

President's Welcome



*Chinatown will be up in lights for a one-of-a-kind street festival of art, lights, music, community & food from 15 October – 20 November 2022. Experience Dixon Street like you've never seen it before!*

I am pleased to report that preparations for the [Neon Playground by Chinatown](#) festival are progressing extremely well.

The festival will be launched on **Saturday 15 October 2022** with a **free Block Party on Dixon Street from 3 pm – 10 pm**. All are welcome and "be inspired by sounds and steps from across Asia".

If you wish to be a part of or contribute to the Neon festival, there is still time. Reach out to us and come to the next and final community [engagement and information session](#) to be held at **Haymarket HQ** on **Thursday 6 October 2022** at 2 pm.

On **Saturday 29 October 2022**, from 11 am to 10 pm, parts of **Dixon, Hay, Little Hay and Sussex Streets** will be closed to traffic and transformed by the City of Sydney into spaces for walking, shopping and dining as part of its "**Sydney Streets**" program. Council will also be providing roving entertainment. It will be a fun day and we invite all of you to join the festivities and to venture into the Neon Playground at the same time.

Food and drink businesses in these areas can apply for temporary outdoor dining space and extend their existing liquor license boundary in front of their premises for the day. Retailers can also apply to use the space in front of their premises. Participating businesses are to submit an [online expression of interest form](#) to Council.

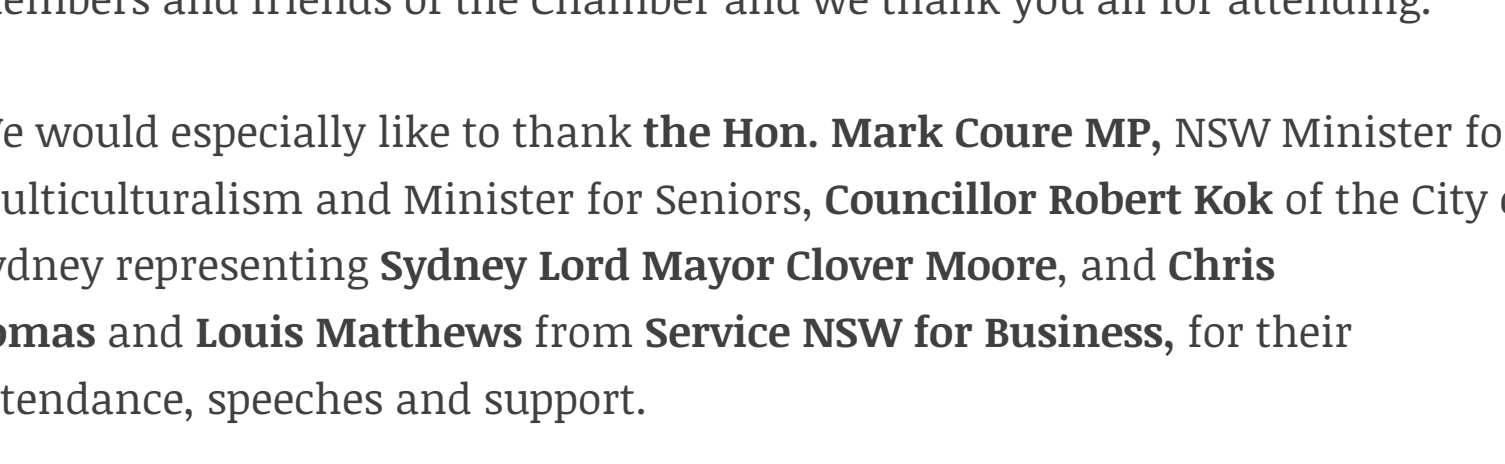
**Importantly, the date for submission of the EO1 to Council has now been extended to Sunday, 2 October 2022. Act now, don't miss out!**

As you can see, the month of October will be an eventful one at Chinatown/Haymarket and we look forward to seeing all of you at all or some of these events.

Vincent Lim  
President

Latest News

Spring Networking Event on 15 September 2022



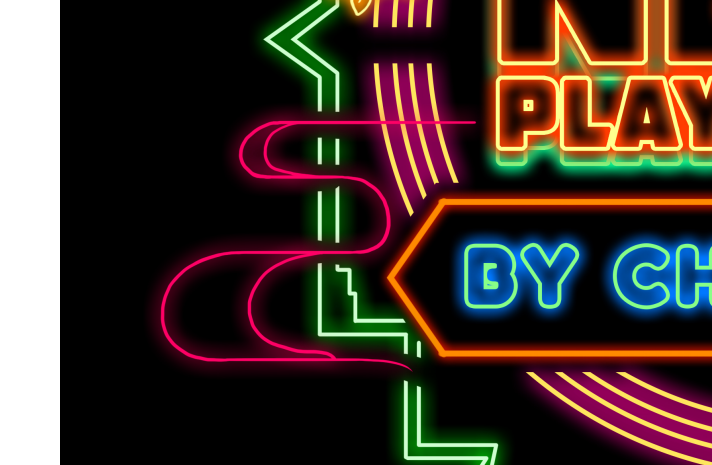
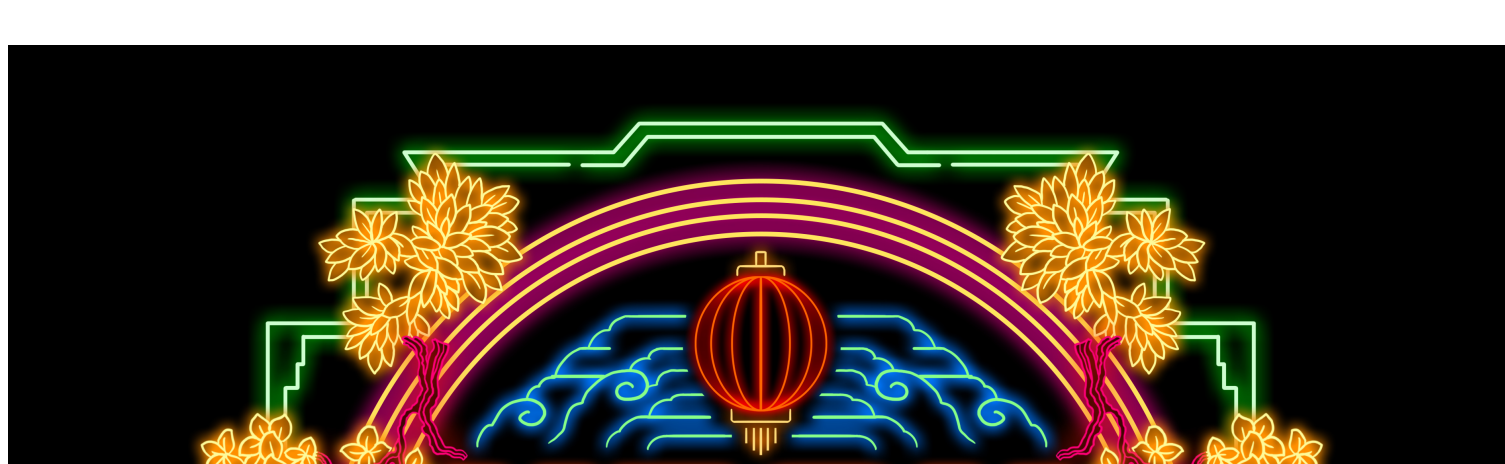
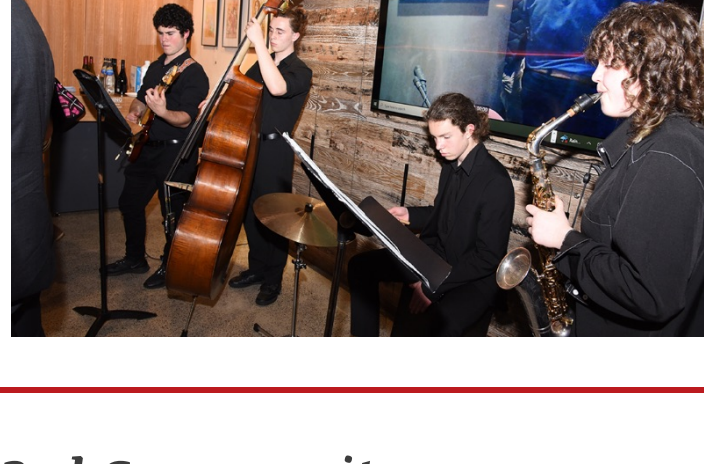
Our **Spring Networking Event** was held at the [Bendigo Community Bank](#) at Haymarket on 15 September 2022.

It was a special and most enjoyable evening that brought together many members and friends of the Chamber and we thank you all for attending.

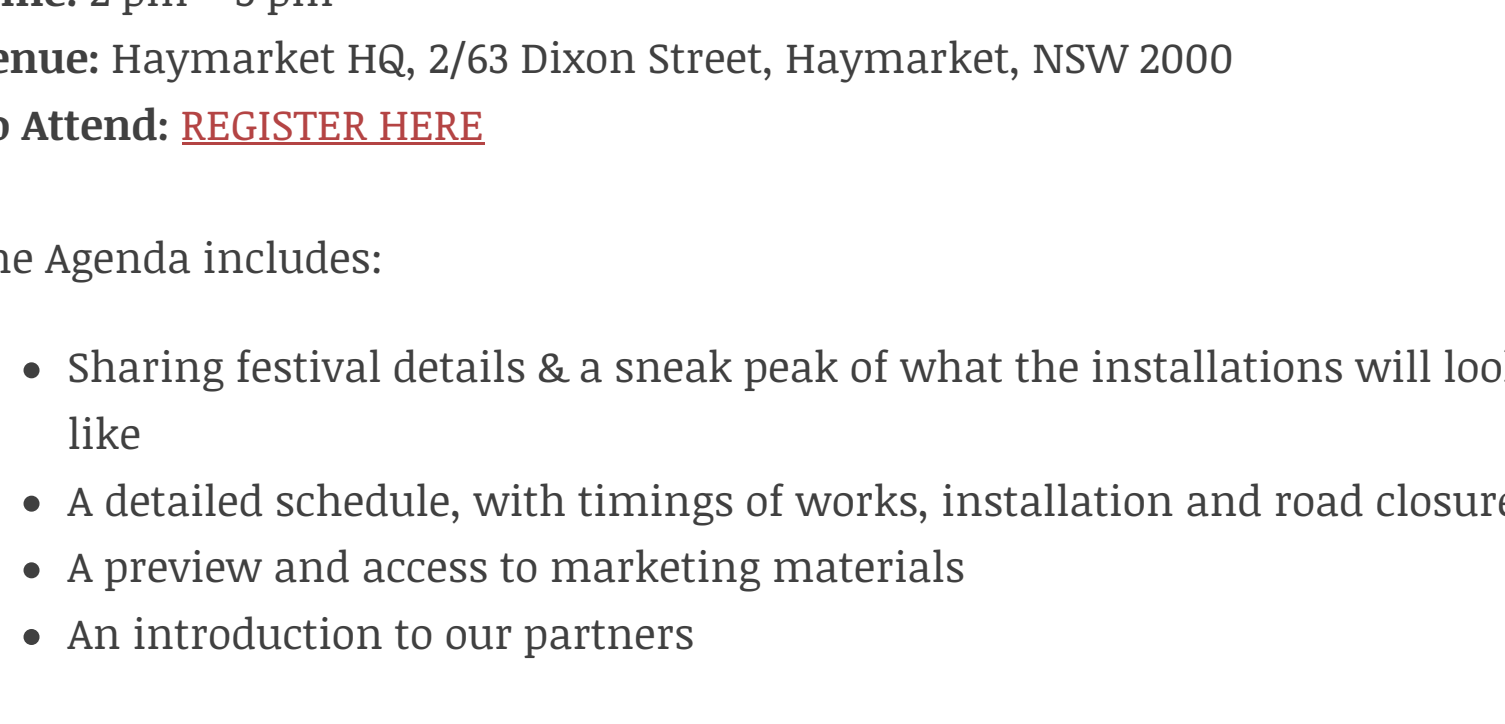
We would especially like to thank the **Hon. Mark Coure MP**, NSW Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Seniors, Councillor **Robert Kok** of the City of Sydney representing **Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore**, and **Chris Lomas** and **Louis Matthews** from **Service NSW for Business**, for their attendance, speeches and support.

We would also like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the team at the Community Bank led by **Raymond Tai**, **Cara Chen** of [Altitude Tea](#) for her tea presentation and talk on the *Art of Relaxation*, the **McKenzie's Quartet** from the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts for their beautiful music, and our Chamber member [Chat Thai Haymarket](#) for the delicious catering.

More photos [HERE](#) on our website.



Neon Playground by Chinatown – 3rd Community Information Session



Sydney's Chinatown will come alive this spring for **Neon Playground by Chinatown** – an immersive celebration of arts, lights, music and community.

Businesses and community representatives from across Chinatown are invited to the final **Neon Playground by Chinatown** community meeting.

**Date:** Thursday 6 October 2022  
**Time:** 2 pm – 3 pm  
**Venue:** Haymarket HQ, 2/63 Dixon Street, Haymarket, NSW 2000  
**To Attend:** [REGISTER HERE](#)

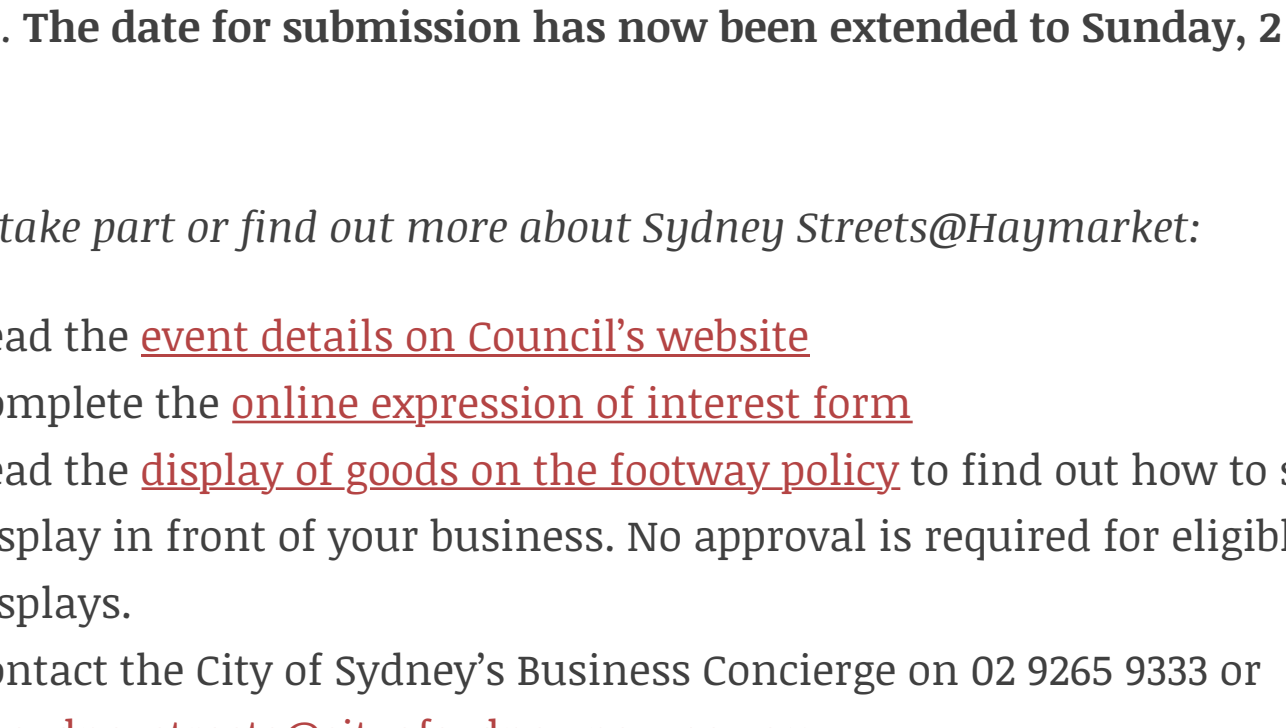
The Agenda includes:

- Sharing festival details & a sneak peak of what the installations will look like
- A detailed schedule, with timings of works, installation and road closures
- A preview and access to marketing materials
- An introduction to our partners

The City of Sydney team will also provide more information about the Sydney Streets event being held on 29 October on Dixon Street, Sussex Street, Hay Street and Harbour Street.

The **Haymarket Chamber of Commerce** is excited to be one of the five organisations collaborating on delivering Neon Playground. Led by **Haymarket HQ**, the others in the Neon team are **Soul of Chinatown**, **Basalt Studio** and **Bespok3**.

Please [visit the website](#) and follow Neon Playground on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to find the latest updates and information about the festival, and check out the [City of Sydney What's On listing](#).



Join Us for "Sydney Streets" @ Haymarket on 29 October 2022 – EO1 application date extended to 2 October 2022



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Council will also be providing roving entertainment.

Local businesses are invited to produce in-store activations to attract customers to their venues. Food and drink businesses can apply for temporary outdoor dining space and extend their existing liquor license boundary in front of their premises for the day. Retailers can also apply to use the space on the road in front of their business or create a display on the footpath.

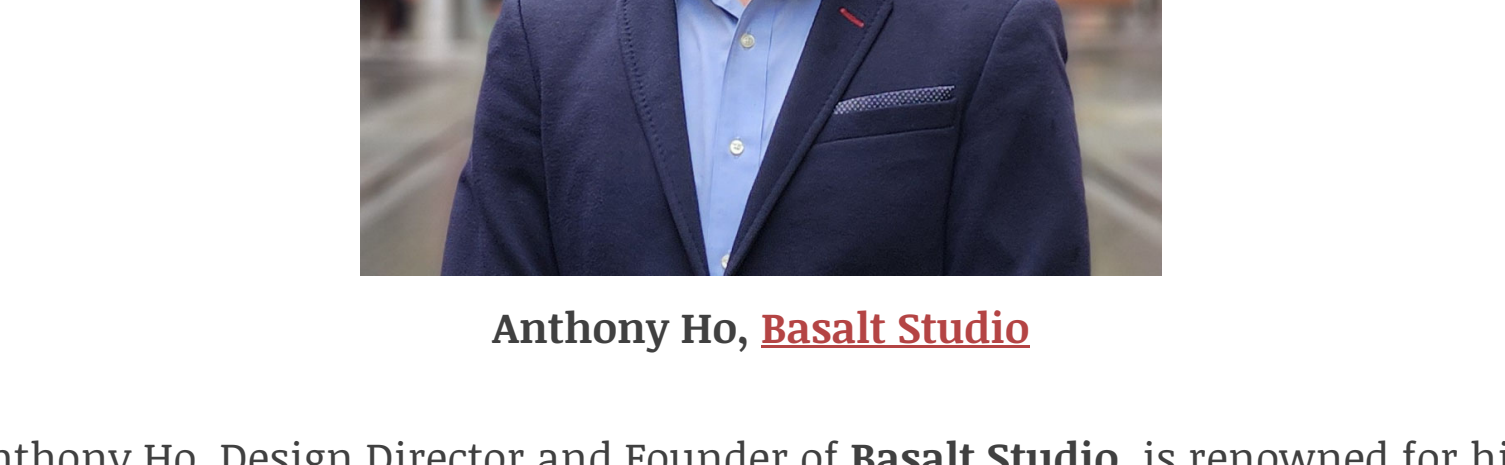
Participating businesses are to submit an [online expression of interest form](#) to Council. **The date for submission has now been extended to Sunday, 2 October 2022.**

*How to take part or find out more about Sydney Streets@Haymarket:*

- Read the [event details on Council's website](#)
- Complete the [online expression of interest form](#)
- Read the [display of goods on the footway policy](#) to find out how to set up a display in front of your business. No approval is required for eligible displays.
- Contact the City of Sydney's Business Concierge on 02 9265 9333 or at [sydneystreets@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sydneystreets@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

**We look forward to seeing everyone in Chinatown on the day!**

City of Sydney's submission on the Central Precinct proposal



The City of Sydney has reviewed the **Central Precinct proposal by Transport for NSW** and made a submission to the Department of Planning and Environment.

You can read the [City's submission HERE](#) on its website.

The City's submission is said to reflect the concerns that it had heard from the community at its recent public meeting.

The City notes that while it supports the creation of land above and around Central station to extend the city centre, it is seriously concerned about several parts of the proposal made by Transport for NSW.

The City's submission notes the following:

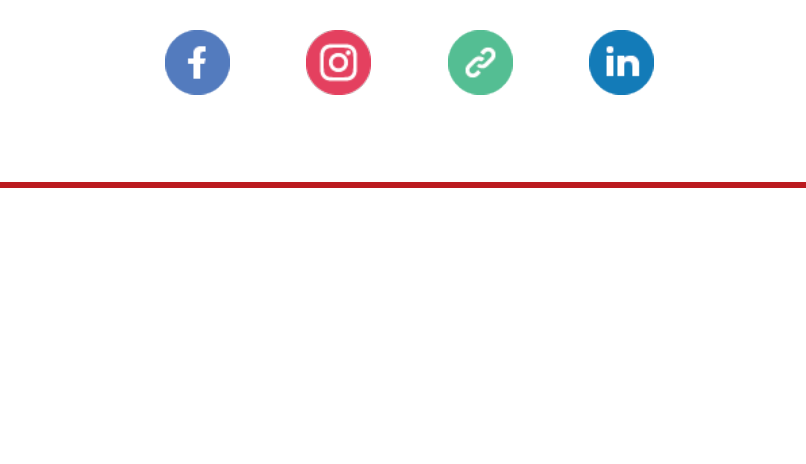
- rail infrastructure upgrades and future transport capacity and operations must be safeguarded
- developer contributions collected must be spent on genuine local infrastructure
- existing and new open spaces including streets and parks need to be bigger, protected from wind, and have better sun access
- more ambitious sustainability targets are needed
- proposed streets and connections are too narrow, steep and indirect
- building types should be designed to support future jobs and economy
- a minimum 25% affordable housing should be provided on site, with a commitment to at least 10% allocated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households
- the gross floor area and density is too high for the site
- the development has adverse heritage impacts, particularly on views to the clock tower.

The City's submission also noted that a proposal of this size deservd a community engagement strategy to match its scale and complexity. This could include establishing a community liaison group to ensure the public's voices are heard throughout the process.

**You can also have your say about the proposal before the consultation closes on Tuesday 4 October 2022.**

If you would like to speak to a City of Sydney employee about their submission, you may contact senior specialist planner **Laura Dadds-Hebron** on **02 9265 9333** or email [ldadds@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ldadds@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

New Members



Anthony Ho, [Basalt Studio](#)

Anthony Ho, Design Director and Founder of **Basalt Studio**, is renowned for his revival of urban precincts and unique design responses to challenging building and environmental briefs.

Trained in the field of Architecture, Anthony fell in love with the retail design niche and together with his sister, Fiona, led Basalt Studio over the last 12 years to make their mark across cities, shopping centres and precincts, shops, restaurants, pubs and clubs, including leading the development of **Burwood Chinatown** and the upcoming urban activation, **Neon Playground by Chinatown**.

Burwood Chinatown was designed and built by Anthony and his construction team Regiment Workshop in 2016 and it embodies today's generation of Australian Chinese using food as a common love language, engaging the wider Australian community through the allure of Chinese cuisine.

Anthony's next big project includes **Neon Playground by Chinatown** in partnership with a team that includes the Haymarket Chamber of Commerce which is a one-of-a-kind street festival of lights, music, community and food which will run at Sydney's Chinatown from 15 October to 20 November 2022. You can check out more of Anthony's design and build portfolio at [www.bsl.com.au](http://www.bsl.com.au)



Gerald Chow, [Zeno IT](#)

Gerald Chow is the managing director of Zeno IT.

Zeno IT is passionate about helping their small business clients grow by advising and managing their IT systems. As a Managed Service Provider (MSP), Zeno IT specialises in:

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