

Environmental Snapshot 2025–2030

Connected to Nature



In an increasingly urbanised and fast-paced world, fostering a strong connection to nature is vital for enhancing individual well-being, strengthening community cohesion, and supporting environmental sustainability. Access to nature provides significant benefits to physical, mental, and emotional health, offering opportunities for relaxation, reflection, and rejuvenation.

Key Targets



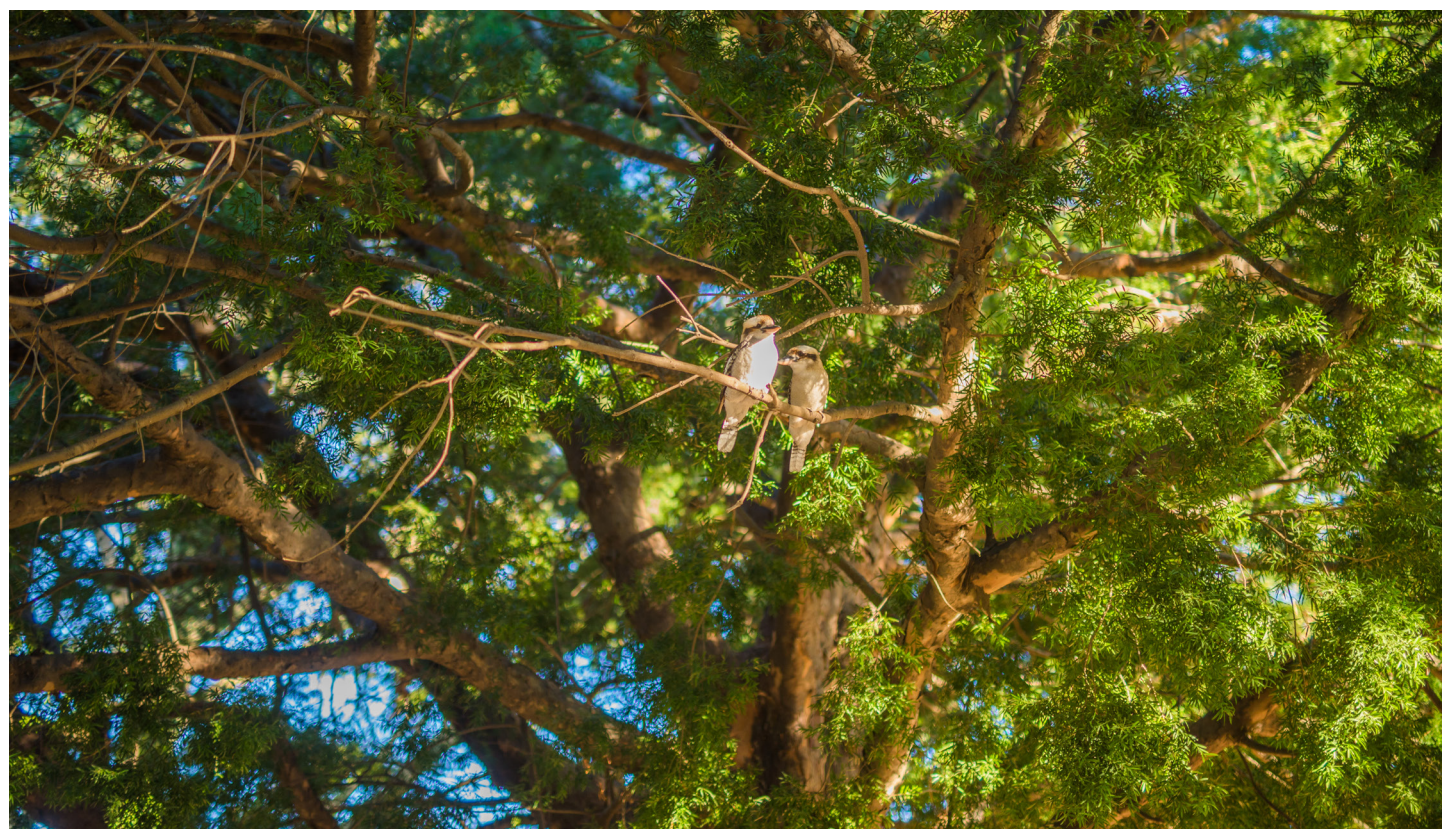
Increased native plant diversity and animals species



Increased tree canopy cover **to 25%**



Parramatta River **remains swimmable**



How will we get there?

Programs and services



- Support private landowners in key biodiversity corridor to improve wildlife habitats for native flora and fauna
- Backyards for Biodiversity
- Broaden and strengthen bush regeneration
- Launch citizen science program
- Implement publish street tree planting program
- Implement private tree planting program
- Community awareness programs

Projects



- Maintain and activate existing swim and splash sites
- Iron Cove Creek naturalisation project
- Maintain stormwater Gross Pollutant traps

Advocacy



- Raise community awareness to protect and restore native habitats by promoting the importance of native species and 'Caring for Country' practices

Building partnerships



- Strengthen partnerships with private landowners
- Bushcare volunteers
- Parramatta River Catchment Group
- Sydney Water
- Beachwatch

Measuring and reporting data



- Maintain and enhance Council's tree inventory and asset management system
- Monitor water quality

Supporting plans



- [Biodiversity Framework and Action Plan](#)
- [Urban Tree Canopy Strategy](#)
- [Our Living River](#)
- Priority Weed Management Plan (New)
- Litter Plan (New)

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Resilient City

As our city transforms and grows, we face new challenges including a growing population, increasing urban density and climate change. A resilient city connects people through opportunities for active involvement in city life with equitable access to services, facilities and opportunities. A resilient city proactively plans and creates urban environments that can withstand extreme weather events and longer-term climate impacts.



Key Targets



Implement
Reconciliation
Action Plan



No net increase
on household water
consumption



Planning controls
address resilience
to natural hazards



How will we get there?

Delivering programs



- Climate resilience programs
- Food resilience programs
- Develop and implement Coastal Management Program
- Deliver community water reduction programs

Projects



- Resourcing Local Emergency Management Officer
- Develop controls to support water resilience in developments
- Investigate sensitive urban design opportunities
- Develop and implement risk management strategies that address future climate and sea level projections
- Review planning controls to improve resilience to natural hazards
- Investigate planning tools to manage heat impacts
- Enhance wildlife habitat buffers and biodiversity corridors in LEP and DCP
- Identify opportunities for improved sustainability outcomes and standards in growth precincts

Building partnerships



- Community Service Organisations (CSOs)
- Community gardens
- Resilient Sydney
- NSW Government
- Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Advocacy



- Support equitable access to healthy and sustainable diets
- Advocate for purple pipe recycled water supply to residents
- Advocate to State Government for improved urban resilience in plans, strategies and instruments
- Advocate for 'whole of government' consistent regulations that eliminate fossil fuels in new development

Supporting plans



- [Reconciliation Action Plan](#)
- [Climate Resilience Framework](#)
- [Urban Tree Canopy Strategy](#)
- [Biodiversity Framework and Action Plan](#)
- Resilient Sydney Strategy
- Regional Disaster Action Plan
- NSW Climate Adaption Plan
- Floodplain Risk Management Plan
- Flood study strategy
- NSW Greener Places Framework
- NSW Government Architect's Central City Green Grid Spatial Framework
- Social Sustainability Strategy (New)

Measuring and reporting data



- Continue membership of Resilient Sydney

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Net Zero Community

Reaching net zero emissions by 2050 requires action on multiple fronts all at once: transition to renewable energy, transition to zero emissions transport, reducing resource use, moving to zero waste to landfill and transition to a circular economy.



Key Targets



Net zero emissions
by 2050



30% increase
in active
transport paths



Increase
Electric Vehicle
registration in
Canada Bay



Increase
energy
efficiency



Double
rooftop solar
by 2030



How will we get there?

Delivering programs



- Energy efficiency programs
- Programs promoting renewable energy and solar
- How to buy renewable energy
- Electrification programs
- Programs about how to transition to electric vehicles
- Active transport programs
- Home battery programs

Building partnerships



- Strata managers and committees
- Building managers
- Local business
- NGO's and community advocacy groups
- Transport for NSW

Advocacy



- Support the community to electrify and reduce gas use
- Advocate for accessible and sustainable transport options

Projects



- Deliver pedestrian upgrades to promote walkability
- Support community EV infrastructure in public and private locations
- Enhance active transport paths to encourage cycling and walking

Measuring and reporting data



- Report on gas use per dwelling as an indicator of community electrification
- Monitor rooftop solar uptake
- Monitor community consumption of electricity

Supporting plans

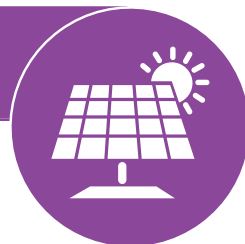


- [Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan](#)
- [EV Strategy and Action Plan](#)
- Active Transport Plan (New)
- Net Zero Fleet Transition Plan (New)

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Circular Economy

Council will support our community by improving Council waste and resource recovery collection services, promoting recycling, encouraging repair instead of replacement, and exploring innovative solutions like waste-to-energy technologies. Council will also tackle issues like illegal dumping and litter, which harm our environment and waste valuable resources.



Key Targets



Increase waste diversion from landfill to 60% by 2027



Reduce frequency of illegal dumping incidences



Reduce priority litter by 30%



Maintain above 90% community satisfaction with waste collection services



Create and adopt Circular Economy Roadmap by 2027



How will we get there?

Programs and services



- Residential and commercial waste management service
- Deliver the illegal dumping prevention program
- Deliver ongoing waste education programs to residents
- Avoid, reduce and reuse programs
- Food waste reduction programs
- Create a circular economy and community education and awareness campaign

Projects



- Implement a city-wide Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) waste collection
- Review new bulk household waste collection booking system
- Facilitate rehoming of unwanted items
- Seek waste reduction, repair and rehoming grants and funding opportunities
- Create a circular economy Roadmap Development Action Plan
- Finalise the Litter Management and Prevention Plan
- Deliver household drop off events for chemicals, e-waste, textiles, etc.

Building partnerships



- Actively engage with volunteers to support litter reduction
- Strata Manager and Committees
- Building Managers
- Real Estate Agencies
- New South Wales Government

Measuring and reporting data



- NSW EPA Resource recovery and waste data survey
- Regular bin audits for presentation and contamination
- Monitoring diversion and recycling rates

Supporting plans



- [Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy](#)
- Circular economy and roadmap development and action plan (New)
- Litter plan (New)

Advocacy



- Advocate for State and Federal waste management policy reforms

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Leading by Example



Council is committed to ethical and effective decision making, to ensure a sustainable, financially secure, and resilient future for our city. Good governance is essential, so Council maintains its long-term viability for the wellbeing of the community. Good environmental governance is about ensuring Council's culture, processes, systems, policies and practices deliver resilience for the long term.

Key Targets



Plant 2,500
trees per year



Net zero
Council
emissions by
2030



**Increase
recycling** at
Council events



25% reduction
in potable
water use



**Procurement
considers**
environmental
impacts by
2027



How will we get there?

Promoting community programs



- Promote Council's environmental programs through newsletters, social media and other channels

Delivering operational projects



- Deliver environmental training and education to staff and community that supports delivery of this Environmental Strategy
- Plan and deliver climate adaptive actions
- Assess climate resilience of key facilities and assets
- Continue water leak monitoring
- Continue to buy 100% renewable electricity for all Council sites
- Replace the gas boiler at Drummoyne Pool
- Investigate an active transport and low carbon travel plan for staff

Building partnerships



- Keep up to date with the broader policy context and implications for local action and Council operations
- Continue the Environmental Advisory Committee and Environmental Grants program
- Collaborate across Council departments

Measuring and reporting data



- Monitor performance against Environment Strategy, Annual Report, and other plans
- Track number of trees planted versus removed on public land
- Continue monitoring and publicly reporting on recycling water and potable water use
- Measure carbon emissions from waste services

Advocacy



- Work with all levels of government to advocate for policies and programs that support Council's Waste Strategy

Supporting plans



- [Emissions Action Reduction Plan](#)
- [Climate Resilience Framework](#)
- [Reconciliation Action Plan](#)
- [Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy](#)
- Enterprise Risk Management Framework
- Public land management plans
- Environmental Sustainability Design (ESD) Guide
- Priority Weeds Management Plan (New)
- Water Resilience Plan (New)
- Net Zero Fleet Transition Plan (New)
- Circular Economy Framework and Action Plan (New)