

THE PADDINGTON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to The Paddington Society March 2025 Newsletter.

I would like to personally welcome all our new members and those returning in 2025. Our membership continues to grow but we need *more support* to ensure that we can meet the challenges to maintain Paddington's heritage and amenity. If you are interested in becoming involved and are experienced in architecture, planning and development or design please **get in touch**.

Becoming a member only costs a few dollars and ensures advance and discounted invitations to events, quarterly newsletters and more. Membership fees go towards staging events and gatherings, together with meeting the costs associated with our website, meeting rooms and more. We always need volunteers who can assist with events, marketing and social media campaigns, including writing content to engage members and subscribers.

There is a lot happening with the latest NSW Low and Mid-Rise policy coming into effect. In principle The Paddington Society opposes any over-riding of controls in Heritage Conservation Areas. We are hoping to have more information to communicate soon. In the meantime, read the news item below.

If you want to find out how you can follow Development Applications in your area **City of Sydney (CoS) applications** and **Woollahra Municipal Council's (WMC)** notifications are available on their websites. Please keep your friends and neighbours up to date with any news that may interest them.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter, there is plenty happening in Paddington and surrounds. Feel free to **forward this newsletter** to friends, family, neighbours, and other community members. They are very welcome to **subscribe** or **become members**.

Welcome to 2025.

Esther Hayter President The Paddington Society Inc



NSW Housing Reforms to Change Planning Controls

The Minns Labor Government's Low and Mid-Rise policy came into effect 28 February, accompanied by much debate and response, including WMC Mayor Sarah Swan labelling the Policy 'lazy and ill-informed'. You can view an indicative map to see your area.

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Report Released from the Parliamentary Enquiry Into E-Scooters, E-Bikes

The NSW Parliamentary Enquiry has released the report entitled "Use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options" which outlines key findings and recommendations.

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Edgecliff Commercial Centre Planning and Urban Design Strategy (ECC Strategy)

The ongoing redevelopment at and around the Edgecliff Commercial Centre is changing rapidly. Updates to follow.

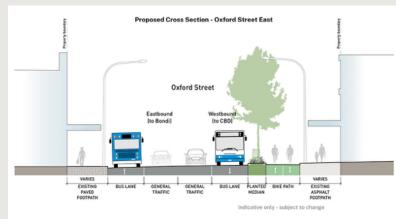




Selwyn St Boarding Houses Update

The fight for the residents at the Selwyn Street boarding houses appears to be lost with most of the evicted residents already forced to leave. You can still help by signing the petition. Stay up to date and follow developments through the links on our website.





Oxford Street East Cycleway Petition

A new petition has been launched entitled: "Discontinuation of the Oxford Street East Cycleway (OSEC) project to build a primary cycleway link between Taylor Square and Centennial Park".





City of Sydney Policy & Planning Changes

Have Your say on updates to planning controls related to greening, amenity, parking and design excellence, including amendments to the *Sydney Local Environmental Plan* and *Development Control Plan*.

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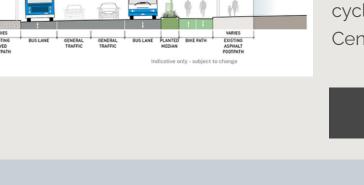
New Automated Toilet on Oxford Street Paddington

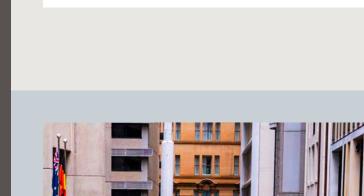
Paddington was identified by CoS in their public toilet strategy in response to community requests in our area with high demand. CoS aims to provide public toilets within 400m of any point within Central Sydney, village centres, and at major neighbourhood parks.



Sydney Entertainment Quarter Update

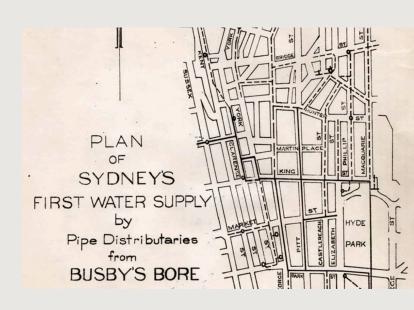
In October 2024, the NSW Government announced that it will hold an open market tender process for the long-term lease at the Entertainment Quarter (EQ), Moore Park, to revitalise the precinct.







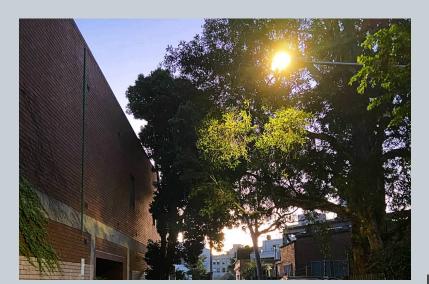
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Busby's Bore Forces Major Redesign of New Allianz Stadium Carpark

Surry Hills News reports that there are concerns that the Allianz Stadium carpark could be delayed after construction crews came across a section of Busby's Bore. **A submission by the Paddington Society** requests that no part of the highly significant Bore be removed for the proposed carpark.





Homelessness in Public Spaces

Woollahra Council acknowledges the rights of all members of the community, including those who are homeless, to use public spaces, while also recognising our responsibility to provide the community with safe and peaceful environments and amenity.





Rushcutters Bay Park Playground Upgrade

Rushcutters Bay Park Playground is getting an upgrade to make it more inclusive and enjoyable for everyone. Feedback has now closed, however Council will provide more information in mid-2025.





Hakoah White City Now to Open in 2026

The long-awaited redevelopment of the Hakoah Club at White City is now expected to be completed in the first half of 2026. Speaking at the club's AGM, President Steven Lowy outlined the recent significant construction challenges but said, "I am pleased that this now seems behind us."





White City Paddington Redevelopment

White City Tennis continues to operate during construction. Completion is estimated during 2026. The new centre is proposed to include 9 new hard courts, 4 mini courts, and a multipurpose gym,

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The National Trust of Australia (NSW) Strategic Plan 2025 – 2029

For more than 80 years, the National Trust has championed heritage conservation, advocating strongly for important heritage places and causes and leading by example through the places it cares for.

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Woollahra Habitat Gardening Guide



PADDINGTON CASCADE Janet Luxton Limited Edition Print - Don't Miss Out

This gorgeous painting was inspired by 18 years of morning walks enjoying the many architectural styles and functions expressed in Paddington. **Limited edition prints are available through the Society** until sold out.

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Native Gardening in Paddington - Why Create a Habitat Garden?

The design of your garden and the plants you choose to grow will influence the animals and birds that visit your yard. Your garden can provide important resources for native wildlife including food, water, and protective habitat.

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Epitaph of a Lost Love - Emil Neimz

In 1907, Paddington local Alice Jones lost her boyfriend Emil Neimz to suicide. His last words read: *"I am indebted to my friends for many kindnesses and have not to my knowledge an enemy in the world. Plato said, 'The right to die is the most precious gift of men'. This I believe, and I accept the gift gratefully"*.

Thanks to Historian John Gödl for this story.



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