

Item 10

Questions on Notice with Answers

1. Gadigal Avenue Bus Seating

By Councillor Jarrett

In the 18 April 2023 CEO Update, Council was informed that the City of Sydney would be installing seating in four locations along Gadigal Avenue which were expected to be completed by end of May 2023. On 5 June 2023, Councillor Jarrett enquired about whether in fact, the installation of the seats had been completed. The Director City Services responded on 6 June 2023, confirming that the seats had not yet been installed but a work order had been raised and installation was on QMS's schedule, weather permitting.

Question

1. It has now been almost three months since the installation of the seating along Gadigal Avenue was expected to be completed, has the installation now been completed?
2. If not, why did the City of Sydney commit to having the seating installed by the end of May 2023 when it couldn't deliver in this time frame?
3. If not, considering Sydney has experienced a very dry and sunny winter and therefore weather has not been an issue, why has the installation not been completed?
4. Are there any other infrastructure projects that are currently delayed or behind schedule?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

The seat installation works are being completed this week. The 2022/23 Quarter 4 Review and presentation to the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 14 August 2023 provided details of infrastructure projects that have experienced delays in 2022/23.

2. Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield – Meeting with Alexandria Park Community School Principal

By Councillor Jarrett

On 31 July 2023, Councillor Jarrett received an email from the Chief Executive Officer stating 'after the Council meeting on 26 June 2023, City staff met with the Department of Education on 27 June 2023 and asked them write to the City requesting us to review the Project Deed (signed by DoE and the City) requirements for the fence. The acting Principal and representatives from the School Assets team advised they would be providing the letter to the City. To date we have not received anything in writing from them regarding the fence. Staff are meeting with the Principal next Monday 7 August 2023 and will raise the issue with her'.

Question

1. Did the meeting scheduled for Monday 7 August 2023 take place?
2. If so, what was discussed at the meeting?
3. If so, what was the outcome and/or action items of the meeting?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Under the Licence Agreement between the City and the Department of Education for the shared use of the Getiela sportsfield and courts, there is a requirement for both parties to meet quarterly to discuss and resolve operational and management issues. The second quarterly meeting was held on 7 August 2023 and the issues discussed included:

- Council's resolution of 26 June 2023
- Fence height review - letter
- Broken window repair
- Accessible toilet PIN codes
- Defect rectification
- Sportsfield – bi-annual deep clean
- Line marking

The Department of Education representatives committed to sending through the letter requesting the review of the fence height and the supporting reasons why the change is requested. City staff will commence the review once the letter is received.

3. Cycleways Expenditure Breakdown

By Councillor Jarrett

In 2007, the City of Sydney introduced its Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017, and in 2009, constructed its first separated cycleway. Today, in August 2023, the City of Sydney is asking Council to approve millions of dollars for the construction of several more cycleways.

Question

1. What has been the City's total expenditure on the cycleway network for each year inclusive of:
 - (a) 2022;
 - (b) 2021;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2019;
 - (e) 2018;
 - (f) 2017;
 - (g) 2016;
 - (h) 2015;
 - (i) 2014;
 - (j) 2013;
 - (k) 2012;
 - (l) 2011;
 - (m) 2010; and
 - (n) 2009?

2. In comparison, what has been the City's total expenditure on affordable housing contributions both materially and in-kind in each year inclusive of:
 - (a) 2022;
 - (b) 2021;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2019;
 - (e) 2018;
 - (f) 2017;
 - (g) 2016;

- (h) 2015;
 - (i) 2014;
 - (j) 2013;
 - (k) 2012;
 - (l) 2011;
 - (m) 2010; and
 - (n) 2009?
3. How many affordable housing dwellings did the City need to build in order to reach their affordable housing targets in each year inclusive of:
- (a) 2022;
 - (b) 2021;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2019;
 - (e) 2018;
 - (f) 2017;
 - (g) 2016; and
 - (h) 2015?
4. How many affordable housing dwellings did the City actually build in each year inclusive of:
- (a) 2022;
 - (b) 2021;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2019;
 - (e) 2018;
 - (f) 2017;
 - (g) 2016; and
 - (h) 2015?

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Cycleway expenditure is detailed below.

Financial Year	Operating Expenditure \$	Capital Expenditure \$	Total Expenditure \$	Capital grants and contributions \$	Net Expenditure \$
2008/09	0	8,634,816	8,634,816	0	8,634,816
2009/10	904	20,205,983	20,206,887	447,500	19,759,387
2010/11	0	22,363,460	22,363,460	205,460	22,158,000
2011/12	13,254	6,092,619	6,105,873	165,114	5,940,759
2012/13	206,801	4,160,879	4,367,680	0	4,367,680
2013/14	153,195	12,323,119	12,476,313	0	12,476,313
2014/15	8,575	23,533,563	23,542,138	395,195	23,146,943
2015/16	2,236	10,275,065	10,277,301	101,498	10,175,803
2016/17	632	2,715,088	2,715,720	958,278	1,757,442
2017/18	773,555	2,792,762	3,566,318	1,071,795	2,494,523
2018/19	113,537	3,619,683	3,733,219	113,989	3,619,230
2019/20	547,211	11,535,994	12,083,205	1,347,473	10,735,732
2020/21	232,473	7,249,383	7,481,855	5,163,983	2,317,872
2021/22	245,711	10,509,151	10,754,862	4,235,777	6,519,085
2022/23	65,821	9,997,785	10,063,606	8,796,072	1,267,534
	<u>2,363,906</u>	<u>156,009,348</u>	<u>158,373,254</u>	<u>23,002,135</u>	<u>135,371,119</u>

A total of \$390,116,000 has been collected from the City's Affordable Housing (AH) levies for the period - financial year (FY) 1996 to FY2023.

FY	CoS Levy \$	Fund \$	Subsidized land sales foregone revenue and leases \$	Subsidy for Aboriginal Housing officer to work with CHPs \$
2022	24,753,000			98,655
2021	20,189,000	4,000,000		
2020	18,106,000	160,000	5,000,000	150,000
2019	16,791,000	350,000		
2018	31,133,000	1,500,000		
2017	54,863,000		15,219,999	
2016	23,124,000			
2015	25,511,000			
2014	47,446,000		1,800,000	
2013	14,951,000			
2012	6,176,000			
2011	5,314,000		2,180,000	
2010	4,549,000			
2009	6,556,000			

The adopted targets for the percentage of affordable and social housing are for the whole of the City of Sydney Local Government Area are for all contributors including by NSW Government agencies and corporations (the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC), the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) and Infrastructure NSW), private developers through State Significant Development obligations (example Barangaroo and Central Park), Community Housing Providers funded not through the City's levies (for example National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC) loans or grants) and Community Housing Providers funded through the City's AH contribution scheme.

City of Sydney Affordable Social and Diverse Housing Work

The City continues to advocate for an increase in the supply of affordable, social and diverse housing in Sydney.

Definitions (used at the City of Sydney)

Affordable – is means tested rental housing. Usually owned and managed by Community Housing Providers. It is called Affordable Housing because this is what it is called in the Planning System. Key Worker Housing might be a better term.

Social – usually Government owned. Used to be called Public Housing. Rental costs are below market rent. Because of short supply it is usually assigned to people with priority housing needs: such as people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, people with health-related needs.

Diverse – we use this term to refer to housing that targets specialist need such as; seniors, aged care, people with disabilities.

At the City of Sydney we largely deliver Affordable, Social and Diverse Housing through levies, land, grants and the planning system.

Targets

City of Sydney has a target that 15 per cent of all housing should be Affordable and Social. As of the last housing audit in June 2022 about 9.2 per cent of all housing in the City of Sydney is Affordable and Social.

Affordable Housing

Housing targets are set by the NSW Government. Councils are required to prepare Local Housing Strategies that respond to these targets.

Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision adopts the targets set by the local housing strategy for at least 156,000 private dwellings and 17,500 non-private dwellings by 2036 with 15 per cent per cent to be social housing and affordable housing.

Delivering this housing is incumbent on all parties to contribute across the housing spectrum and supply chain, including local and state government, private developers and community housing providers.

As of 30 June 2022, there are 1,427 built affordable housing units in the local area, 641 dwellings in the development pipeline and a further 701 that we expect to be built in the future. Of these:

- (a) 1,376 affordable dwellings (built, pipeline and expected) have resulted from the City's levies;
- (b) 228 affordable dwellings (built, pipeline and expected) have been assisted by the City's subsidised land sales; and
- (c) 483 diverse dwellings (built, pipeline and expected) have been assisted by the City's Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund;
- (d) a further 672 dwellings (built, pipeline and expected) are provided by other means.

The City's expanded levy scheme, which has covered all of the local government area since July 2021, is expected to deliver a further 1,950 affordable dwellings.

If considered all together the built, pipeline, expected and projected Affordable housing dwellings will equal 4,719 Affordable rental dwellings and Affordable diverse dwellings to 2036. This equates to 39 per cent of the 12,000 Affordable dwellings target for 2036, or about 2.9 percent of all forecast dwellings.

The City supports the delivery of Affordable housing through the levies it collects, land discounts for community housing providers, its planning powers and grants to non-governmental organisations. To date we have provided \$24.2 million in discount land and almost \$10 million in grants.

Affordable Housing Levy

Up to 30 June 2022, the City's levy has enabled the collection of \$377.8 million under the various affordable housing programs operating across parts of the council area. About \$11 million has been collected in 2022/23.

In July 2021 the levy was expanded to cover all of the Local Government Area that is subject to Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012. The levy is expected to deliver a further 1,950 affordable dwellings.

Affordable Housing through Discounted Land

The City has subsidised land sales for the provision of social and affordable housing by \$24.2 million. This includes sites at:

- Portman Avenue, Zetland – South Sydney Hospital site (104 built affordable dwellings)
- 11 Gibbons Street, Redfern (122 affordable and 40 social built dwellings)
- 338 Botany Road, Alexandria (106 pipeline affordable dwellings); and
- 330 Botany Road, Alexandria (275 pipeline affordable dwellings).
- 545-549 South Dowling Street, Surry Hills (10 pipeline affordable dwellings, incorporating 19 beds in shared arrangement).

Affordable Housing through the Planning Framework

Innovative planning controls have been introduced to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The City introduced planning controls that permits affordable rental housing on certain land where other residential development is not permitted. This keeps land values low for community housing providers and government who are seeking land to develop affordable rental housing. This has assisted the provision of 381 affordable dwellings in the pipeline so far.

The Botany Road Precinct planning proposal introduced floor space and height incentives to make it easier for community housing providers to develop sites for affordable housing. Initially, this will assist about 50 additional affordable housing units on a City West Housing site.

The City also uses planning agreements for affordable rental housing outcomes when changes are being made to planning controls, for example in Harold Park when it was rezoned in 2009, Bay Street, Glebe in 2014 and the draft agreement for the provision of affordable housing unit on-site at 923-935 Bourke Street, Waterloo.

The City has secured an additional 102 affordable dwellings through voluntary planning agreements. These dwellings are over and above the required affordable housing contribution.

Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund including Status of Projects

Of the \$10.3 million set aside for the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, just \$95,000 remains unallocated. Approximately \$4.1 million is committed from the fund but is not yet paid.

Projects delivered to date are:

- 118-120 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst – HammondCare – aged care for at risk women (56 built diverse dwellings). The City provided \$1.5 million in cash funding.
- 26-30 City Road, Chippendale – St George Community Housing – youth housing and boarding rooms (73 built diverse dwellings). The City provided \$3 million in cash funding.
- 348A Bourke Street, Surry Hills – Wesley Mission – refuge housing (44 built diverse dwellings). The City provided \$1 million in cash funding.
- Alternative Housing Ideas Challenge – a non-bricks and mortar project which sought proposals from local and international participants for new and innovative housing options. The City provided \$350,000 in cash funding.
- Aboriginal housing support officer to St George Community Housing, Bridge Housing and City West Housing – a non-bricks and mortar project employing Aboriginal Affordable Housing Engagement Coordinators to increase access to affordable housing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The City provided \$345,000 in cash funding.
- Housing for All Australians economic study – a non-bricks and mortar research project, for which the City provided \$10,000 in cash funding.

Funding is allocated but remains unpaid for following projects:

- UTS – Indigenous student housing (275 expected diverse dwellings). \$1 million approved by Council in March 2020. The grant agreement and related covenant is currently with UTS for signing.
- RJ Williams Building – Wesley Mission (74 expected diverse dwellings). \$3 million approved by Council in December 2020. An application to modify the original development approval is under assessment by the City.

In addition to those projects funded through the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, the City has also supported the following project through an ad hoc Community Services grant:

- Women’s Community Shelters - \$118,450 cash funding approved by Council in October 2021 to unlock under-utilised student accommodation to provide single women at risk of homelessness with affordable housing and support.

Social Housing facilitated by the City of Sydney

841 built social housing dwellings, 110 pipeline, 158 expected have been facilitated in some way by the City, including:

- changes to planning controls for the Common Ground project – (52 built social dwellings);
- land subsidy for Gibbons Street – (40 built social dwellings);

- provided by City West Housing as part of an affordable housing project – (38 built social dwellings);
- changes to planning controls for Cowper Street (LAHC) – (40 pipeline social dwellings);
- changes to planning controls for Metro Quarter, Waterloo – (70 pipeline social dwellings);
- changes to planning controls for Elizabeth Street (LAHC) – (60 expected social dwellings);
- changes to planning controls for Waterloo Estate South (LAHC) – (98 expected social dwellings);
- Elger Street, Glebe. Dedication of land to LAHC (Oct. 2012) to enable the Glebe Affordable Housing Project – a mixed social/ affordable/ private housing development (noting Compulsory Acquisition and the subsequent dedication back to Council of two new streets and a public park – (99 built social dwellings);
- transfer of 612 dwellings plus two land parcels to NSW Govt (then Dept of Housing) for nil (Nov. 1988) – (612 built social dwellings).

Note, this is social housing facilitated by the City of Sydney in some way – it is not a count of all social housing in the local government area.

Land and Housing sites (State Government)

The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has (or will) made applications to change the planning controls on a number of social housing sites. Generally, the change will facilitate private, social and affordable housing to be provided on the site. Sites include:

- Waterloo Estate (South) – (227 affordable and 98 net increase social expected dwellings);
- Cowper Street, Glebe – (40 pipeline social dwellings);
- Elizabeth Street, Redfern - (30 affordable and 60 social expected dwellings);
- Explorer Street, Sth Eveleigh – (unknown, however pre-lodgement discussion indicates a net increase of about 74 social dwellings, noting there are already 46 social dwellings on site);
- Franklyn Street, Glebe – (unknown, however pre-lodgement discussion indicates a net increase of about 22 social dwellings, noting there are already 108 social dwellings on site).

4. Fourth Quarter Operational Plan Report 2022/23

By Councillor Jarrett

In the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee Item 3.3: Fourth Quarter Operational Plan Report 2022/23, the City indicates that 'progress against the Non-residential Register Methodology and Plan for the local government election in 2024 remains on track. Legislative change to non-residential entitlement within the City has been foreshadowed by the Minister for Local Government; scenario planning to prepare for possible options has been completed.'

Question

1. What options has the City prepared for each possible scenario?
2. Can the options prepared for each possible scenario be distributed to all Councillors via CEO Update?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Staff have considered at a high level the potential entitlement impacts, as well as one-off and ongoing financial implications, of various legislative change scenarios. A CEO Update will be provided with further information.

5. Tree Shade and Planting Services

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Broken down by suburb, what percentage is shaded by trees?
2. Broken down by suburb, what percentage is covered by greening?
3. What plans and targets does the City of Sydney currently have regarding green spaces in the city?
4. What plans and targets does the City of Sydney currently have regarding tree shade in the city?
5. What free tree planting services does the City of Sydney provide in public areas?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. As endorsed by Council on 26 June 2023 as part of Urban Forest Strategy report and briefing the City now uses new spatial analysis techniques, that measures the community's access to canopy cover (at the local 100m and regional 1600mm scales) at consistent reference points across the Local Government Area, and no longer reports on the canopy cover within suburb boundaries. This canopy access approach provides greater insight to better manage the urban forest for the entire community, rather than relying on somewhat artificial suburban boundaries. The [Urban Forest Story Map](#) includes an interactive map that allows people to search for their address and see the canopy cover in their area, and also to compare the change in canopy cover since 2008. The City currently has 19.8 per cent canopy cover.
2. Similar to the response above, greening is also measured based on community access. The [Greening Sydney Strategy](#) has a map showing this access at the 1600mm scale (see page 45) and there is also an interactive map in the [Greening Sydney Story Map](#) that allows you to select a location and buffer area (i.e. 100m, 200m and 400m) to see the amount of canopy and greening in that area. Including tree canopy the City has 32 per cent green cover.
3. As endorsed by Council on 26 June 2023 as part of Urban Forest Strategy, the greening target for the City is 40 per cent by 2050. The City has a 10-year long term financial plan which allocates funding for greening and Council approved the annual capital works program which contains greening projects.
4. As endorsed by Council on 26 June 2023 as part of Urban Forest Strategy, the City has an urban canopy target of 27 per cent to be achieved by 2050. Council has approved funding for street tree planting (minimum of 700 per year), the in-road tree planting program and parks and open space projects which also include tree planting.
5. The City undertakes the majority of tree planting within street and parks as part of our capital works programs. The City participates in the annual National Tree Day event in July each year, which is managed and funded by the City for the community to plant trees and shrubs in local parks. The City also provides tubestock plants and landscape materials for local schools and LandCare groups to plant in schools and public spaces.

6. Cleanaway Truck Size Effects on Parking Conditions

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. What truck sizes does Cleanaway own for use in the City of Sydney? Please describe their lengths, widths, heights and mass.
2. What traffic and parking conditions has the City proposed to change specifically due to waste collection requirements from Cleanaway vehicles? Please detail in what locations, and when.
3. What is the City doing to ensure Cleanaway can service smaller streets such as Thomson Street, Union Street, Shorter Lane, Griffin Street and Maddison Lane, without changes to parking and traffic conditions?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. There are five differently size vehicles approved for waste collection in the City. Cubic metre hopper capacity, gross vehicle mass (GVM) and dimensions are detailed below.
 - (a) Medium rigid vehicle 8m³ “mini”. GVM of 8.5t. Dimensions 7008mm long x 2400mm wide x 2297mm high.
 - (b) Medium rigid vehicle 11m³. GVM of 14t. Dimensions 7548mm long x 2500mm wide x 2701mm high
 - (c) Heavy rigid vehicle 16m³. GVM of 22.5t. Dimensions 9910mm long x 2500mm wide x 2972mm high
 - (d) Heavy rigid vehicle 20m². GVM of 22.5t. Dimensions of 9916mm long x 2500mm wide x 3383mm high
 - (e) Heavy rigid vehicle 24m³. GVM of 22.5t. Dimensions of 10604mm long x 2500mm wide x 3298mm high

Cleanaway has a national fleet of over 5,900 vehicles and on occasions it has substituted in replacement vehicles to ensure continuity of service for the City. This can occur when an approved vehicle is under repair or subject to routine maintenance. We are aware that Cleanaway has previously deployed a smaller vehicle, primarily used in its Container Deposit Scheme/Return and Earn operations, to undertake City collections.

2. The City has routinely made adjustments to parking arrangements over many decades that support a safe and effective residential waste collection service. Some changes are made for the benefit of all large vehicles that need access such as emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles. The City’s contractor, Cleanaway, does not directly request the City for changes to parking conditions. When proposing “No Parking” arrangements for the purpose of easing waste collection vehicle access, the City drives this process based off feedback provided by Cleanaway when access to bins is obstructed by parked cars and other traffic impediments. Additionally, when frequent missed bin collection services are reported and escalated by residents, the City seeks out feedback from Cleanaway regarding areas of improvement, including feedback on accessibility for waste collection vehicles. This feedback from Cleanaway provides the basis for the City to review accessibility of the roads and how this may impact collections of bins.

Since 2019, the City has made parking changes in the following streets to remove parking on waste collection days only, following investigation, community consultation and endorsement by the Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee:

- Kepos Lane, Redfern – June 2019
- Maddison Lane, Redfern March 2020
- Salisbury Lane, Rosebery - November 2020
- Young Lane, Redfern - November 2020
- Baptist Lane, Redfern – June 2023

Designated parking spaces were installed in the following streets to allow space for waste vehicles to park while completing waste collection at large sites:

- Booth Street, Camperdown – July 2023 - 3 spaces of “No Parking Council Vehicle Excepted 6am-6pm Tues & Fri”
 - Galara Street, Rosebery – June 2022 - 2 spaces of "No Parking, Waste Vehicles Excepted, 5am - 6pm, Mon - Sat"
3. The City is currently in discussions with Cleanaway on the specific challenges that exist in Thomson Street, as well as other narrow streets in the City, to ensure we can offer our residents the very best possible waste collection service. This may involve smaller collection vehicles or the deployment of bin runners where appropriate.

7. Trolley Dumping Penalties

By Councillor Scott

In November 2022, the new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Bill 2021 came into effect. This legislated a three-hour collection time limit on trolleys, vehicles or other items causing a safety hazard, and a seven-day limit for others. Further, fines for offences range from \$660 to \$13,750 depending on the nature, number and time the items remained.

Question

Broken down by month, how many penalties has city issued since new law came into effect?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Nil.

8. Increase in Lost Time Injuries

By Councillor Scott

The recent Quarterly Report demonstrated that lost time injuries more than doubled between 21/2022 and 22/2023.

Question

1. Why did this increase occur?
2. Why does the City not have a target for this issue?
3. Please detail any trends emerging regarding lost time injuries.
4. What steps is the City taking to remedy the increase in lost time injuries?

5. Does the City only monitor city staff, or contractors as well?
 - (a) If so, please provide a breakdown of the results.
 - (b) If not, why not?
6. What has been modified on the risk register as a result?
7. What resourcing changes have been made to address this issue in the annual budget?

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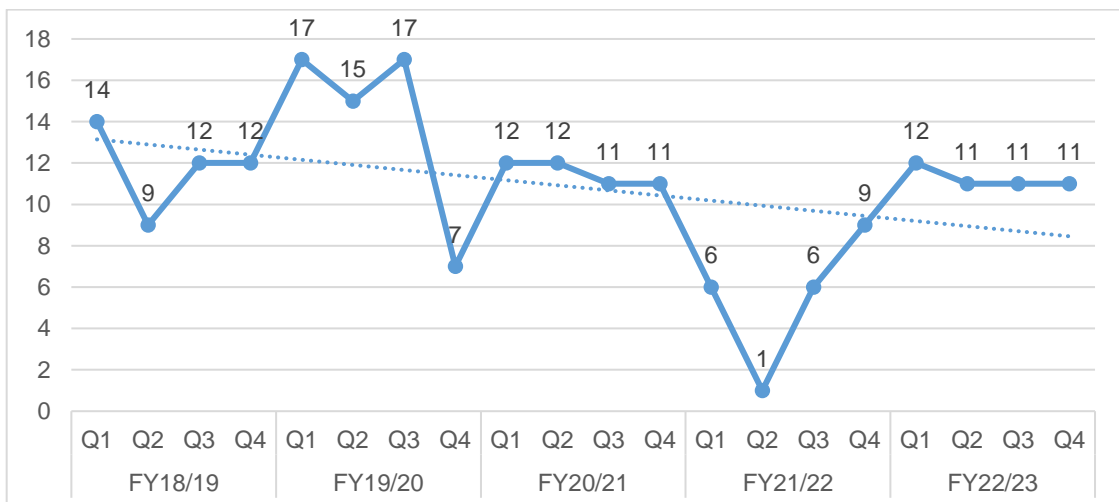
Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Covid-19 and vaccination restrictions during 2021/22 reduced City services and many employees were working from home. As a result, lost time injuries significantly reduced during this time. During 2022/23 there was a return to normal services and a return to work for those working from home. Subsequently, lost time injuries have generally returned to pre-Covid levels but remain below 2018/19 and 2019/20.

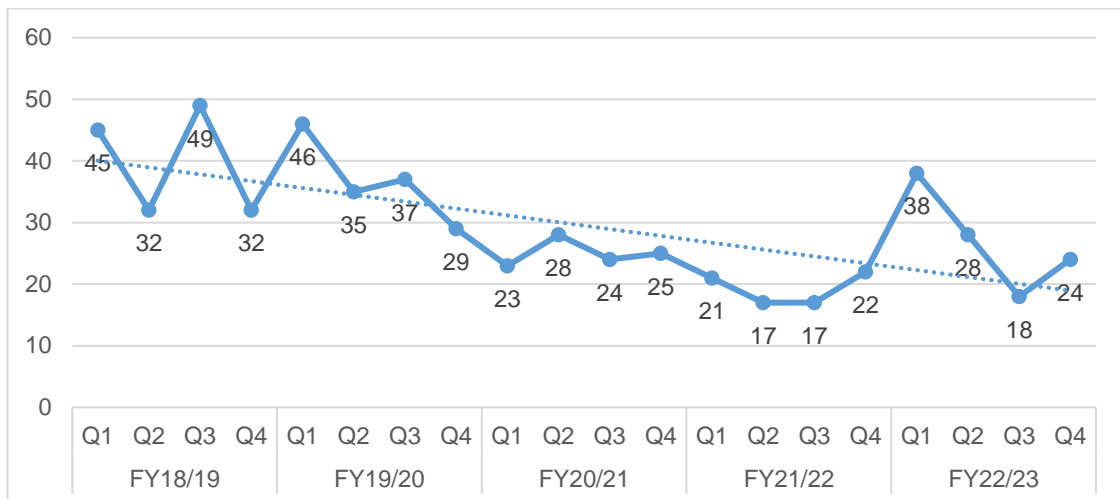
Financial Year	Number of Lost Time Injuries
2018/19	47
2019/20	56
2020/21	46
2021/22	22
2022/23	45

2. The City takes a comprehensive approach to monitoring safety. The WHS Unit reports quarterly to the Executive on both lead and lag indicators for safety, including lost time injuries, workers compensation claims, notifiable incidents, training and safety inspections completed.
3. The City continues to see an overall downward trend in lost time injuries and workers compensation claims over the last five years, as shown below. The types of injuries remain relatively stable. The leading nature of injury was musculoskeletal.

5 Year Trend of Lost Time Injuries



5 Year Trend of Workers Compensation Claims



4. The City prepares an annual WHS Corporate Plan with programs and performance indicators aimed at reducing workplace injuries.

The goals for 2023/24 that will improve work health and safety include:

- Ensure effective implementation of the Safety Management System (SMS). This program is designed to ensure the ongoing implementation and management of the City's SMS, which in turn supports a reduction in incidents and injuries.
 - Improve early intervention injury management to ensure the safe, durable return to work of injured workers. This program is a trial of an early intervention physiotherapy program prior to a workers compensation claim being lodged. The pilot program will be for Cleansing and Waste and Rangers employees. This program is designed to improve early intervention injury management processes to ensure the safe, durable return to work of injured workers and prevent re-injury.
 - Implement actions to manage psychosocial hazards and prevent psychological injuries. This program will implement the new procedure Managing Psychosocial Hazards at Work which is based on the new Code and details how to manage risks to psychological health, following exposure to psychosocial hazards in the workplace.
5. The City captures serious notifiable incidents reported to us by our third-party service providers. Individual contract managers discuss lost time injuries with our major service providers during contract management meetings, but this data is not held centrally.
6. In accordance with our Safety Management System procedures, WHS risk mitigation strategies are reviewed and if necessary, control measures revised:
- after an incident;
 - when the control measure is not effective in controlling the risk;
 - before a change at the workplace that is likely to give rise to a new or different health and safety risk that the control measure may not effectively control;
 - if a new hazard or risk is identified; and

- if the results of consultation indicate that a review is necessary, or if a health and safety representative requests a review.
7. Additional funding has been allocated to the FY23/2024 WHS budget to fund an early intervention physiotherapy program. The position of Workplace Rehabilitation Advisor has also been made permanent in the FY23/2024 budget.

9. Status of State Government Re-development Projects in the City of Sydney, August 2023

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What state significant planning proposals on public land are underway, in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
- Please provide the current list of state significant planning proposals, where a NSW Government entity was either applicant, owner, or part-owner.
2. What development applications, modifications or other form of planning proposals is the City of Sydney currently assessing, where the NSW Government is the landowner or proponent?
- Please provide details.
3. Of these development applications, proposals or projects, for which is:
- (a) Land and Housing Corporation the proponent?
 - (b) Transport Asset Holding Entity the proponent?
4. Of the planning proposals, development applications and other proposals above, which are:
- (a) not yet lodged but in early stages of planning, including consultation pre lodgement?
 - (b) submitted but not yet placed on public exhibition?
 - (c) currently on public exhibition, and what are proposed closed dates?
 - (d) post exhibition but not yet determined?
5. In answers to similar questions tabled at the 26 June 2023 Council meeting, a summary was provided in the form of a table with details of 43 development applications and 23 modification applications, where an NSW Government entity was either applicant, owner, or part-owner.

If not provided in the answers for Questions 1-4 above, please provide additional information about those applications, in the form of the street address and whether they are development applications or modification applications.

Answer requested by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The City has assessed the planning proposal for the Hunter Street Metro site. The planning proposal has been approved by Council and Central Sydney Planning Committee and is with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for finalisation.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment is assessing a State Significant Precinct rezoning proposal from the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) for the Central Station Precinct.

2. There are 52 development related applications (DA) where a state entity is a landowner or proponent (not including pre-DAs) that are under assessment. Please see list provided for question 5. No other planning proposals.
3.
 - (a) Two.
 - (b) None.
4. No planning proposals and three pre-DA applications lodged where the owner is a state entity. Please see below.

Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Primary Suburb	Description
PDA/2022/139	Gyde Consulting	Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation	130 Joynton Avenue	Zetland	<p>Informal proposal for a mixed-use development indicatively comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 building envelopes: A1, B1, C1, D1, D2, D3, E1, E2, and E3 (580 apartments); • A1, B1, C1, D1, and E1 are mixed-use buildings with non-resi uses at ground; • D2, D3, E2 and E3 are residential apartment buildings; • drawings indicate basement level connections and shared servicing arrangements between buildings - A1 and B1; and between C1, D1/D2/D3 and E1/E2/E3; • a Design Excellence Strategy that establishes parameters for two competitive design processes for the site. <p>The proposal includes an offer to provide community infrastructure including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dedication of land and staged construction of the extension of Grandstand Pde, Victoria Park Pde, Zetland Ave, George Julius Ave, Defries Ave and Letitia Street; • dedication of land to augment Woolwash and Biyanbing Parks and to augment Zetland Ave and to create public open space (at the eastern end of the site).
PDA/2023/126	Mod Urban Pty Ltd	The State Of New South Wales	36 Bridge Street	Sydney	New footway application and new umbrellas
PDA/2023/159	Qtopia Sydney	Health Administration Corporation	301 Forbes Street	Darlinghurst	Change of use to an information and educational facility (ground-floor level only). Partial use of ground-floor level for entertainment facility (theatrette). Minor internal alterations to accommodate museum and office fitout for the Sydney Pride Museum.

5. Of the 52 submitted applications listed where the owner or proponent is a state entity, 28 are on exhibition or have been subject to an exhibition period.

Application details including exhibition start and end dates are provided in the list in response to question 5.

Please note, not all applications require notification under the Community Participation Plan, and where an application is newly lodged, notification (if required) may not have been actioned yet pending additional fees or documentation from the applicant.

6. Please see list of applications where an NSW Government entity was either applicant, owner, or part-owner and is under assessment.

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
S4.55 Modification	D/2016/1557/A	Mirvac Green Square Pty Ltd	Landcom And Minister For Public Works & Services	411 Botany Road, Zetland	S4.55(2) - Modification of consent to amend the approved building envelopes	31/03/2023	17/04/2023
S4.55 Modification	D/2018/517/O	Mirvac Green Square Pty Ltd	Landcom	77-93 Portman Street, Zetland	Section 4.55(1A) modification of consent to amend OC staging.		
S4.55 Modification	D/2019/1254/B	The Trustee For Simon Goh Family Trust	Place Management NSW	2 Little Hay Street, Haymarket	Section 4.55 (2) modification of consent to extend hours of operation of Chinta Ria Buddha Love from 11:00am - 12:00 midnight for indoors and 11:00am - 12:00 midnight outdoors, Monday to Sunday inclusive.	10/07/2023	25/07/2023
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/1379/A	Mirvac	Landcom	77-93 Portman Street, Zetland	S4.55(1A) - Modification of consent to amend the stratum lot arrangement		
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/1560/C	Giovanni Cirillo	Place Management NSW	101 George Street, The Rocks	Section 4.55(1A) - Modification of consent to amend approved Plan of Management relating to the removal of the requirements for on-site dedicated security personnel.		
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/493/C	Land Housing Corporation	New South Wales Land And Housing Corporation	17-31 Cowper Street, Glebe	Section 4.55(1A) modification of consent for affordable housing development to reduce balcony sizes of apartments, amendments to basement layout, services at ground floor, relocation of waste room, and changes to landscaping.		

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/665/F	Mirvac Commercial Sub Spv Pty Limited	Mirvac Commercial Sub Spv Pty Limited And Telstra Corporation Ltd And Alpha Distribution Ministerial	55 Pitt Street, Sydney	Section 4.55(1A) modification of consent for various design amendments to the external facade and internal floor configurations.		
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/665/G	Mirvac Commercial Sub Spv Pty Limited	Mirvac Commercial Sub Spv Pty Limited And Telstra Corporation Ltd And Alpha Distribution Ministerial	55 Pitt Street, Sydney	S4.55(1A) - Modification of consent		
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/776/B	QMS Media Pty Ltd	Transport Asset Holding Entity Of New South Wales	3 Martin Place, Sydney	S4.55(1A) - Modification of consent to modify Condition 21		
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/795/A	QMS Media Pty Ltd	The State Of New South Wales	2001 Martin Place, Sydney	S4.55(1A) - Modification of consent to amend Condition 22		
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/895/C	Create NSW	New South Wales Land And Housing Corporation	43-51 Cowper Wharf Roadway, Woolloomooloo	Section 4.55(1A) modification of consent		
S4.55 Modification	D/2021/909/B	Markham Real Estate Partners (KSW) Pty Ltd	Transport For NSW And The Owners - Strata Plan No 68959 And The Council Of The City Of Sydney	21 Lime Street, Sydney	Section 4.55(1A) modification of consent to amend a number of conditions to revise the previously approved staging of the development and timing of construction certificates relevant to specific stages of works.		
S4.55 Modification	D/2022/123/A	QMS Media Pty Ltd	The State Of New South Wales	191 Hay Street, Haymarket	S4.55(1A) - Modification of consent to modify Condition 26		
Development Application	D/2022/1282	Australian Museum Trust	Australian Museum Trust	1 William Street, Darlinghurst	New signage and signage strategy. The application is Integrated Development, requiring approval under the Heritage Act 1977.	16/01/2023	14/02/2023

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
Development Application	D/2023/190	Mr Tong Xie	Place Management NSW	35 Tumbalong Boulevard, Haymarket	Extension of trading hours for Tenancy NW10 (789 BBQ). Proposed hours are 11.00am to 12 midnight Sunday to Thursday, 11.00am to 2.00am Friday to Saturday	27/03/2023	18/04/2023
Development Application	D/2023/203	Jones Lang Lasalle NSW Pty Ltd	Government Property NSW	88 Phillip Street, Sydney	Alterations and additions to commercial development including installation of mechanical plant and refurbishment of the Aurora Place forecourt area.	05/05/2023	22/05/2023
Development Application	D/2023/21	New South Wales Land And Housing Corporation	New South Wales Land And Housing Corporation	82 Wentworth Park Road, Glebe	Demolition of existing buildings, tree removal, and construction of a four storey residential flat building for 43 affordable housing dwellings.	14/02/2023	15/03/2023
Development Application	D/2023/255	Australian Museum Trust	Australian Museum Trust	1 William Street, Darlinghurst	Installation of permanent projection equipment for projected images onto the Australian Museum façade.	19/04/2023	25/05/2023

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
Development Application	D/2023/292	Giovanni Cirillo	The State Of New South Wales	31a Alfred Street, Sydney	<p>Demolition of existing canopy structures and construction of two new single-storey pavilions on the eastern and western sides of Customs House Square, with associated signage zones. The pavilions are proposed to be used for outdoor seating areas in association with a food and drink premises that will occupy the ground floor tenancies of the adjacent Customs House (subject to separate approval).</p> <p>The hours of operation sought for the use of the pavilions is between 9.00am - 12.00 midnight, Mondays to Sundays inclusive on a permanent basis. Extended operating hours between 12.00 midnight - 2.00am the following day on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and New Year's Day is sought on a trial period basis.</p>	24/04/2023	25/05/2023
Development Application	D/2023/326	Built Pty Limited	Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation	183-185 Clarence Street, Sydney	Installation of illuminated top of building signage	08/05/2023	23/05/2023
Development Application	D/2023/392	WI Developer Pty Ltd	Sydney Metro	49 Botany Road, Waterloo	Two lot Stratum subdivision of currently unregistered Lot 1 in Plan of proposed Subdivision of Lot 190 in DP 1257150 within the Waterloo Metro Station site for the purpose of creating a retail lot	08/06/2023	30/06/2023
Development Application	D/2023/411	Janice Dart	Planning Ministerial Corporation	156 Forbes Street, Darlinghurst	Demolition of buildings 18 and 19 at the National Art School	01/06/2023	30/06/2023
Development Application	D/2023/448	Australian Postal Corporation	Transport For NSW	201-217 Kent Street, Sydney	New signage and alterations to post office premises including a ramp and fencing	16/06/2023	03/07/2023

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
Development Application	D/2023/475	Wds Hotels Pty Ltd	Place Management NSW	137 George Street, The Rocks	Alterations and additions to existing pub and hotel	20/06/2023	05/07/2023
Development Application	D/2023/534	Lendlease (Millers Point) Pty Ltd	Barangaroo Delivery Authority And Infrastructure NSW And Lendlease Millers Point Pty Ltd	51a Hickson Road, Barangaroo	Signage Strategy and new signage	10/07/2023	25/07/2023
Development Application	D/2023/546	Markham Real Estate Partners (KSW) Pty Ltd	Transport For NSW And The Owners - Strata Plan No 68959 And The Council Of The City Of Sydney	21 Lime Street, Sydney, Sydney	Signage strategy and new signage for tenancies facing King Street Wharf Promenade.	07/08/2023	22/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/574	Zaccaria Concerts And Touring Pty Ltd	Centennial Park & Moore Park Trust	116 Lang Road, Moore Park	Spiegel tent Festival Gardens Event to be held between 31st August and 8th October 2023	05/07/2023	20/07/2023
Development Application	D/2023/593	Macquarie Bank Limited	Sydney Metro	8 Castlereagh Street, Sydney	New signage	02/08/2023	17/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/613	Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd	Waterways Authority	1a Bridge Road, Glebe	Re- Notification - New signage associated with new Sydney Fish Market	24/07/2023	25/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/617	The Trustee For Carsingha Investments Unit Trust	Centennial Park & Moore Park Trust	116 Lang Road, Moore Park	New signage and food preparation area within the outdoor dining area of the existing Mary's Burgers.	28/07/2023	14/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/626	Dexus Property Services Pty Ltd	Transport Asset Holding Entity Of New South Wales	8-10 Lee Street, Haymarket	Temporary business identification signage of two (2) cranes during development and construction. The signs are proposed on the crane jib arm and rear deck and handrail elements. The signage on the jib arm is proposed to be illuminated.	21/07/2023	07/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/664	D R Design (NSW) Pty Ltd	Transport For NSW	201-217 Kent Street, Sydney	Alterations to Suite 1 and 2 of Level 5 to use premises as office. The application is integrated development requiring the approval of the NSW Heritage Council under the Heritage Act 1977.	08/08/2023	06/09/2023

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
Development Application	D/2023/666	Mirvac Green Square Pty Ltd	Landcom	77-93 Portman Street, Zetland	Signage Strategy for Site 15 comprising building identification, retail and wayfinding signage zones	31/07/2023	15/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/667	The Trustee For Maritime Trade Towers Trust	Transport For NSW	201-217 Kent Street, Sydney	New end of trip facility		
Development Application	D/2023/699	St Projects Pty Ltd	Infrastructure NSW	300 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo	Alterations/additions to commercial development including new shade structure, outdoor seating and landscape works to use Level 3 podium rooftop for tenants.	10/08/2023	01/09/2023
Development Application	D/2023/702	Giovanni Cirillo	Place Management NSW	9-13 Hay Street, Haymarket	Food and drink premises (food markets) within Paddy's Markets. Proposed trading hours are 7.30am to 12.00 (midnight) Monday to Saturday, and 7.30am to 10.00pm Sundays.	08/08/2023	30/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/703	Caitie Jefferies	Place Management NSW	1a Harbour Street, Sydney	Temporary use of Tumbalong Park for the Hello Darling event including the installation of the UKIYO Tent and ancillary structures. The event is to occur 15 September to 1 October 2023, between 7.00am – 12.00am (midnight). Bump in is to occur 11 – 15 September, between 5.00am – 10.00pm. Bump out is to occur 1 – 5 October, between 5.00am – 2.00am (the following day).	14/08/2023	29/08/2023
Development Application	D/2023/706	Squash Australia Ltd	The State Of New South Wales	2002 Martin Place, Sydney	Installation of Temporary Structures (Glass Court and Grandstands) and Ancillary Facilities For Use as Part of the Australian Open Squash Tournament (5-13 November 2023)	14/08/2023	12/09/2023
Development Application	D/2023/708	The Trustee For WI Developer Trust	Sydney Metro	49 Botany Road, Waterloo	Crane and jump from signage	14/08/2023	29/08/2023

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
Development Application	D/2023/717	Glenn Johnson	Place Management NSW	107-109 George Street, The Rocks	Base building upgrade to the existing heritage commercial building including replacement of the rear roof, new amenities on L2 and conservation works.		
Development Application	D/2023/732	Macquarie Corporate Holdings Pty Ltd	Sydney Metro	37-51 Martin Place, Sydney	Signage - 3 signs and 4 signage zones on the South Site currently under construction as part of State Significant Development.		
Development Application	D/2023/738	Milestone (Aust) Pty Limited	Place Management NSW	2-10 Darling Drive, Sydney	Major community event at five sites located in Sydney, Ultimo, and Haymarket, over seven days between 15 October 2023 and 22 October 2023 - SXSW FESTIVAL		
Development Application	D/2023/97	The Trustee For Landream Pymont Unit Trust	The Council Of The City Of Sydney And Transport Asset Holding Entity Of New South Wales	14-26 Wattle Street, Pymont	Detailed design proposal for the demolition of existing structures, remediation, removal of trees, excavation and construction of a mixed use development comprising residential, commercial, retail, childcare and indoor recreation centre across five (5) buildings, basement car parking, landscaping, public domain and civil works, and subdivision. The proposal is Integrated Development under the Water Management Act 2000, requiring approval from the Department of Planning & Environment - Water. The application is being assessed concurrently with concept modification D/2019/649/B.	28/02/2023	12/04/2023

Application Type	Application No.	Applicant Name	Owner Name	Primary Street Address	Description	Exhibition Start Date	Exhibition End Date
s65 Heritage Act application delegated to Council	HCS/2023/41	Lendlease Construction Pty Limited	Minister For Education & Public Works & Services	1010 Upper Fort Street, Millers Point	The additional scope of works seeking approval under Section 65 provisions of the NSW Heritage Act relates to: the partial dismantling, re-stabilisation rebuilding of an additional 2.5 metre section of heritage brick wall (the wall) located within the site, adjacent to the Messenger's Cottage to ensure its future long-term conservation. Additional minor re-stabilisation works to the far western end of the heritage wall (adjacent to the MET Building).		
SSD advice	R/2018/4/M	Venues New South Wales	Venues New South Wales	44 Driver Avenue, Moore Park	Sydney Football Stadium – SSD 9249 Mod 7 – Advice on Modification		
SSD advice	R/2019/2/L	Venues New South Wales	Venues New South Wales	44 Driver Avenue, Moore Park	Sydney Football Stadium – SSD 9835 Mod 8 – Advice on Modification		
SSD advice	R/2023/16	Transport For NSW	Transport For NSW	1b Circular Quay, Sydney	Circular Quay Renewal – Advice on SEARS - SSI-60563459		
Subdivision certificate	S/2022/24	DEPARTMENT Of REGIONAL NSW	Place Management NSW	182-182A Cumberland Street, The Rocks	CFT-195369 - Torrens Title Subdivision		
Subdivision certificate	S/2023/12	Colliers International Engineering & Design (NSW)	Landcom	77-93 Portman Street, Zetland	Stratum subdivision		
Subdivision certificate	S/2023/17	Colliers International Engineering & Design (NSW)	Landcom	77-93 Portman Street, Zetland	Torrens title subdivision		
Subdivision certificate	S/2023/19	Land Title Solutions Pty Limited	Department Of Health And Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth The 2nd	42-50 Parramatta Road, Forest Lodge	Torrens title subdivision		
Subdivision certificate	S/2023/7	Brookfield Office Properties One Carrington	Transport Asset Holding Entity Of Nsw	3 Wynyard Lane, Sydney	Subdivision of land into 1 lot DP1214642 Lot 16		

10. Recent Discussions about New or Future Possible Public Land Development in the City of Sydney, as of August 2023

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

Since June 2023, have City staff had discussions with any NSW Government representatives about any new or future development applications or development projects, relating to State-owned or controlled land in the Local Government Area, including any pre-DA requests?

If yes, please provide details.

X086664

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

No.

11. Status of Public Housing Redevelopment Plans in the City of Sydney, as of August 2023

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. Relating to public housing in the City of Sydney, what development applications, including modification applications, or planning proposals, are currently underway, as of August 2023?

Please provide details.

2. Of these sites, what are the street locations and at what stage are the proposals or applications?

Please advise which projects or locations are:

- (a) in pre-DA discussions or pre-consultation,
 - (b) submitted but not yet placed on public exhibition,
 - (c) on public exhibition,
 - (d) post exhibition but not yet determined?
3. Are any of the proposals or applications listed above to be considered at an upcoming Local Planning Panel?

If yes, what is the street address of the relevant application/s or proposal/s, and what is the estimated date that the application/s or proposal/s will be considered?

4. If not included in the answers above, as of August 2023, at what stage are the proposals or applications in relation to:
 - (a) Waterloo South,
 - (b) 600 Elizabeth St Redfern,
 - (c) Explorer Street Eveleigh,
 - (d) 82 Wentworth Park Rd Glebe?
5. Since June 2023, have City staff had discussions with any NSW Government representatives about new, planned or future development applications or development projects, relating to public housing in the Local Government Area, including any pre-DA requests?

If yes, please provide details.

6. Is the City of Sydney aware of any further proposals for the redevelopment of public housing in the Local Government Area, that are not yet lodged but in early stages of planning, including consultation pre lodgement?

This includes expressions of interest for public housing sites which are the rezoning of the former NSW Government's public call for rezoning proposals for public housing sites.

7. Have any public housing sites in Pyrmont been identified for potential planning changes, through the City of Sydney's strategic review of the area?

If yes, please provide details including specific site addresses.

8. Have any public housing sites in other parts of the Local Government Area been identified for potential planning changes, arising from other City of Sydney's strategic planning processes or reviews?

If yes, please provide details.

X086664

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. See response to 2 below.
2. Explorer Street, South Eveleigh - NSW Department of Planning and Environment is leading the rezoning of the NSW Land and Housing Corporation site. Draft planning controls are under preparation by the Department of Planning and Environment and have not yet been exhibited.

14-36 Wentworth Park Road, Glebe - pre-DA discussion.

82 Wentworth Park Road, Glebe - development application currently under assessment (post exhibition).

17-31 Cowper Street, Glebe - modification application currently under assessment (exhibition of modification not required).

3. 82 Wentworth Park Road, Glebe is scheduled to be considered by the Local Planning Panel before the end of 2023, subject to assessment of amended plans.

4.
 - (a) The planning proposal was finalised on 11 November 2022 with the new planning controls in effect from 28 February 2023.
 - (b) Pre-Design Competition consultation by Bridge Housing (SSD).
 - (c) See response to 2 above.
 - (d) Development application under assessment.
5. The City of Sydney is involved in working groups and a workshop for the Explorer Street, South Eveleigh rezoning.
6. No.
7. Eight sites identified by NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment in the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy are still under consideration for potential planning changes. Details of those sites were provided in the Question on Notice on [13 March 2023](#).
8. No.

12. Potential State-led Rezoning of Sites within the City of Sydney Local Government Area

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. On 10 August 2023, it was reported in the Sydney Morning Herald that more than 3,000 sites have been identified by the NSW Labor Government as public land suitable for redevelopment as housing, and 11 suburbs had been prioritised for state-led rezoning, including suburbs in the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

Is the City of Sydney aware of this report and/ or has the City requested a copy of the report from the relevant Minister or Government agency?

2. The City of Sydney has previously written to the NSW Government raising objections to the proposed State-led rezoning and advocating for local planning powers to remain with Council.

What has the NSW Government most recently advised the City of Sydney in relation to whether the NSW Government intends to extend or reduce State-led rezoning projects in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?

3. Has the City of Sydney been involved in recent discussions with NSW Government or its representatives, about specific suburbs, areas or sites which could be the subject of state-led rezoning?

If yes, please provide details.

4. If yes, what suburbs or sites were discussed, and how do these suburbs or sites differ than those identified for potential future rezoning or growth in the City's current strategic land use plans and other planning instruments?

Please provide details.

X086664

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The City is not aware of the report and has not requested a copy, which according to the Sydney Morning Herald was obtained through freedom of information laws.
2. The City has not received a response to its letters. On 14 July 2023, the Department of Planning and Environment advised that no applications for projects in our local government area were selected under the State-assessed planning proposal industry nomination program.
3. No. The Sydney Morning Herald article identified Haymarket and Eveleigh in the City of Sydney. Haymarket features the 'Central Station' State Significant Precinct rezoning and Eveleigh features the Explorer Street site currently being rezoning by NSW Department of Planning and Environment.
4. No.

13. Council Investments and Financial Position, as of July 2023

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What are the main forms of financial investment made by the City of Sydney?
2. What are the main policies or documents that outline how the City of Sydney determines what it should invest in?
3. Noting that the *2022/23 Quarter 4 Review - Delivery Program 2022-2026* reported that the total property acquisitions by the City in the 2022/23 financial year were net \$92.5 million, what is the current estimated value of the City's commercial property investment portfolio?
4. Does the City currently have any investments in residential property? If yes, what are the details, and where is this reported?
5. Does the City currently have any investments in affordable housing? If yes, what are the details, and where is this reported?
6. Separate from the City's commercial property investment portfolio, the monthly investment report to the City's Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee reported that the City's cash and investment position as of 31 July 2023 was \$718.24M.

Of the total cash investments held by the City of Sydney as of 31 July 2023, how much in total is considered 'unrestricted'?

7. What are the main activities or projects that the City's 'restricted' cash investments are earmarked to fund?
8. Of the total cash investments held by the City of Sydney as of 31 July 2023, how much in total is considered 'unrestricted'?
9. Of the City's cash investments which are considered 'unrestricted', what amounts have been earmarked for specific activities or projects?

Please provide details including:

- (a) What are these activities or projects for which 'unrestricted' cash investments are earmarked, and how much has been earmarked for each?
 - (b) When or over what timeline will these activities or projects require funding? (that is, when will the funding be needed)?
 - (c) In what report or document is this list of activities or projects for which 'unrestricted' funding is earmarked reported?
10. Do developer contributions account for any of the City's total cash and investments of \$718.24M? If yes, what amount, and are these considered restricted or unrestricted?
 11. Do affordable housing contributions from development account for any of the City's total cash and investments of \$718.24M? If yes, what amount, and are these considered restricted or unrestricted?
 12. Has any of the City's total cash and investments of \$718.24M been earmarked for affordable housing, including grants for affordable housing? If yes, please provide details.
 13. What is the estimated revenue, once costs are accounted for, from the City's commercial property portfolio:
 - (a) For the 2022/23 financial year?
 - (b) For the 2023/24 financial year?
 - (c) Over the four years 2023/24 to 2026/27?
 - (d) Over the next ten years 2023/24 to 2033/34?

If estimate not made, please note this.

14. What targets has the City of Sydney established to increase the revenue and value of its commercial property portfolio?
15. How much interest revenue from the City of Sydney's cash and investments:
 - (a) Was originally projected to be made in 2022/23?
 - (b) Was made for the financial year 2022/23?
 - (c) Is projected to be made in 2023/24?
 - (d) Is projected to be made for the four years 2023/24 to 2026/27?

(e) Is projected to be made for the ten years 2023/24 to 2033/34?

If estimate not made, please note this.

16. Does the City fund any of its projects or work through borrowing?
17. Does the City access any financing other than cash reserves to purchase new commercial property?
18. In total, what is the current value of the City's main forms of investment income, including:
 - (a) total value of commercial property interests,
 - (b) total value of cash investments, and
 - (c) any other main forms of investment income?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The scope of the City's cash investments and the wider NSW local government sector is limited. It is mandated under the Local Government Act 1993, through a Ministerial Investment Order, that constrains council investments to deposits and/or bonds in Federal, State (including NSW TCorp) or Local Governments and in banks that are Approved Deposit Taking Institutions under the Banking Act. Councils are not permitted to invest in equities and therefore not permitted to invest directly in individual companies.
2. The Investment Policy and Investment Strategy are reviewed annually and approved by Council. The current Policy and Strategy were last approved by Council in October 2022, and will be tabled for consideration again in October 2023.
3. The Quarter 4 report noted net property acquisitions of \$92.5M within the 2022/23 year, representing the acquisition of the Woolstores properties at Alexandria (as a commercial investment) and 15 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria (to progress the Green Square to Ashmore Connector), partially offset by the divestment of some of the City's inventory of heritage floor space.

The valuation of the City's commercial property investment portfolio is presented to Council as part of the Annual Financial Statements. The value is expected to be \$509.6M as at 30 June 2023, subject to external audit confirmation. It should be noted that the City's commercial investment portfolio, only includes those properties the City holds for purely long term rental yield and capital appreciation, but excludes all other properties utilised by Council for operational purposes, or held for strategic purposes (e.g. the Town Hall Square buildings).

4. The City currently owns 11 residential dwellings. The City is investigating these properties and will bring a report to Council shortly. The City also owns eight creative live/work spaces at William Street, Waterloo Library and Bathurst Street Creative Centre.
5. Council's interests in properties sold at discounted value to promote affordable housing, are represented by perpetual covenants on the titles of these properties.
6. The City currently holds \$331.5M in external and internally restricted funds.

7. The City holds external restricted funds, where cash holdings are yet to be discharged in accordance with the conditions of their receipt, including funds received for developer contributions, domestic waste and stormwater reserves.

The City also holds internally restricted funds as determined by Council resolutions, generally to recognise and assign funds to specific significant projects/purposes including the Supported Accommodation, Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund, Green Square Reserve, Heritage Conservation Fund, Public Liability Insurance, Workers Compensation Reserve, and to provide contingency funds for the operational liabilities beyond that provided for within the annual budget process (e.g. 10% of employee leave entitlements).

The details of the various restrictions and their purpose are set out in the City's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that forms part of the Resourcing Strategy, while the value of funds held for each restriction / reserve are reported in the quarterly report for the first three quarters and the end of year financial statements.

8. As noted above, the City currently holds \$331.5M in restricted funds, leaving \$386.7M designated as 'unrestricted', which does not mean uncommitted.
9. The City's 10 year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) sets out details of the amounts, services, facilities, activities, capital works and acquisitions that will be funded, by the City's accumulated cash and future revenue streams. The LTFP includes all sources of restricted and unrestricted funds, both known and estimated over the ten years of the plan. Essentially, any Council activity not funded by specifically restricted funds (see above) will be funded by current or future unrestricted cash.

It must be recognised that the City does not restrict all of the funds that are required to satisfy its known and projected commitments, including much of its capital works program. In a year when the City receives less revenue or funds than budgeted, this impacts our surplus and the cash available to fund future programs, and the overall funding and commitments are therefore re-balanced as part of the annual budget and LTFP each year. The converse is true, in years where revenues exceed budgets (e.g. interest revenue), however in rising interest rate environments it is worth noting that the costs of programs and capital works also tend to rise which absorbs the additional funding.

10. Yes. The amount of unspent developer contributions at 30 June 2023 is \$46.7M, subject to final external audit confirmation, and will be reported to Council as part of the annual financial statements. These funds are all externally restricted as they are received in reference to and for the commitments specified within the City's various contribution plans.

It is important to recognise, as referenced in the Quarter 4 report, that the vast majority of developer contributions received represent the recoupment of Council's previous expenditure of general funds on City facilities and infrastructure that proactively supported the development of these areas (e.g. Gunyama Park Aquatic facility, Light Rail contribution, etc).

The balance of the \$46.7M of unspent funds represents monetary contributions for public benefits, received through Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs). Individual VPAs identify specific purposes for which contributions may be utilised. Major future project for which contributions are currently held include:

- Fit out works for the Business Innovation Space at 178 George Street

- Public Domain North masterplan works (including Bridge/Loftus Street public domain)
- Greenway and public park works in Rosebery
- Upgrade of CBD Laneways (Dalley and Underwood) and surrounding public domain

It should also be noted that the developer contributions recognised as revenue in the Quarter 4 review are not solely cash receipts, but also include the right to receive works-in-kind (e.g. public domain, parks assets, etc) as part of voluntary planning agreements that also benefit the City's community.

11. The City of Sydney's affordable housing program is set out at the following link: <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/affordable-housing-contributions/city-of-sydney-affordable-housing-program>

Affordable housing monetary contributions received for development in Central Sydney, Green Square, or on residual land or Planning Proposal land, are to be paid to the City and are then be allocated to a Recommended Community Housing Provider (CHP). Affordable Housing contributions for development in the Southern Employment Lands are paid to the City and then remitted to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). Affordable Housing contributions for development in the Ultimo-Pyrmont area are directly remitted to City West Housing by the developer.

The City generally remits these contributions to CHPs and DCJ quarterly. At 31 July 2023, approximately \$1.92M of the total cash and investments balance represented affordable housing contributions awaiting remittance to external parties, and these funds would be restricted until that time.

In addition, the City's Supported Accommodation, Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund constitutes an internal cash restriction, with a current balance of \$9.3M, subject to final external audit confirmation and will be reported to Council as part of the annual financial statements.

The City also has \$10M allocated of future years funding for new contributions to affordable housing, whether as a cash grant or a discounted sale of surplus property, but this future contribution is not yet included within the restrictions of the City's current cash and investments as at 30 June 2023.

12. See response to 11 above.
13. The City's commercial portfolio revenue is recognised and accounted for on a gross basis through the budget and LTFFP, and reported back against these budgets in the quarterly reports rather than on a net basis per property.
- (a) \$67.3M as reported in the Q4 report.
 - (b) \$68.9M as resolved in the annual budget and LTFFP.
 - (c) \$302.3M as resolved in the budget and forward estimates within the LTFFP.
 - (d) \$856.5M as resolved in the budget and forward estimates within the LTFFP.

14. The City's long term financial plan identifies the growth of its commercial property portfolio as an opportunity to improve our long term financial sustainability. Funds have been set aside for commercial property acquisition, and the City has been actively seeking appropriate opportunities within a very competitive market for a number of years, successfully acquiring the Woolstores in Alexandria during 2022/23.

In addition to new acquisitions, the City is also investigating opportunities to invest and enhance its existing portfolio, including building upgrades where appropriate and the design and implementation of appropriate office fit-outs, to optimise its commercial potential in a very competitive post-Covid marketplace.

- 15.
- (a) \$7.5M as reported in the Q4 report.
 - (b) \$23.5M as reported in the Q4 report.
 - (c) \$20.4M as resolved in the annual budget and LTFP.
 - (d) \$68.9M as resolved in the budget and forward estimates within the LTFP.
 - (e) \$128.9M as resolved in the budget and forward estimates within the LTFP.
16. No, the City does not require borrowings to fund the commitments within its current LTFP.
17. No, that has not been the case to date.
- 18.
- (a) The property investment portfolio, excluding strategic holdings, is \$509.6M at 30 June 2023.
 - (b) \$718.24M as reported in the July 2023 Investment Report.
 - (c) Not applicable.

14. Commercial Development Approval Processing Time Increase

By Councillor Scott

2022/23 commercial development approvals are half of the 2020/22 levels and 42% of 2021/22 levels.

However, DA processing times have increased by an average of 8 days.

This increase is noted as attention required, with a target of decreasing the processing time by 8 days (back to the 2020/22 processing time).

Question

1. Is the decline in each year matched by a decline in applications? Please detail applications for 20/21, 21/22 and 22/23.

2. What resourcing has the City allocated to reaching this processing target in the budget?
3. What other measures is the City taking to support our planning work to deliver on our commercial growth targets to create new City jobs and grow liveable City communities?

X086668

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

2022/23

In 2022/23 over 1000 development applications (DA) were approved with a combined value of development of \$2.6 billion. A further 1800 development-related applications such as modifications to previous consents, outdoor dining and subdivision certificates were also processed. Additionally, 120 submissions of advice were made on State Significant Development Applications.

In financial year 2022/23 the City of Sydney finalised the single largest and complex commercial DA approval in terms of cost of development in the City's recent history, approving the construction of two commercial towers adjacent to central station with a cost of development of \$854 million.

The George Street cinema complex redevelopment was also approved with a combined value of \$224 million this will contribute to the revitalisation of one of the Sydney's most well-known districts with a 44-storey tower including apartments, hotel and also retail outlets and a cinema complex.

A further 567 commercial applications were also processed in the last financial year. Half of which were processed in under 40 net days.

Previous year and market decline

Comparing 2022/23 to the two previous financial years, commercial DAs continue to represent around 50 per cent of the type of application processed by the City. Despite the decline of near 200 DAs overall being received - the mix of types of development is approximately the same. Please refer to tables below.

The decline in DAs being submitted overall to the City can be attributed to external factors such as the impacts of Covid-19, economic and market forces.

Detail of applications last three financial years

The full list of all development applications lodged in the last three financial years would be an excess of 4000 application records. This data is publicly available and can be extracted from the DA search facility on the City's website and exported to Excel. Alternatively, below is a summary table.

Table 1. DAs in and out

All DAs	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
DAs received	1574	1464	1266
less cancelled	-40	-15	-37
less withdrawn/rejected	-162	-154	-118
# DAs Lodged	1372	1295	1111
difference to year prior		-77	-184
Determinations	1338	1223	1082
difference to year prior		-115	-141

Table 2. Percentage of commercial

Determined DAs Commercial vs Other			
Determined DAs	1338	1223	1082
Commercial DA*	670	648	569
Residential /Other	668	575	513
% commercial	50.1%	53.0%	52.6%

*Please note the category of 'commercial DA' captures a broad mix of applications, ranging from a signage application (some with a cost of works in the low thousands) to retail fit outs, new food and drink premises, works to existing office premises and up to the construction of new office towers with cost of works in the multi-millions and typically more extensive assessment requirements which contribute to average assessment timeframes. Some large mixed-use development applications which can include part residential and commercial components have also been included.

Resourcing our planning work for growth

There have been substantial pressures on the Planning Assessments Unit during and after Covid-19, such as planner vacancies and unplanned long-term leave which has affected overall processing times. Recruitment is an ongoing area of focus for unit management and the City has also engaged agency staff to temporarily assist in workloads.

Importantly, in the last financial year, and in response to Council's post Covid-19 priorities, the City carved out a Fast Track team in Planning Assessments with a focus on outdoor dining footpath and on street applications, small business, shop and office fit-outs and also minor amendments to previous approvals these include change of trading hours for venues such as restaurants, small bars and convenience stores.

In the last financial year, the Fast Track team processed 488 outdoor dining applications in an average time of 26 days, and 200 development applications with an average of 54 days, 140 of those DAs were processed in under 30 days.

15. City of Sydney Council Vehicles

By Councillor Gannon

Question

1. How many motor vehicles does the City of Sydney own?
 - (a) How many of those are fully electric?
 - (b) How many of those are hybrids?
 - (c) How many of those are solely internal combustion engines?
2. What was total cost of acquiring the City's Nissan Leaf fleet? Was consideration given to purchasing more affordable electric vehicles? If so, which vehicles?
3. Does the City consider the potential for future EV conversions with respect to the procurement of its Medium Rigid and Heavy Rigid vehicle fleets?

X086665

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. 288.
 - (a) 22.
 - (b) 78.
 - (c) 188.
2. \$824, 864. Yes, Renault Zoe and Telsa 3 - the City considered many EV models however, at the end of that research piece it was determined the Nissan Leaf was the best all round choice, including cost, safety, reliability and expected resale value all factors in the decision.
3. Yes, however the market is still limited in providing the City with Commercial vehicles that meet our needs without significant customisation.

16. Parking Fines Issued to City Vehicles

By Councillor Gannon

Question

1. In the past five financial years, how many penalty notices (fines) have been issued to Council owned vehicles?
2. What is the breakdown of the different types of penalty notices?
3. What is the total cost of these fines?
4. How many employees have been fined?

5. Have any employees been issued more than one fine? If more than one, what is the highest number of fines issued to a single employee?
6. Are there any unidentified employees for fines?
7. How many challenges have been made against these fines?
 - (a) How many were successful?
 - (b) How many were unsuccessful?

X086665

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. 163.
- 2.

Driving in Bus Lane	9
Using Mobile Phone	5
Parking Fine	31
Red light	60
Speeding	58

3. \$49, 469.
4. 39.
5. Yes. 8.
6. Yes.
7. Once drivers are nominated appeals are managed by Revenue NSW, the City does not have access to or hold this information.

17. Transport Workers Union – Industrial Action – Overtime and Workplace Injuries

By Councillor Gannon

Question

1. How many hours of overtime have City staff undertaken because of the Cleanaway / TWU industrial action?
2. How many workplace injuries in the City's Cleansing teams have occurred this year? How does this compare to the past three calendar years?
3. Of these injured staff:
 - (a) How many were injured while performing overtime duties?
 - (b) How many were injured during regular shift hours?
4. What has been the total cost to the City with respect to these injuries?
5. How many Cleansing staff have worked overtime this year?
6. What percentage of the City's Cleansing staff have worked overtime this year?
7. What has been the total cost of overtime payment to Cleansing staff this year?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. 505 hours.
2. There were 78 injuries in 2022/23.

Note injury data is routinely reported in financial years.

Injury date	Total injuries
2019/20	111
2020/21	84
2021/22	56
2022/23	78

3.

(a)

Injury date	Total
2019/20	10

Injury date	Total
2020/21	8
2021/22	4
2022/23	10

(b)

Injury date	Total
2019/20	101
2020/21	76
2021/22	52
2022/23	68

4. The total cost to date for all injuries that occurred in Cleansing and Waste in 2022/23 is \$455,632.
5. 162.
6. 77 per cent.
7. \$1,918,760 (2022/23).

18. Update on the City of Sydney's Sydney Streets Program

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What dates and locations are proposed for the 2023/24 Sydney Streets program?
2. Which business, venues, community organisations or other groups are the lead partners that the City is working with, to implement the 2023/24 Sydney Streets program?
3. Which business, venues, community organisations or other groups were lead partners or worked with the City to implement the 2022/23 Sydney Streets program?
4. Which businesses and venues participated in 2022/23 Sydney Streets program?
5. What community organisations, including resident groups, participated in the 2022/23 Sydney Streets program?
6. Can local resident groups or community groups have stalls as part of the 2023/24 Sydney Streets program?

7. What are the requirements or steps for local resident groups or community groups to participate in the Sydney Streets program?

X086664

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Sydney Streets Series 4 2023

Date	Sydney Streets Event
Saturday 23 September	Redfern
Saturday 30 September	Haymarket
Saturday 14 October	Glebe
Saturday 21 October	Darlinghurst
Saturday 4 November	Surry Hills
Saturday 11 November	Pymont
Saturday 18 November	Potts Point *

*Please note that Potts Point is subject to approval from the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee

Sydney Streets Series 5* 2024

Date	Sydney Streets Event
Saturday 10 February	Haymarket – Sydney Lunar Streets
Saturday 17 February	Pymont
Saturday 24 February	Darlinghurst
Saturday 9 March	Glebe
Saturday 16 March	Redfern
Saturday 23 March	Potts Point
Saturday 6 April	Surry Hills

*Please note that Series 5 is subject to approval from the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee.

As requested by Council on 26 June 2023, staff are further investigating options for Sydney Streets, or a similar event in Newtown. Advice will be provided via the CEO Update.

2. Businesses and community organisations participate by applying through the expression of interest process advertised in the lead up of each series.
3. Businesses and community organisations participate by applying through the expression of interest process advertised in the lead up of each series.

4. The following businesses, venues, Chambers of Commerce, community organisations, residential groups and liquor accords were provided information or liaised with about each event or participated at the event on the day.
- 2011 Residents Association
 - Chinatown Business Association (Sydney) Inc
 - Chippendale Residents Interest Group (CRIG)
 - City South Liquor Accord
 - Cleveland Street Action Group
 - Coalition of Glebe Groups
 - Convenor, Friends of the Pyrmont Community Centre
 - Convenor, Paddington-Darlinghurst Community Working Group
 - Council of Ultimo/Pyrmont Associations
 - Darling Harbour Liquor Accord
 - Darlinghurst Business Partnership
 - Darlinghurst Residents Action Group (DRAG)
 - Darlo Darlings
 - East Sydney Neighbourhood Association
 - Forest Lodge & Glebe Group
 - Friends of Pyrmont Point
 - Friends of Ultimo
 - Glebe Chamber of Commerce
 - Glebe Community Action Group
 - Haymarket Chamber of Commerce
 - Haymarket HQ
 - Haymarket Institute
 - Kings Cross Community Centre
 - Kings Cross Liquor Accord
 - Neighbourhood Advisory Board - Surry Hills
 - Potts Point Partnership

- Potts Pointers Community Group
- Pyrmont Action
- Pyrmont Cares
- Pyrmont Community Group
- Pyrmont History Group
- Pyrmont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce
- Redfern Small Bar Accord
- Redfern Station Community Group
- REDWatch
- Secrets on Stanley
- Soul of Chinatown
- South Sydney Business Chambers
- Surry Hills Liquor Accord
- Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre
- Surry Hills Partnership/Creative Precinct
- Sydney City Liquor Accord
- The Glebe Society
- The Redfern Society
- Ultimo Village Voice
- Bill and Toni's Italian, Darlinghurst
- Black Squid and Co, Darlinghurst
- Flave, Darlinghurst
- Funkatello, Darlinghurst
- Lord Roberts Hotel, Darlinghurst
- Mrs Palmer/La Farmacia, Darlinghurst
- Stanley Street Gallery Get Cookied, Darlinghurst
- Stanley's Bar Pty Ltd, Darlinghurst
- Verde Restaurant, Darlinghurst

- Amigoss Association Inc, Glebe
- Becketts, Glebe
- Cambodge Café, Glebe
- Carte Restaurant, Glebe
- Ciccone & Sons, Glebe
- Cuppa Fix, Glebe
- Dirty Red, Glebe
- Glebe Markets, Glebe
- Glebe Public School Parent & Citizen's Association, Glebe
- Glebe Veterinary Hospital, Glebe
- Jambo Jambo Africa Pty Ltd, Glebe
- Little Beans Café, Glebe
- Mr Puff Loukoumades, Glebe
- Nava Thai Massage, Glebe
- No 92 GPR, Glebe
- Salt & Palm, Glebe
- The Lillipad Café, Glebe
- The Little Guy, Glebe
- The Shop Gallery, Glebe
- The Wedge Glebe, Glebe
- Tommy's Beer Café, Glebe
- Vecino, Glebe
- Vegan Grocery Store, Glebe
- Choy Lee Fut Kungfu And Qigong, Haymarket
- Community Bank Darling Square, Haymarket
- Covent Garden Hotel, Haymarket
- East Ocean Seafood Restaurant, Haymarket
- Euro Espresso, Haymarket

- Mr Puff Loukoumades, Haymarket
- Royal Jewellery, Haymarket
- The Haymarket Institute, Haymarket
- Tippy Toes Nail and Eyelash Bar, Haymarket
- A Date With Mabel, Potts Point
- BBQ Time, Potts Point
- Bistro Rex, Potts Point
- Dulcies, Potts Point
- Grape Garden, Potts Point
- Grove Bar, Potts Point
- Penny's Cheese Shop, Potts Point
- Rustic French, Potts Point
- Sleevemasters Tattoo, Potts Point
- The Roosevelt, Potts Point
- City of Sydney Planning, Pyrmont
- Fox Taylor Shoe & Leather Repair, Pyrmont
- Porter's Liquor, Pyrmont
- Quarrymans Hotel, Pyrmont
- SIG-CAF, Pyrmont
- Transport For NSW, Pyrmont
- Ultimo Community Centre, Pyrmont
- Yukis Favourites, Pyrmont
- 107 Projects, Redfern
- Bart Jr, Redfern
- Bush Food, Redfern
- Cafe Dreaming, Redfern
- Johnny Who, Redfern
- La Coppola Woodfired Pizza, Redfern

- Markd Tattoo, Redfern
 - Mr Puff Loukoumades, Redfern
 - Redfern & Co - The Redfern
 - The Noble Hops, Redfern
 - The Sunshine Inn, Redfern
 - The Tudor Hall Hotel, Redfern
 - All About Salon, Surry Hills
 - Ardis Block To Grill, Surry Hills
 - Bad Mama, Surry Hills
 - Cuckoo Callay, Surry Hills
 - Giuls, Surry Hills
 - Henrietta Charcoal Chicken, Surry Hills
 - Hiscoes, Surry Hills
 - Khoi's, Surry Hills
 - Lode Pies & Pastries, Surry Hills
 - Lucky Pickle and Mud Australia, Surry Hills
 - Masala Theory, Surry Hills
 - Nour Sydney, Surry Hills
 - Perfecta Laser & Beauty, Surry Hills
 - Sky Sirens, Surry Hills
 - Surry Hills Fine Wines, Surry Hills
 - The Clock, Surry Hills
 - The Nocturne, Surry Hills
 - Trinity Bar, Surry Hills
 - Vets On Crown, Surry Hills
 - Yo-Chi, Surry Hills
5. See response to 4 above.
6. Yes. Local resident groups and community groups are invited to fill in the Expression of Interest form for each event.

7. Local resident or community groups can apply via the Expression of Interest process which is advertised and opened in the lead up to each series event. Information about this process is available on the City's website:
<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/business-support-funding/sydney-streets>

19. Dog Poisoning in City Parks by City Contractor

By Councillor Scott

In late July, City of Sydney contractors were re-filling rat baits in Sydney Park, Alexandria, when a dog ate some rat poison out of their exposed bucket. The dog ended up in the vet but has now recovered. At first, City of Sydney council denied responsibility, however, they have now admitted responsibility. City staff have been in touch with the dog owner and have spoken to the contractor.

Question

1. What identification do all City contractors wear to identify that they work for the City?
2. What signage are City contractors required to display when completing services such as this?
3. How is the City educating contractors on their obligations and what monitoring of compliance is in place?
4. What steps have been taken to prevent further pet poisonings by the City?
5. What consequences are there for the contractor?
6. Does the City have any obligations to report this to any regulators? If so, to whom and when was the report made?
7. What support has been offered to the resident?

X086668

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Contractors wear high-visibility vests with the contractor's company uniform labelled with the company's logo, which includes the wording "Pest Control".
2. No signage is required for these services as all rodent baits are contained within bait boxes. Signage is only required if there is a residual risk of pesticides used in public places.
3. The contractor has an obligation to comply with all relevant regulations, codes of practice, health and safety acts and guidelines. City staff meet regularly with the contractor to discuss operational matters and routinely review baiting performance.
4. City staff have investigated the incident. In consultation with the contractor, improvements have been implemented including self-closing bait containers with clear warning labels to mitigate any risks associated with access by dogs to rodent baits during the servicing of bait stations in public spaces.

5. City staff have met with the contractor and reinforced their contractual obligations. Improvements have been agreed to by the contractor.
6. No.
7. Shortly after the incident, the City staff that oversee the pest controller contract became aware of the incident and contacted the dog owner by phone to discuss the concerns, provide support, and enquire about the health and welfare of the dog.