



Our new Council has been officially declared (by world champion town crier Graham Keating no less!) and we began the work of this term of office with our first Committee meetings this week.

I congratulate Kerryn Phelps on being elected Deputy Lord Mayor, and the Councillors who have been elected Deputy Chair of the following Committees:

- Cllr Phelps: Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee and the Healthy Communities Sub-Committee
- Cllr Miller: Environment Committee
- Cllr Kok: Economic Development and Business Sub-Committee and Major Development Assessment Sub-Committee
- Cllr Scully: Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee
- Cllr Thalís: Transport, Heritage and Planning Sub-Committee and Development Assessment Sub-Committee

Over the past 12 years, the overwhelming majority of matters dealt with by Council have been passed unanimously and I hope that will continue. I look forward to an exciting and productive four years!



Responding to Lockouts

Next week Premier Baird is expected to present to cabinet his response to the Callinan Review – the independent review of our liquor laws, including lockouts.

The future of Sydney's nightlife should not be boiled down to a choice between safety and vibrancy.

Our [submission to the Callinan Review](#) noted that a safe and sustainable night time economy can be achieved through a range of robust policy measures, including: 24 hour public transport; increased patron capacity for small bars; exemptions from the 1.30am lockout for venues with live music and performance; non-renewable liquor licenses; and laws to prevent over-saturation of areas.

I have implored the Premier to consider these initiatives before taking a plan to Cabinet. Liberal and National Party Ministers might not remember going out late at night but many people in Sydney want to be able to do so. They want to meet friends, stay out late, go out dancing, listen to live music and socialise.

[See our recommendations here.](#)

Is Sydney ready?

Join us for our next CityTalks Sydney event, Tuesday 8 November at Town Hall. Michael Berkowitz, **President of the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities project**, will be leading us in discussion on how to address future challenges – from heatwaves to population growth.

Resilience planning is about all levels of government, businesses and communities working together to prepare for 21st Century challenges.

We've invited some of Sydney's influential thinkers to explore how we can make our city stronger in the face of these growing concerns – come join the conversation!

Including:

- Michael Berkowitz – President, 100 Resilient Cities
- Professor Larissa Behrendt – Chair of Indigenous Studies, UTS
- Jeremy Fernandez, Presenter, ABC
- Greg Dyer – CEO, Parramatta City Council
- Superintendent Karen McCarthy – Commander EBLAC, NSW Police
- Theo Psychogios – Partner, Deloitte Access Economics

Tickets are FREE from Ticketmaster but registrations are essential: <http://bit.ly/2diVITj>



Art Money a Huge Success

Art Money is an interest free loan scheme supported by the City to help people buy art. One year in, more than 300 loans have been made, financing over \$1.7 million in artwork sales! These figures show what a success this program has been for our local galleries, artists and buyers alike.

By reducing financial barriers for artwork sales, we're encouraging more people to buy art for the first time, exposing local artists to larger audiences and equipping local galleries with new sales tools.

Read more about it here: <https://www.artmoney.com/au>

Hospital's worry over roadworks

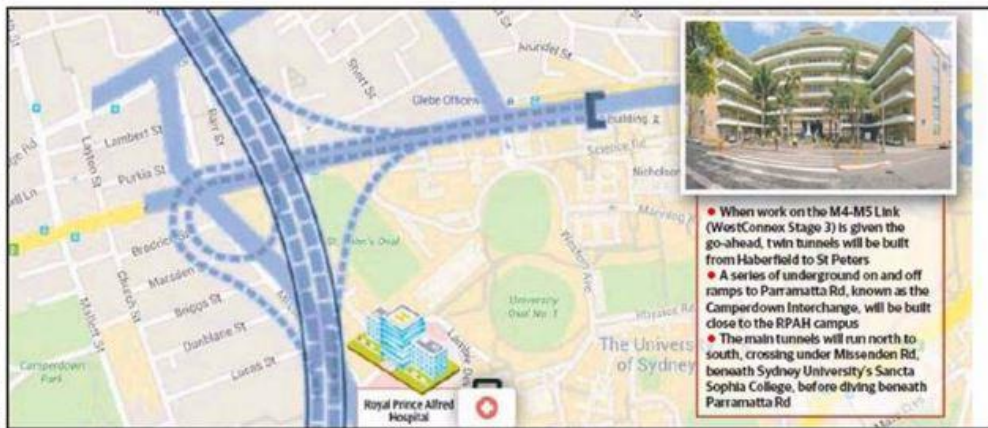
Jim O'Rourke

HI-TECH medical equipment at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital may be affected by noise and vibrations from the construction of WestConnex, health authorities fear.

The fear is that digging for the M4-M5 Link tunnels could disrupt an ultra-sensitive cyclotron at the hospital's Camperdown campus used for biomedical research into brain diseases.

The Sydney Local Health District Board is also concerned that construction of the 9.2km twin, three-lane tunnels could disrupt clinical services at RPAH.

Minutes of a board meeting, chaired by former NSW health minister Ron Phillips, show it also discussed potential problems for ambulance access to the hospital because of "traffic and congestion".



Concern WestConnex construction could disturb sensitive medical equipment at RPA

WestConnex: From Bad to Worse

The list of reasons why the Government should rethink its \$17 billion WestConnex toll road continues to grow.

This week the Sydney Local Health District Board has shared its concerns that construction could disrupt clinical services at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and high-tech equipment used for biomedical research into brain diseases.

And earlier this week, police forcibly removed about 30 people protesting at Sydney Park in St Peters.

They were there trying to protect a row of mature paper bark trees along Euston Road that are being destroyed to make new traffic lanes. Those new lanes will see traffic on Euston Road increase from 5,000 to 50,000 vehicles a day – reducing air quality in the park and pouring thousands of cars into already congested roads in the surrounding suburbs.

What will it take for the Baird Government to admit this project is disastrous and should not go ahead?! I assure you we will keep up our fight against this project.

[Read about the protestors here.](#)



CitySwitch Award

I'm really proud our CitySwitch program is being recognised by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group – **it's been nominated for an international C40 Cities Award** in the Building Energy Efficiency category, alongside projects from San Francisco, USA, and Guangzhou, China.

CitySwitch is a program that helps commercial office tenants improve office energy and waste efficiency, with the ultimate aim of achieving a 4 star or higher NABERS Energy rating.

CitySwitch member cities carried out almost 1,500 environmental projects in 2015 alone, reducing carbon emissions by 50,625 tonnes and purchasing a further 296,677 tonnes in carbon offsets. With members of the program saving a combined \$34 million in electricity bills since 2011, CitySwitch has helped businesses see that environmental and financial sustainability go hand-in-hand.

Practical programs like CitySwitch are the reason we're on track to achieve our Sustainable Sydney 2030 target of reducing carbon emissions by 70 per cent based on 2006 levels.

To find out more about the CitySwitch Green Office program, visit: www.cityswitch.net.au.

Regards,