

10 February 2025

At the conclusion of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee

Community Services and Facilities Committee

Agenda

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**
- 3. Post Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions - Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont**
- 4. Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund**

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Item 1.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meetings of the Community Services and Facilities Committee are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 11 November 2024

Item 2.**Statement of Ethical Obligations**

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

Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice and the City of Sydney Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose and manage both pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

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Item 3.**Post Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions - Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont**

File No: X111829

Summary

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

At its meeting on 19 August 2024, Council resolved that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to initiate the process of community consultation for an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont, in response to community requests.

The public exhibition process was undertaken in accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993.

A total of 46 submissions were received. The majority of submissions received indicated support for the proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont, with 37 submissions in support and 8 submissions opposing the proposal. In addition, Anti-Discrimination NSW indicated they had no objection to the proposal.

In recognition of community support, this report recommends Council approve the establishment of an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road Pyrmont until 21 August 2028 to align with the expiration date for all other outdoor alcohol restrictions across the local government area.

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

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community as summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve the establishment of an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont until 21 August 2028;
- (C) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will continue to undertake advocacy to the NSW Government in relation to necessary reforms in this area and work with relevant entities to develop appropriate strategies for managing alcohol consumption in the public domain, in accordance with the resolution of Council of 24 June 2024; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the locations of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Resolution of Council - Item 7.3 - Post Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions - 19 August 2024
- Attachment B.** Engagement Report
- Attachment C.** Map - Recommended alcohol-free zone - Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont

Background

1. In accordance with its legislative requirements under the Local Government Act 1993, the City considers valid applications for outdoor alcohol restrictions. These restrictions include alcohol-free zones which apply to public roads, footpaths and public carparks and alcohol prohibited areas which apply to parks and civic spaces. Council can resolve to establish an outdoor alcohol restriction for a maximum of 4 years or on a temporary basis for special events.
2. Alcohol-free zones apply 24 hours a day. Alcohol prohibited areas can be timed sites where alcohol consumption is permissible within designated times, usually between 10am and 10pm.
3. NSW Police are responsible for enforcing outdoor alcohol restrictions. Restrictions provide NSW Police with the authority to tip out or confiscate alcohol within designated public areas. There are no fines associated with the offence in NSW.
4. Under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) ACT (LEPRA) 2002, the NSW Police have other powers for managing alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour however these can result in fines and/or detainment.
5. At its meeting on 19 August 2024, Council resolved that the CEO be requested to initiate the process of community consultation for an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont, in response to community requests. See Attachment A.
6. In accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993 the public exhibition process was undertaken from 13 November 2024 to 20 December 2024.
7. As per the legislative requirements, a copy of the proposed alcohol-free zone was provided to Anti-Discrimination NSW, who advised in writing that they had no objection subject to the City following the 2009 Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-free Zones.
8. Through the public exhibition period the following community engagement was undertaken:
 - (a) Sydney Your Say survey
 - (b) letters to businesses and residents on Jones Bay Road
 - (c) email notifications regarding the public exhibition process were sent to key stakeholders, including liquor licensed premises, , NSW Police, Anti-Discrimination NSW and other government agencies.
9. A total of 46 submissions were received. All were assessed through internal review. A summary of the issues raised in the submissions, together with responses and staff recommendations, is included in the Engagement Report at Attachment B.
10. The majority of submissions received indicated support for the proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone with 37 submissions in support and 8 submissions opposing the proposal.
11. Based on the outcomes of the public exhibition period this report recommends the establishment of an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont, as identified in Attachment B to the report.

12. If approved by Council, and as per Section 644B of the Local Government Act 1993, a notice will be placed on the City's website declaring the establishment of the outdoor alcohol restriction. City staff will also notify key stakeholders and community through our various channels.
13. In accordance with Section 644C of the Local Government Act 1993, the outdoor alcohol restriction on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont will not come into effect until seven days after such notice and until roads and footpaths affected are adequately signposted.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

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

Risks

15. Risk will be managed by working with NSW Police and reviewing Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data to determine the efficacy and ongoing need for the restrictions over the next 12 months.
16. This approach is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
 - We are committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our workers, residents, visitors and others who interact with our assets, operations and services.

Social / Cultural / Community

17. The City is collaborating with NSW government agencies and local community organisations to develop strategic responses to the health impacts of alcohol use for priority communities.

Economic

18. Outdoor alcohol restrictions aim to reduce anti-social behaviour and increase public safety and amenity. Maintaining and promoting Sydney's safety can contribute to increased economic prosperity; create a thriving, globally connected community; and further enhance Sydney's international reputation as a great place to visit, live, work, invest and study.
19. The City supports a safe and vibrant night-time economy including the consumption of alcohol in managed locations such as liquor licensed premises and alfresco dining areas where the responsible service of alcohol is practiced. Liquor licensed areas, including footway licenses and liquor licensed areas at outdoor events are exempt from alcohol restrictions

Financial Implications

20. Sufficient funds for signage updates and removals are provided for in the City Life division's operational budget for the 2024/25 financial year.
21. Funding for updates, installation or removal of signage is included in the City Infrastructure and Traffic Operations capital works budget.

Relevant Legislation

22. Local Government Act 1993.
23. Liquor Act 2007.
24. Roads Act 1993.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

25. All outdoor alcohol restrictions currently expire on 21 August 2028.

Options

26. Not establish the location as recommended: due to the strong community support for the establishment of an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont this is not recommended.

Public Consultation

27. As part of the most recent public exhibition period the following stakeholder and community engagement activities were undertaken:
 - (a) A survey was conducted on Sydney Your Say from 13 November to 20 December 2024 and was advertised in the 'Sydney Your Say' emailed newsletter.
 - (b) Email notifications regarding the public exhibition process were sent to local community groups, residents and businesses, including Liquor Licensed Premises located in Jones Bay Road and the surrounding area, NSW Police, Ant-Discrimination NSW and other government agencies.

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Executive Director City Life

Rebecca Martin, Safe City Manager

Attachment A

**Resolution of Council – Item 7.3 – Post
Exhibition – Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions –
19 August 2024**

Resolution of Council

19 August 2024

Item 7.3

Post Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community on the list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas as summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve the establishment of alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas for a four year period as outlined in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to initiate the process of community consultation for an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont, in response to community requests;
- (D) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will continue to undertake advocacy to the NSW Government in relation to necessary reforms in this area and work with relevant entities to develop appropriate strategies for managing alcohol consumption in the public domain, in accordance with the resolution of Council of 24 June 2024; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the locations of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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Attachment B

Engagement Report

Engagement report

Background

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

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

Engagement summary

At its meeting on 19 August 2024, Council resolved that the Chief Executive officer be requested to initiate the process of community consultation for an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont, in response to community requests.

The public exhibition process was undertaken in accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993 which outlines the consultation requirements to establish alcohol restrictions. The public exhibition period took place between 13 November 2024 to 20 December 2024, which exceeded the required 30-day public exhibition period.

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

Purpose of engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to gather feedback from community groups, residents and local business on their level of support for the proposed alcohol-free zone.

Outcomes of engagement

The following is a snapshot of the outcomes from the engagement. It shows good face-to-face and online engagement that has reached a range of audiences.

Submissions received during the 13 November to 20 December 2025 consultation

We received a total of 46 submissions (via Survey Monkey, email and letter) during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 217 times during the consultation period.

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

1. Australian South Sea Islanders
2. Pyrmont Action
3. Pyrmont Ultimo Landcare
4. St James Church
5. Ultimo Village Voice

Submissions and engagement activity

Quantity	Description of activity
46	Total submissions received
32	Survey submissions
13	Emailed submissions received from community groups / residents / business
1	Emailed submissions from Anti-Discrimination NSW

Submissions Table

Support/Oppose	Quantity	Reasons
Support	37	Safety, amenity and security Improve health and community wellbeing, reduce harm Litter, broken glass, urination, noise & antisocial behaviour Recommendations for sign locations and visibility
Oppose	8	Unnecessary 'nanny state'
No Objection	1	

Attachment C

**Map – Recommended alcohol-free zone –
Jones Bay Road**

Recommended alcohol-free zone Jones Bay Road



Item 4.**Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund**

File No: S117676

Summary

The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city. To achieve the objectives of Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision, genuine partnership between government, business and the community is required.

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

The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund is open all year for applications until the annual budget is exhausted.

This report considers 4 eligible applications for funding under the 2024/25 round of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund. Two grants are recommended for a total cash value of \$57,000 from the 2024/25 financial year budget, with one project receiving an additional \$8,640 of value-in-kind (street banner fee waiver).

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

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

Attachments

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| Attachment A. | Recommended For Funding - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund |
| Attachment B. | Not Recommended For Funding - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund |

Background

1. On 1 July 2024, the City announced the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications open all year round, until budget is exhausted.
2. Information on this grant program (such as application dates, guidelines, and eligibility criteria) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the grant programs through the corporate website, content marketing, e-newsletters, paid and organic social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn), and AdWords. Email campaigns were utilised to target interested parties who have applied previously for grants at the City or who have expressed an interest in the City's programs.
3. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program is dedicated to local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, groups and organisations and is open to eligible not-for-profit organisations, incorporated associations, corporations, co-operatives, partnerships, sole traders, trustees of a trust and an individual or unincorporated community group auspiced by an eligible not-for-profit organisation or corporation.
4. One eligible application was received from a sole trader through the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and nil sole traders are recommended in this report.

Grants assessment process

5. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program is highly competitive. Applications that are not recommended have either not scored as highly against the assessment criteria as the recommended applications or have incomplete or insufficient information. The City's Grants and Sponsorship team provides feedback to unsuccessful applicants.
6. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. The applications are scored against defined assessment criteria for each grant program as well as the integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, partnerships, contributions and connection to the local community and industry sectors.
7. The assessment criteria for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund are:
 - Why is there a need for the project and what are the proposed outcomes, capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project?
 - What is your experience in delivering projects?
 - How have you included the local diverse community and how will they benefit and/or being engaged?
 - How does the project rate against the funding priorities?

8. The assessment meeting for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund was held on Monday 16 December 2024. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, City Business and Safety, People and Culture and Cultural Space and Sector Development Teams.
9. Once assessed, application recommendations are decided by Council, and approved applicants are awarded a contract which includes conditions that must be adhered to and acquitted against.
10. It is expected that all successful applicants will work cooperatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding.
11. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

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

Total budget for 2024/25	\$500,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	(\$171,047)
Total cash available	\$328,953
Total number of eligible applications considered in this report	4
Total cash value requested from applications	\$492,500
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$ 25,920
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	2
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25	\$57,000
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25	\$8,640
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$271,953

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

14. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This grant is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to community development and support active participation in civic life. They empower the community to address issues that matter to them and drive projects to create a more inclusive and resilient city.

Risks

15. This recommendation is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
- We make decisions that align with our corporate objectives, policies and strategies and are committed to conducting our activities in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations and relevant industry standards.
 - We foster a culture of ethics, integrity and responsible behaviour across our organisation. By creating a strong ethical foundation, we aim to minimise the likelihood of reputation-damaging incidents and enhance our ability to respond effectively when challenges arise.
 - The City has a responsibility to ensure that it has sufficient resources in the short, medium and long term to provide the levels of service that are both affordable and considered appropriate by the community.

Organisational Impact

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

Cultural / Economic / Social / Environmental

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

Financial Implications

18. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 grants and sponsorship budget, included in the City's approved operating budget for 2024/25 to support the recommended grants. Details and total values are provided in the table above.

Relevant Legislation

19. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
20. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
 - (a) the funding is part of the following program:
 - (i) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund; and
 - (b) the details of the program were included in the Council's adopted operational plan for financial year 2024/25;
 - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2024/25; and
 - (d) this program applies to a significant group of persons within the local government

Critical Dates / Time Frames

21. The funding period for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund for financial year 2024/25 is for activities taking place 12 months from the project start date. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting.

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Jack Caswell, Grants Systems and Reporting Manager

Attachment A

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

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2024/25

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Community Restorative Centre Limited as auspice for Ken Zulumovski	The Coloured Digger ANZAC Day Event and Commemorative Ceremony	A series of events at Redfern to showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander military service, highlighting the stories of bravery of men and women from communities from across the country.	\$50,000 (Year 1 2024-25) \$50,000 (Year 2 2025-26) \$50,000 (Year 3 2026-27)	Street banner pole hire fee waiver of \$8,640 per year for three years	\$32,000 (Year 1 only)	Street banner fee waiver to the value of \$8,640 (Year 1 only)	Nil
National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Limited	Friday Night Live	A monthly program in Redfern providing a culturally space safe for Aboriginal young people, to connect with family and friends, participating in physical activity and a variety of mental health workshops in partnership with local community groups and mentors.	\$50,000	Nil	\$25,000	Nil	Nil

Attachment B

**Not Recommended for Funding
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
Collaboration Fund**

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2024/25

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Corey Anderson	Strong Aboriginal Youth Program (SAYP)	A workshop within Schools, Youth Services and Juvenile Justice settings on what trauma is, while promoting safe and healthy relationships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth.	\$45,000 (Year 1 - 2024/25) \$47,500 (Year 2 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2026/27)	Nil
Westbourne Cares Indigenous Corporation	Indigenous Youth Empowerment Program	A program in Redfern that equips Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students with essential skills, including First Aid, CPR, and White Card certifications to enhance their employability, confidence and career readiness.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2024/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2026/27)	Nil