Group	Ultimo Community Centre	12	\$462.00
79	Gender Free Japanese	180 George Street, Sydney	3	\$162.53
80	Green Book Recovery	Rex Centre, Potts Point	120	\$4,813.38
81	City West Housing	Pymont Community Centre	6	\$162.00
82	Zetland Group Knitting	Tote Building, Zetland	27	\$715.56
83	Pymont Photography Group	Pymont Community Centre	15	\$610.50
84	Darlington Stitch society	Darlington Activity Centre	88	\$2,300.00
85	Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corp	Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Glebe	44	\$1,146.86
86	Choir Rocks	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	80	\$3,940.00
87	Knitters Guild of NSW Inner City	Cliff Noble Community Centre, Alexandria	36	\$690.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
88	The Social Glue of Sydney	Alexandria Town Hall	229	\$11,051.70
89	FLAG (Forest Lodge & Glebe Coordination Group)	Glebe Town Hall	25	\$424.50
90	Vipassana Meditation Centre	Joseph Sargeant Centre, Erskineville	75	\$2,156.50
91	Millers Point Movement Association	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	156.2	\$4,814.25
92	Project K Shift	Brown Street Community Hall, Newtown	4.5	\$334.75
93	Over 55 Services	Rex Centre, Potts Point	104	\$2,980.00
94	Rainbow Families	Sydney Park Pavilion	134	\$5,959.36
95	Millers Point Movement Association	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	182	\$12,850.25
96	Millers Point Movement Association	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	153	\$4,716.00
97	Millers Point Movement Association	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	163.8	\$6,024.06
98	Full Moon Meditation	Alexandria Town Hall	16.5	\$666.38
99	Toastmasters International	Alexandria Town Hall	57.5	\$2,607.00
100	Overeaters Anonymous Sydney	Benledi House, Glebe House, Glebe	76.5	\$3,070.38
101	Sydney Chinese Folk Art Inc	Joseph Sargeant Centre, Erskineville	208	\$5,512.00
102	Jacaranda	Ultimo Community Centre	38	\$1,463.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
103	Ultimo Sustainability Group - Clothes Swap	Ultimo Community Centre	3.5	\$123.75
104	Autistic Adults Peer Support Group	Ultimo Community Centre	18	\$524.70
105	Emerald City Kickball	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre	22.5	\$718.88
106	Women's Narcotics Anonymous	Brown Street Community Hall, Newtown	78	\$1,550.12
107	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	1	\$32.75
108	Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation	Redfern Oval Community Room	1	\$143.75
109	Australian Morris Ring Association	Brown Street Community Hall, Newtown	153	\$6,081.75
110	Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation	Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Glebe	36	\$1,251.12
111	Glebe Art Show Committee	Harold Park Community Hall	280	\$12,738.75
112	Chungshan Society of Australia Inc.	Ultimo Community Centre	34	\$1,309.00
113	Redfern Legal Centre	Redfern Town Hall	832	\$19,250.00
114	Glebe Society	Glebe Town Hall	2.5	\$98.75
115	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	60	\$1,960.20

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
116	Counterpoint Multicultural	Brown Street Community Hall, Newtown, Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, Benledi House, Glebe, Redfern Town Hall, East Sydney Community and Arts Centre	52.5	\$1,893.88
117	Radio 2RPH Co-operative Ltd	St Helens Community Centre, Glebe, Harold Park Community Hall	20	\$819.00
118	Folk Federation of NSW Inc	Darlington Activity Centre	42	\$1,207.56
119	Humanist Australia	Darling Square Library	7.5	\$337.50
120	Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre	Booler Centre, Camperdown	168	\$4,770.00
121	The Glebe Drawing Group	Benledi House, Glebe House, Glebe	192	\$5,976.96
122	Nerds - the Gathering	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre	285	\$8,222.50
123	South Eastern Community Connect	Tote Building, Zetland	208	\$5,512.00
124	Friends of Erskineville Inc.	Erskineville Town Hall	27.5	\$1,032.00
125	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	2.75	\$90.07
126	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	2	\$65.50
127	Innari Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	322.5	\$10,562.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
128	Mission Australia	Booler Centre, Camperdown	265	\$7,022.50
129	Wildflower Gardens for Good	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	7.5	\$245.63
130	Ultimo Senior Choir	Ultimo Community Centre	48	\$1,848.00
131	Sydney Queer Muslims	Erskineville Town Hall	19	\$935.75
132	City Of Sydney Families	Tote Building, Zetland	8.5	\$244.38
133	Surry Hills Probus Club	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre	27.5	\$728.75
134	City Of Sydney Families	Tote Building, Zetland	11.5	\$330.63
135	Weave Youth & Community Services LTD	Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Woolloomooloo	90	\$2,857.50
136	Alcoholics Anonymous	Ron Williams Community Centre, Redfern	130	\$1,868.88
137	Free Broadcast Inc	Tote Building, Zetland	7	\$201.25
138	Build Club Australia	180 George Street, Sydney	7	\$379.24
139	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	2.5	\$81.88
140	Covid Conscious Sydney	Darlington Activity Centre	4	\$25.30
141	Local acoustic musicians	Darlington Activity Centre	104	\$3,032.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
142	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	175	\$862.56
143	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	100	\$2,472.50
144	Deadly Connections	Redfern Town Hall	9	\$221.38
145	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	8	\$226.61
146	Sydney Cohousing Inc	Booler Centre, Camperdown	11	\$316.25
147	Local acoustic musicians	Darlington Activity Centre	102	\$2,973.30
148	Counterpoint Community Services INC	Ultimo Community centre	14	\$308.00
149	Ability Beyond Boundaries	Sydney Park Pavilion	208	\$12,816.00
150	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	10	\$284.11
151	Backstage UTS	Green Sqaure School Community Space	10	\$492.50
152	Notable Theatre Company	Redfern Town Hall and Green Square Public School	93	\$3,522.75
153	Pymont Photography Group	Pymont Community Centre	15	\$555.00
154	Friends of Pymont Community Centre	Pymont Community Centre	11.25	\$828.15

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
155	Sydney Spanish Seniors Association Incorporated	Pymont Community Centre	132	\$2,442.00
156	Pymont Action Incorporated	Pymont Community Centre	14	\$518.00
157	Friends of Pymont Community Centre	Pymont Community Centre	50	\$675.00
158	Friends of Pymont Community Centre	Pymont Community Centre	200	\$2,700.00
159	Friends of Darlington	Darlington Activity Centre	16	\$1,012.00
160	Shapeshifters Creative	180 George Street, Sydney	3	\$196.50
161	Choir Rocks	Abraham Mott Hall, Millers Point	6	\$325.05
162	Backstage UTS	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre	57.5	\$2,222.66
163	City West Housing	Pymont Community Centre	6	\$162.00
164	City West Housing	Pymont Community Centre	10	\$270.00
165	Redfern Gay Gaming Society	Redfern Town Hall	7	\$487.57
166	The Survival Hub	Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Woolloomooloo	40	\$1,100.00
167	Life Writing	Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Woolloomooloo	18	\$495.00

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
168	Sydney Shape Note Singers (Sacred Harp)	Erskineville Town Hall	9	\$246.00
169	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	1.5	\$49.13
170	Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corp	Redfern Town Hall	3	\$84.90
171	Sydney Street Choir	Redfern Oval Community Room	156	\$4,134.00
172	UN Youth Representative Listening Tour	180 George Street, Sydney	4	\$216.70
173	Sunburnt Arts Limited	Green Sqaure School Community Space	5	\$270.87
174	Rising Tide	180 George Street, Sydney	7.5	\$369.38
175	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	2.5	\$163.75
176	Hall of Stories	Cliff Noble Community Centre, Alexandria	6	\$345.00
177	Hall of Stories	Cliff Noble Community Centre, Alexandria	6	\$345.00
178	Parents for Climate	Joseph Sargeant Centre, Erskineville	8	\$345.00
179	Akihiro Takeno	Pymont Community Centre	4	\$212.00
180	Ultimo Village Voice	Ultimo Community Centre	1.5	\$79.50

Number of applications	Name of group/organisation	Venue/Space	Hours approved	Total value
181	Green Square Art Society (GSAS)	Joynton Avenue Creative Centre	24	\$744.00
182	Redfern All Blacks RLFC	Redfern Oval Community Room	20.5	\$775.75
183	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	6	\$393.00
184	Kings Cross Community Centre Inc	Rex Centre, Potts Point	1	\$201.50
Total			12,922.95	\$430,087.72

Grants and Sponsorships Policy – Quarter 4 2025/26

In a report adopted by Council on 15 September 2014, it was stated the following programs would be reported to Council as part of the quarterly financial reports:

- Quick response grants
- Street banner sponsorship
- Venue hire support

The remaining grants and sponsorships programs require Council approval in advance.

This Report

In the fourth quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, the City has approved 18 grants across the Quick response, Street banner sponsorship and Venue hire support programs with a 2025/26 commitment of \$18,669 in cash and \$27,208 in value in kind support.

The tables below include details of:

- Quick response, Street banner and Venue hire support grants provided by the City in Q4 of financial year 2025/26.

1. Cash grants

The table below provides detail on the 5 grants approved under the Quick response grant program during the quarter.

Table 1 – Q4 Quick response grants

Organisation/Individual	Project	Cash amount	Value in kind
Beverley May Garces	Saltwater Healing: NAIDOC Week art showcase and cultural program	\$4,500	\$0
Eileen Murray	Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Prevention committee	\$5,000	\$0
Jennifer Louise Hazi	Automatic defibrillator	\$2,119	\$0
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	April 2026 Sorry Business	\$2,050	\$0
Mission Australia	Camperdown NAIDOC community gathering – 50 Years of Deadly	\$5,000	\$0
Total Q4	5	\$18,669	\$0
Total Q3	6¹	\$22,315¹	\$0

¹ Includes a grant originally approved by the City but subsequently terminated or withdrawn by the applicant

Organisation/Individual	Project	Cash amount	Value in kind
Total Q2	5	\$23,500	\$0
Total Q1	11 ²	\$39,368 ²	\$0
Total year to date	27 ²	\$103,852 ²	\$0

2. Value-in-kind grants

The tables below provide detail on the grants that were approved under Street banner sponsorship and Venue hire support grants and sponsorship programs during the quarter and for those grants approved in a previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitments.

Table 2 – Q4 Street banner sponsorship

Organisation	Project	Value in kind
Lysicrates Foundation	James Martin Walk	\$1,190
Total Q4	1	\$1,190
Total Q3	3	\$11,410
Total Q2	1	\$10,500
Total Q1	1	\$7,232
Total year to date	6	\$30,332

² Includes a grant originally approved by the City but subsequently terminated or withdrawn by the applicant

Table 3 – Q4 Venue hire support grants and sponsorship – Landmark venues

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
Indonesian Buddhist Society of NSW Inc	One day mindfulness	Barnet Long Room, Customs House	\$1,000
New South Wales Justices Association Inc	NSW Justices Association board and advisory meeting	Barnet Long Room, Customs House	\$800
Polyphony Singers Inc	Polyphony presents Late Nights on Limewire	Paddington Town Hall	\$1,581
Positive Life NSW Inc	NSW World AIDS Day 2026	Barnet Long Room, Customs House	\$935
Refugee Council of Australia Inc	Sanctuary Runners Australia launch	Barnet Long Room, Customs House	\$600
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Art From The Heart 2026 (aka AFTH)	Paddington Town Hall	\$9,221
Total Q4	6		\$14,137
Total Q3	3³		\$38,169³
Total Q2	3		\$113,222
Total Q1	5³		\$70,614³
Total year to date	17³		\$236,141³

³ Includes value in kind funding originally approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

Table 4 – Q4 Venue hire support grants and sponsorship – community venues

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
Auspicious Arts Projects Inc (Sound Sorcery Collective)	A festival of independent opera	Glebe Town Hall	\$3,903
Berkley Insurance Company (Narcotics Anonymous Redfern Saturday)	Living Clean in Redfern	Redfern Oval Community Room	\$1,495
New Theatre (Sydney) Inc	Community Theatre new work development	180 George Street Community Space Tote Building	\$2,513
Newtown Breakaways Inc	90's Prom	Erskineville Town Hall	\$345
Sydney Eisteddfod	Sydney eisteddfod	Glebe Town Hall	\$3,155
Sydney Musical and Opera Society Inc	An evening with Rodgers & Hammerstein rehearsal project	Green Square Library Music Room Harold Park Community Hall	\$470
Total Q4	6		\$11,881
Total Q3	8⁴		\$26,873⁵
Total Q2	16⁴		\$35,943⁵
Total Q1	2		\$8,640
Total year to date	32⁴		\$83,337⁵

⁴ Includes a grant originally approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

⁵ Includes value in kind funding originally approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

Major Legal Issues – Quarter 4 2025/26

Discount Compound Pharmacy Pty Limited v Council of the City of Sydney

This was a dispute between the City and a tenant in relation to the lease for the basement, ground floor and Level 1, 295-301 Pitt Street, Sydney. In 2025, the premises were vacated and keys returned to the City and an administrator was appointed to the tenant. The administrators have recommended the company be placed in liquidation, which is underway. The City has written off the debt and discontinued its cross claim and the proceedings have now been finalised.

Waterhouse and Greiner v City of Sydney Council and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) – Federal Court proceedings – Oxford St Cycleway

The conciliation in the Australian Human Rights Commission on this matter was terminated in February 2025. The applicants in the proceedings alleged age and disability discrimination by the City of Sydney (City) and TfNSW arising from the island bus stops constructed as part of the Oxford Street Cycleway. In February 2026, the applicant's claim against the City was struck out because the pleadings were deficient. On 20 March 2026, the applicants filed documents seeking leave to replead their case. Subsequently the applicants reached agreement with TfNSW and discontinued the proceedings relating to Oxford St East. The matter is next listed on 29 July 2026.

LFD Homes Pty Ltd v Council of the City of Sydney – planning appeal 58-60 and 62-64 Selwyn St, Paddington

This appeal was upheld by the Chief Judge on 4 December 2025 and remitted to the Commissioner to determine according to law. The appeal was reheard on 3 June 2026 and judgment was delivered on 17 June 2026. Commissioner O'Neill conducted an assessment of the relevant factors, finding that while the proposed development would reduce the amount of affordable housing in the area and there was insufficient comparable accommodation to meet the demand, it is not a solution to retain a boarding house that does not achieve an acceptable housing standard and is financially unviable. The Commissioner upheld the appeal and granted consent to the development on the agreed conditions. This matter is now finalised.

International travel expenditure – Quarter 4 2025/26

The following provides details of overseas travel by councillors, council staff or other persons representing the City of Sydney and overseas travel expenditure by the City.

Councillor / council officer	Destination	Purpose	Period of travel	Division	Expenditure description	Amount (\$)
Julia Lipton, Manager Sustainable and Resilient City	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance Annual Conference	May 2026	City Life	Airfares ¹	nil
					Accommodation ¹	nil
					Incidentals	94.84
Kylie McMahon, Manager Sustainability and Resilience	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance Annual Conference	May 2026	City Life	Airfares ¹	nil
					Accommodation ¹	nil
					Incidentals	158.26
Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer	Berlin, Germany	Creative Bureaucracy Forum	June 2026	Office of the CEO	Airfares ¹	nil
					Accommodation	551.89
					Incidentals	929.81
Sebastian Smyth, Executive Manager City Access and Transport	Rimini, Italy	Velo-City Conference	June 2026	City Access and Transport	Airfares ¹	nil
					Accommodation ¹	nil
					Incidentals ¹	nil
					Conference registration	1,602.63

¹ Costs met by conference organiser

Councillor / council officer	Destination	Purpose	Period of travel	Division	Expenditure description	Amount (\$)
Bridget Smyth, City Architect / Executive Manager City Design & Public Art	Singapore, Republic of Singapore	World Cities Summit	June 2026	City Design	Airfares ¹	nil
					Accommodation ¹	nil
					Incidentals	415.10
Bridget Smyth, City Architect / Executive Manager City Design & Public Art	Barcelona, Spain	World Congress of Architects	June 2026	City Design	Airfares ¹	nil
					Accommodation ¹	nil
					Incidentals ¹	nil
					Conference registration	472.78
Total						4,225.31