HAYMARKET
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MC News - 1st July 2024

President's Welcome

The **City of Sydney** has this week released its draft Economic Development Strategy 2024-2029.

This draft strategy has been formulated based on extensive research and consultation with our business sector. We've been into the mix at the City's economic vision by providing your feedback on the opportunities by **5pm on Friday 19 September 2024**.

The City sees itself in Champions a global economy that unlocks innovation which is sustainable and inclusive, and that provides great local experiences.

Innovative - embracing new ideas to support our competitiveness and resilience.

Sustainable - transitioning to net zero and circularity to mitigate risks to the economy and create new jobs.

Inclusive - ensuring equitable access to participate and share in our prosperity.

Experiential - fuelling vibrancy, a culturally rich, diverse and safe city.

The overarching goal of the City's strategy is that "Businesses within the City of Sydney lift square kilometre boundary generate a per unit of economic output that is more than double that of a course within this triple bottom line governance with which generates more than that billion in economic output. Our strategy is based on the economic strengths of the State, and indeed the nation's, economy, and decisions that are made by the City will have a positive impact on the economic and geographical wellbeing of all Australia.

I therefore encourage all to carefully study the City's draft economic development strategy and to provide your ideas and feedback to the City so that the final strategy reflects the priorities the best that we can all collectively produce.

Vincent Gee
President
Haymarket Chamber of Commerce

Latest News

Haymarket Community Improvement District Launch – 24 July 2024

The **Haymarket Alliance** of which the Haymarket Chamber of Commerce is a member, hosted the launch of the Haymarket Community Improvement District (Service Improvement Scheme) attended by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, Deputy Lord Mayor Jess Scott, Hon **Rita Mallia** Minister for Jobs and Tourism and Hon **Anna John** Minister for Multicultural NSW. Graham Ashton Minister for Roads, Minister for the Hunter and Minister for Ports and the Right Hon Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism.

Held at Haymarket Big, the launch was attended by the wider Haymarket and Chinatown community, including community members, property owners, businesses, government, and other local organisations.

Kevin Chung from the Haymarket Alliance presented the vision for the Haymarket Community Improvement District (Service Improvement Scheme) and the opportunities for the Haymarket Chinese Australian community and cultural heritage in Haymarket.

Minister Graham was then joined by Haymarket Alliance presidents **Brad Chan** and Peter Sydney Waterfront Company's Business Improvement District director **Rachael Smith** for a panel discussion about Improvement districts and the opportunities for Haymarket.

The Haymarket Community Improvement District that is presently funded by the NSW Government.

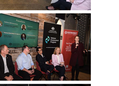
Watch the Alliance's timeline link to see updated about the Haymarket Life project.

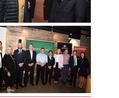
Veteran Employment Program (VEP) Panel Discussion and Networking Event – Tuesday 30 July 2024

On 30 July 2024, Haymarket Chamber of Commerce and Commonwealth Bank Darling Square co-hosted a networking evening and panel discussion on the Veteran Employment Program (VEP) with the aim of bringing together veteran people to bring businesses expertise and highly sought after skills and experience to our businesses and organisations after they leave the defence force.

What a great evening it was, and we owned this to hosts **Aspirations** Recruitment Group and Darling Square. The panel was made up of veterans and ex-veterans from **Spyzer, Angelo Gavan, Bill Donaldson** and **Craig "Dallas" Johnson** for sharing their insights and experience with us. We are grateful for their contribution to the evening and the Veteran Employment discussion. **Jacqueline Gale** and **Sonia Galbraith** respectively, and **Paula Mercadier** of Embrace Serviceby for their attendance and for helping us make this evening a success.

Thank you to one of the many of our who joined us for this very special event.





Dixon Street Improvement Grant online information session on Monday 5 August 2024

The City of Sydney is hosting an **online briefing session on Monday 5 August (4pm or 5pm** to minutes on the Dixon Street Improvement grant. To RSVP please contact the City of Sydney at grants@cityofsydney.com.au.

During the briefing session, City staff will go through the grant guidelines covering the key dates, funding available, matching activities, assessment criteria and eligibility.

This funding program supports capital works that improve shop and building frontages on Dixon Street south (between Goulburn St and Hay St) with matched funding that contributes to:

- the visible renewal of shopfronts and façades, making the street more inviting and attractive
- the creation of a 'Chef's gallery' bringing the theme of food prepparation to Dixon Street, and
- the celebration of the diversity of Dixon Street as the historic heart of Sydney's Chinatown.

The City will be providing support for 3 types of capital works projects:

- Type 1 - Street level repair works
- Type 2 - Street level minor works
- Type 3 - Street level major works

This grant is part of a three **Dixon Street improvement program** aimed at revitalising Sydney's Chinatown with both public and private improvements to the Dixon Street precinct. The program is funded in July 2024 (or when the budget is announced).

For more information on this grant and to apply, visit the City of Sydney's website.

Sydney Streets EOI:s open

Photo: Haymarket Chamber of Commerce

City of Sydney's Sydney Streets initiative returns in **Haymarket on Saturday 28 September 2024** from 10 am – 4 pm.

Parts of Dixon, Hay, Little Hay, and Hutchins Streets will once again be transformed for the day into spaces for walking, shopping, entertainment, and dining from 9 am to 10 pm, and an entertainment stage will be set up on the corner of Dixon and Little Hay streets.

Come join in with your family for a day of fun, food, and entertainment for all to participate. If interested, why not have fun and be a part of it.

If any local businesses or community organisations would like to participate in Sydney Streets, fill in the form under **Expressions of interest** online via this link.

If you are a performer, artist or community group interested in performing or showing your talents on the Expressions stage, you may lodge an **Expressions of Interest** online via this link.

City of Sydney's Winter Round of Grants and Sponsorships – Applications now open

The City of Sydney's **winter round of** grants and sponsorships is now open for applications until **5 pm on Tuesday 20 August 2024.**

These grants and sponsorships provide financial and in-kind support for a range of activities. The current available grants are:

- Grant to Sydney Festival
- Small cultural grants
- Green building grant
- Sponsorship and event sponsorship

Projects must commence from 1 January 2025. To apply, click here.

The following programs are open all year, until their respective budgets are exhausted:

- Heritage and Green Heart grants, celebration fund
- Alcohol response grants
- Home Street improvement grant

Chinese Australian Forum's An Evening with Chinese Australian Councillors – 31 August 2024

Chinese Australian Forum (CAF) is hosting an evening with several **Chinese Australian Councillors** at the **Sydney Chinese Art Centre** on Saturday 31 August 2024 from 6pm to 10pm. Tickets are $50 The upcoming local government elections on Saturday, 14 September, also

The Councillors will be sharing with us their motivations for serving in local councils, and there will also be an opportunity for you to ask them questions.

Councillors attending include:

- **Ben Wang** - Councillor, Georges River Council
- **Benjamin Cai** - Councillor, Strathfield Council
- **Brendon Zhu** - Councillor, Willoughby Council
- **Cedric Spencer** - Councillor, Ku-ring-gai Council
- **Donna Wang** - Councillor, City of Parramatta Council
- **Jam Xia** - Councillor, Willoughby Council
- **John Chew** - Councillor, Campbelltown City Council
- **Justin Li** - Councillor, Ryde Council
- **Nancy Liu** - Councillor, Georges River Council
- **Sam Ngai** - Mayor, Ku-ring-gai Council

Tickets are $60 pp for CAF members, and $70 pp for non-members.

When: Monday, 19 August 2024, 6:30pm-10pm
Where: Emperor's Garden Restaurant, 96 Hay Street, Haymarket, NSW 2000
To Book Your Tickets: https://www.trybooking.com/CTHTD

New Members

Yonda Surianto

Yonda Surianto is a highly proactive Project Manager with more than 10 years' experience in the banking industry. She previously worked in Corporate Strategy for about two and half years at the Commonwealth Bank and one and half years in IT consulting.

Yonda has a strong passion for Corporate Strategy especially in Mergers and Acquisition, Strategic Partnership, Market Research and Project Management, managing complex regulatory and strategic projects to achieve successful project deliverables. She recently obtained her PMP certification and is looking to pursue her PRINCE2.

Being compassionate, benevolent, offering loving kindness, helping and caring for those in need are her special traits.

Her hobbies include meditation, and she enjoys networking with brilliant people, playing the piano and violin, cooking and baking, and sports (pilates, golf, yoga).

Anthony Ng - Director/Founder of AKME Capital Group

With over a decade of comprehensive experience in all things lending in the finance industry, Anthony brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in finding finance solutions for customers from individuals and small businesses to large corporates.

Akme Capital Group has been created with the core values of customer and relationship focus. We believe that each customer is different, and we aim to provide a tailored solution to each. We are a finance brokerage that can negotiate with a panel of more than 60 lenders.

Anthony is passionate in helping individuals and businesses enhance their financial well-being. He is also keen to apply his strong experience and knowledge in finance (both commercial and residential) to help others achieve their goals.

If you are looking for a finance partner who can understand your financials and/or would like to explore your finance options, feel free to reach out to Anthony for a confidential chat.

Sydney Masonic Centre

The Sydney Masonic Centre (SMC) is one of Australia's premier event venues located in the Sydney CBD, renowned for its architectural elegance and versatile spaces.

SMC offers a unique blend of historic charm and modern functionality, making it an ideal location for conferences, meetings, exhibitions and concerts.

Our state-of-the-art facilities include advanced audiovisual equipment, flexible room configurations, and exceptional catering services. Each event space is designed to provide comfort and convenience, ensuring a seamless experience for all attendees.

The professional and dedicated SMC team is committed to delivering outstanding service, from planning to execution. With a reputation for excellence, SMC has hosted numerous prestigious events, consistently receiving high praise for its impeccable service and facilities. Whether for a corporate gathering or a special celebration, SMC provides a sophisticated and memorable setting for any occasion.

Experience the best of Sydney's event venues at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

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