

Item 7.**Street Event - Temporary Road Closures - 2026 Mardi Gras Parade**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee review the temporary road closures for the 2026 Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, 28 February 2026 subject to the following conditions:-

- (A) The Applicant must comply with the temporary road closure conditions as stipulated in Schedule A of this agenda.
- (B) The Applicant must contact the Surry Hills PAC, Sydney City PAC and Kings Cross PAC to discuss deployment of user pay police for the event.
- (C) The Applicant must contact the City's Venue Management Unit to discuss the event.
- (D) The Applicant is to obtain a Road Occupancy Licence from the Transport Management Centre prior to commencement of works.
- (E) The Applicant must provide a telephone number of the supervisor responsible for the proposed event and include contact details in the notification letters to be distributed to affected stakeholders.
- (F) The Applicant must contact relevant Bus Operators and arrange and pay for the rerouting of bus services around the closures, the temporary relocation of bus stops and any additional staff required.
- (G) The Applicant must contact all shared e-bike operators within the City of Sydney Local Government Area to discuss the management of shared e-bikes within and around the event footprint. This includes, but is not limited to, the identification of any requirements for temporary geofencing, restricted parking/drop-off zones, or the relocation of bikes to ensure they do not obstruct road closures, event operations, or present safety concerns.
- (H) The Traffic Management and Traffic Control Plans are agreed to in principal and to be finalised through the Working Group established by Premiers and Cabinet's Community Engagement and Events Division with representative from the Police, Transport Management Centre (TMC), Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Sydney Buses, Council and Event Organisers.

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd has applied for the temporary road closures of Oxford, Flinders, Liverpool and College Streets and short sections of adjoining streets for the 2026 Sydney Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, 28 February 2026.

Comments

The Sydney Mardi Gras Parade is an annual event that requires the temporary closure of City streets and traffic detours around the parade route.

The Parade Route remains the same as 2024. Liverpool and College Streets, Wentworth Avenue and Hyde Park will be used as the start area i.e. as a form-up area for the floats and participants in the Parade.

The reserved seating area will be located, as usual, on Flinders Street, between Moore Park Road and Linden Lane, which require rolling lane closures along Flinders Street to allow for set-up arrangements.

The end area for the parade is in Anzac Parade under the Tibby Cotter pedestrian overpass, Moore Park.

The Department of Premiers and Cabinet's Community Engagement and Events Division has established an Events Operations Working Group to deal with this event, with representatives from the Police, Transport Management Centre (TMC), Transport for NSW (TfNSW), Sydney Buses, Emergency Services, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney Trains, Council and Event Organisers.

The parade route will travel along Oxford Street, starting at Whitlam Square, turn right at Taylor Square onto the southbound lanes of Flinders Street, then left onto Anzac Parade finishing south of Tibby Cotter Bridge. The parade will start at 7.00pm and finish at 11.00pm.

Temporary Road Closures - 6am Saturday 28 February 2026 to 3pm Sunday 1 March 2026

- Paterson Lane between Bourke and Flinders Streets

Temporary Road Closures - 11pm Saturday 28 February 2026 to 2am Monday 2 March 2026

- Hill Street between Clare and Flinders Streets

Temporary Road Closures - 6am Saturday 28 February 2026 to 4am Sunday 1 March 2026

- Short Street between Flinders and Bourke Streets (westbound)

Temporary Road Closures - 6am Saturday 28 February 2026 to 2.30am Monday 2 March 2026 (For Hill Street Laneway Festival)

- Clare Street between Short and Hill Streets
- Clare Street between Hill Street and Marys Place **
- Floods Place between Marys Place and Albion Street **
- Hill Street between Bourke and Clare Streets ***
- Mary's Place between Bourke and Clare Streets **
- Short Place between Hill and Short Streets **

**managed residents' access on Saturday 28 February 2026 between 6am and 3pm, and from 4am Sunday 1 March 2026 to 2am Monday 2 March 2026

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Temporary Road Closures - 4pm Saturday 28 February to 4am Sunday 1 March

- Short Street between Bourke and Flinders Streets (eastbound)

Temporary Road Closures - 4pm Saturday 28 February to 1.30am Sunday 1 March

- Alberta Street between Clarke and Goulburn Streets
- College Street between Park and Liverpool Streets
- College Lane between Francis and Stanley Streets
- Commonwealth Streets between Wentworth Avenue and Clarke Street
- Commonwealth Street between Goulburn Street and Goulburn Lane
- Foy Lane between Goulburn and Elizabeth Streets
- Francis Street between College and Yurong Streets
- Francis Lane off College Lane
- Goulburn Street between Elizabeth and Nithsdale Streets
- Goulburn Street between Wentworth Avenue and Wemyss Lane
- Goulburn Street between Wentworth Avenue and Foy Lane (westbound)
- Hargrave Street between Francis Street and Hargrave Lane
- Hunt Street between Campbell and Commonwealth Streets (westbound)
- Lyons Lane between Commonwealth Street and Wentworth Avenue
- Nithsdale Lane off Alberta Street

- Stanley Street between Yurong and College Streets
- Wentworth Avenue between Goulburn and Liverpool Streets
- Wentworth Avenue between Elizabeth and Goulburn Streets (northbound)

Temporary Road Closures - 4pm Saturday 28 February to 4am Sunday 1 March

- Albion Street between Bourke and Flinders Streets
- Bloomfield Lane between Denham and Little Bourke Streets
- Bloomfield Street between Little Bloomfield and Little Bourke Streets
- Bourke Street between Albion and Campbell Streets
- Bourke Street between Foveaux, Fitzroy and Albion Streets (northbound)
- Campbell Street between Crown and Bourke Streets
- Church Lane between Little Bourke and Bourke Streets
- Denham Lane from Bloomfield Lane
- Denham Street from Little Oxford Street
- Farnell Street between Sandwell and Fitzroy Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Fitzroy Lane between Hutchinson Street and Hutchinson Place
- Flinders Street between Moore Park Road and Oxford Street (northbound)
- Foley Street between Crown and Bourke Streets
- Forbes Street between Foley and Burton Streets
- Hutchinson Street between Albion and Fitzroy Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Hutchinson Place between Hutchinson and Fitzroy Streets
- Hutchinson Lane between Hutchinson Street and Hutchinson Place
- Langley Street between Burton and Foley Streets
- Kells Lane between Crown and Palmer Streets
- Linden Lane between Bourke and Flinders Streets
- Little Bloomfield Street from Campbell Street
- Little Bourke Street between Church Lane and Campbell Street
- Little Oxford Street between Crown and Campbell Streets
- Maiden Lane between Linden Lane and Short Street

- Nichols Street between Fitzroy and Albion Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Ryder Street between Little Oxford Street and Taggarts Lane
- Sandwell Street from Hutchinson Street (Residents Excepted)
- Taggarts Lane between Crown and Denham Streets

Temporary Road Closures - 5.30pm Saturday 28 February to 1.30am Sunday 1 March

- Clarke Street between Elizabeth and Commonwealth Streets
- Foster Lane from Foster Street (Residents Excepted)
- Goulburn Street between Castlereagh and Elizabeth Street (eastbound)
- Goulburn Street between Nithsdale Street and Wentworth Avenue (eastbound)
- Liverpool Street between College and Elizabeth Streets (westbound)
- Nithsdale Street between Liverpool and Goulburn Streets
- Nithsdale Lane between Elizabeth and Nithsdale Streets
- Riley Street between Albion and Campbell Streets (northbound)
- Wade Place from Ann Street (Residents Excepted)
- Wentworth Avenue between Goulburn and Elizabeth Streets (southbound)
- Wright Lane between Mary and Reservoir Streets (Residents Excepted)

Temporary Road Closures - 5.30pm Saturday 28 February to 2.30am Sunday 1 March

- Eastern Distributor off ramp exit to Anzac Parade (southbound)
- Eastern Distributor entry accessible only via Moore Park Road between 5pm and 6.30pm

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- Eastern Distributor on ramp access from Moore Park Road (northbound)
- Eastern Distributor entry accessible only via Moore Park Road between 5pm and 6.30pm

Temporary Road Closures - 5.30pm Saturday 28 February to 2.30am Sunday 1 March

- Albion Street between Crown and Bourke Streets
- Anzac Parade between Cleveland Street and Moore Park Road
- Arnold Place between Crown and Riley Streets
- Arnold Lane between Arnold Place and Goulburn Street
- Brisbane Street between Oxford and Hunt Streets (Residents Excepted)

- Burton Street between Palmer and Foley Street (westbound)
- Campbell Street between Hunt and Riley Streets
- Chisholm Street between Taylor and Hannam Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Commonwealth Street between Goulburn Lane and Campbell Street (Residents Excepted)
- Crown Street between Foveaux and Albion Streets (northbound) (Residents Excepted)
- Crown Street between Albion and Campbell Streets (northbound) (Residents Excepted)
- Crown Street between Burton and Campbell Streets
- Flemings Lane between Flinders and Hannam Streets
- Flinders Street between Oxford Street and Moore Park Road (southbound)
- Foster Street between Campbell and Hunt Streets
- Goulburn Street between Weymss Lane and Crown Street
- Goulburn Lane between Brisbane and Commonwealth Streets
- Hannam Street between Flinders and Chisholm Streets
- Hannam Street between South Dowling and Chisholm Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Hunt Street between Commonwealth Street and Wentworth Avenue
- Hunt Street between Commonwealth and Campbell Streets (eastbound)
- Little Dowling Street from Napier Street (Residents Excepted)
- Liverpool Street between Elizabeth and College Streets (eastbound)
- Liverpool Street between Oxford and Hargrave Streets
- Liverpool Street between Crown and Riley Streets (westbound)
- Lower Campbell Street between Riley and Campbell Streets
- Moore Park Road between Flinders Street and Green Road (eastbound)
- Napier Street between South Dowling Street and Rosebud Lane (Residents Excepted)
- Oxford Street between Liverpool Street and Darlinghurst Road
- Palmer Street between Burton and Oxford Streets
- Pelican Street between Oxford and Goulburn Streets (Residents Excepted)

- Poplar Street between Brisbane and Pelican Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Providence Place from Arnold Place
- Riley Street between Campbell and Oxford Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Rosebud Lane between Napier Street and Iona Lane (Residents Excepted)
- Seymour Place between South Dowling and Selwyn Streets
- Sims Street between Chisholm and Hannam Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Sturt Street from South Dowling Street
- South Dowling Street between Oxford and Fitzroy Streets (southbound) (Residents Excepted)
- South Dowling Street between Fitzroy and Church Streets (northbound)
- Stanley Street between Crown and Riley Street (westbound) (Residents Excepted)
- Taylor Street between Flinders and Chisholm Street
- Taylor Street between South Dowling and Chisholm Streets (Residents Excepted)
- Waine Street between Pelican and Riley Street
- Wemyss Lane between Wentworth Avenue and Brisbane Street
- Wemyss Lane between Wemyss Lane and Goulburn Street

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- Moore Park Rd between Oatley Rd and South Dowling St (westbound) - Managed access to Disney Studios. Residents exit will be managed via Church Street and South Dowling Street northbound or via Greens Road

Consultation

The Applicant will be required to notify affected stakeholders as stipulated in Schedule A.

Financial

Not applicable as Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation which is exempt from fees as stipulated in the current Fees and Charges.

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