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CBCity acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Darug and the Eora peoples.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Georges River trail marker at Deepwater Park, Milperra

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The City of Canterbury Bankstown is constantly changing. From a colonial farming community of 20,000 people in 1920 to a bustling City of more than 378,000 today, we know that CBCity has never stayed the same.

Mayor’s Message

This is CBCity 2036 – it’s a plan to guide Canterbury-Bankstown on its journey to be a thriving, dynamic city of people who are interested and interesting – unapologetically themselves.

It’s based on thousands of ongoing conversations with residents, businesses and government agencies, and interprets their vision for this great City into a blueprint to transform the City of Canterbury Bankstown for the next decade and beyond.

The plan is for the people who live, visit and work in Canterbury-Bankstown now and in the future. Council ensures that it is reviewed regularly to make certain that priorities continue to reflect changing times and environments. This revision, CBCity 2036, confirms that people today continue

to want what everybody wants: to be happy, healthy and safe in a community that provides for their needs, values their culture, religion, heritage, respects the environment, considers the future, and respects the past.

As Mayor of this great City and on behalf of all stakeholders who contributed to the development of this plan, I make this commitment.

We will do our best to:

- be strong, innovative, open and visionary leaders;
- be your advocate – giving voice to your concerns and lobbying for the best outcomes for CBCity;
- provide and deliver quality local services;
- work in partnership and collaboration to make CBCity 2036 a reality;

- observe the principles of social justice – equity, access, participation and rights; and
- consider the long-term and cumulative effects of our actions on future generations.

To plan for such a future and to achieve the best possible outcome, everyone needs to play a part, including all levels of Government, businesses and leaders of the world. It’s important to be informed and involved in helping to shape the future. I welcome your continued input on this important plan for our City.

Yours sincerely

Clr Khal Asfour Mayor

Today, it is home to 113,000 households and more than 38,000 businesses. It is a successful multicultural community that speaks more than 100 languages. But growth and economic prosperity always brings new challenges and while change is inevitable, the good news is, the challenges we face are not due to a City in trouble, but one on a track of success.

The Greater Sydney Regional Plan will transform Sydney into a metropolis of three cities – the Western Parkland City, the Central River City and the Eastern Harbour City. Canterbury-Bankstown features in this landscape as a Strategic Centre and major health and education precinct.

Our area is highly desirable with a great network of parks and waterways, a growing economy and welcoming people. We must work together in these transformative times to meet the challenges before us by:

- Planning for people first, then buildings, not the other way around;
- Embracing change to attract future high-value jobs and investment;
- Focusing on well-managed, well-executed change and growth that is supported by regional and local infrastructure;
- Reframing the conversation around transport and its role in moving people and goods, and rethinking our traditional approaches to moving around;
- Being resilient, flexible and adaptable, striving for equitable, maximised outcomes;
- Keeping pace with a growing city providing open spaces and public domains that are integral to local areas and not ‘add-on’ features squeezed into our landscape; and
- Being informed and involved in creating positive change.

If we do this, then CBCity 2036 will have done its part to accommodate some of Sydney’s growing population, while continuing to be a thriving, liveable city of the future.

the big picture



Global issues that affect our planet, our people and our future

- UN– Habitat III – The New Urban Agenda
- Kyoto Protocol
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- World Health Organisation – Stronger Collaboration, Better Health: The Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being



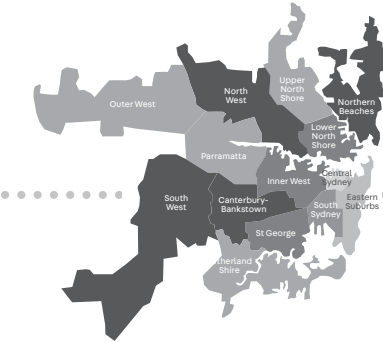
National needs: defence, immigration, taxation, communications, trade

- Regional Development Australia – Regional Plan for Sydney
- Places for People – An Urban Protocol for Australian Cities
- State of the Cities Report
- Social Inclusion Agenda
- National Cultural Policy
- Australia's Biodiversity and Conservation Strategy
- National Digital Economy Strategy
- Road Safety Strategy 2021-30
- Smart Cities Plan
- Clean Energy Plan
- NDIS–National Disability Insurance Scheme
- National Education Reform Agreement – Gonski Review



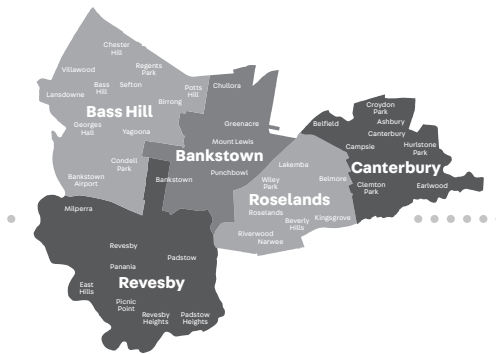
State needs: health and hospitals, education, police, transportation, child care, community services, employment, development

- State Plan 2021
- NSW Housing Affordability Strategy
- Creative Industries Action Plan for NSW
- NSW Biodiversity Strategy
- Future Transport Strategy 2056
- NSW Digital Economy Industry Action Plan
- State Infrastructure Strategy
- NSW State Health Plan
- Smart and Skilled Program
- NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint



Regional needs: catchment management, regional planning

- A Metropolis of Three Cities Connecting People – Greater Sydney Region Plan
- District Plans
- Regional Organisations of Councils Plans – SSROC
- Catchment Management Plans
- Local Health District Strategic Plans
- Local Area Command Strategic Plans
- State Emergency Service Plans for the Region
- A Plan for Growing Sydney
- Our Resilient Sydney



Local needs: waste collection, local roads, parks, leisure and aquatics, libraries, local events, development

- 10-year Long Term Financial Plan – (Council)
- Council's 10-year Asset Management Plan – (Council)
- Delivery Program – (Council)
- Annual Operational Plan – (Council)
- Local Strategic Planning Statement – Connective City 2036



our journey

Pre 1700s

- Traditional country of the Darug (Darag, Dharug, Daruk, Dharuk) and the Eora People.

1700s

- Captain Cook's officers make first explorations of the Cooks River
- Pemulwuy rises as a prominent Indigenous leader in the region
- Canterbury Vale is named by Rev. Richard Johnson

- Bass and Flinders explore the Georges River in the Tom Thumb, naming the landscape Banks Town



1800s

- Development of Great South Road (now Hume Highway), Stacey Street opened
- Australian Sugar Co and other farms on the Cooks River floodplain
- Bushrangers Patrick Sullivan and James Moran are hung on Bankstown Reservoir (water tower) site – 1826
- Canterbury Arms becomes the district's first licenced inn – 1843
- Tompson's Bridge Undercliffe is opened – 1855
- Municipality of Canterbury is founded – 1895
- First railway line connecting Canterbury to Sydenham through to Campsie

1900–1939

- Population of the City is 5,506 – 1900
- Municipality of Bankstown is declared – 1901
- Railway line is extended to Bankstown – 1907
- Earliest War Service Homes in Australia established in Belfield
- Canterbury District Memorial Hospital is built
- Bankstown Baths is the first public swimming pool in the region
- Canterbury Football Club (the Berries, now the Bulldogs) admitted into the Premiership

1940s–1950s

- 640 acres is resumed for Bankstown Aerodrome
- Bankstown Bunker established as RAAF communications facility

• Bankstown Airport established



- Roselands is headquarters for 1st Battalion in World War II
- Significant post war population growth to 147,000
- Eleanor Roosevelt visits army hospital in Riverwood
- Kingsgrove Bus Depot opens
- Bankstown Hospital opens

1960s–1980s

- Roselands and Bankstown Square shopping centres open
- Unprecedented residential growth to 293,000 people
- Villawood Migrant Hostel as immigration detention centre – the Easybeats meet here
- NSW Government sells Ashbury brickyard for use as open space, later refurbished as Peace Park
- Queen Elizabeth visits

1990s

• Paul Keating, who grew up in Bankstown, is elected Prime Minister of Australia – 1993



- Bankstown and Lidcombe Hospitals merge
- Bankstown Council administration building burns down
- The Dunc Gray Velodrome is constructed for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games

2000–2016

- Canterbury–Bankstown declared a City – 12 May 2016
- Population 361,551, household size 2.9 – 2016
- Refugee–welcome zone declared
- Award-winning Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre opens – 2014
- Olympic Torch manufactured in Bankstown
- Local boy Ian Thorpe is most successful athlete in the 2000 Olympic Games
- Stephen and Mark Waugh Pavilion opens at Bankstown Memorial Oval – 2000

2017+

- Household size = 3.1 people per dwelling – 2036
- 40,000 more dwellings – 2036
- 45,000 new jobs – 2036
- Greater Sydney Regional Plan released
- Global pandemic

• Population projection is 500,000–550,000 – 2036



cbbc in 2022

Estimated Population in 2021

378,425



Founded in

2016

110 sq km



138,197

Employed Residents



35

Median Age

Suburbs

41

60%

Speak a
language other
than English

44%

Born overseas



1
Airport



3
River Catchments



9
Libraries



1
University



623
Parks



17
Train Stations



113
Schools



318
Community Building



75
Sporting
Complexes



900+
Kilometres
Roads



2
Public
Hospitals



1
Arts Centre



2
TAFE
Campuses

In 2018, 2020 and 2022 we asked you what you love about your City and what you want for its future...

In 2018, we handed out **5,400** information flyers and held an online forum. There were more than **8,674** conversations at a variety of locations across the City. **1,620** people completed surveys.

In **2019, 2021** and **2022** we surveyed the community again to confirm community aspirations and priorities for the City.

Thank you to all the people and organisations who contributed to this plan and committed to making it a reality.

You said you loved...

- The variety of great restaurants and food options
- The community feel and the diverse cultures that our neighbourhood promotes
- Having access to a range of parks and open spaces
- That the people are down to earth
- That we are family oriented
- The City's atmosphere, including the village feel of our centres
- Our natural areas, including the Cooks and Georges Rivers, Lake Gillawarna, Paul Keating Park
- The variety in children's playgrounds
- Local food and shopping – entrepreneurialism is alive and well in Canterbury-Bankstown
- Having lots of local events and things to do, such as Ramadan Nights Lakemba and Bankstown Bites Food Festival
- Good train services
- Our young people – they are our greatest asset

Changes you would like to see...

- Better designed and well-managed development, including affordable housing, enough off-street car parking and not too much high density or overcrowding
- More community and cultural programs, and celebrations including creative spaces and public art
- A more cohesive, respectful and caring community
- Easier movement around the City, with less congestion, more parking, less bumpy roads
- More support for local shops and cafes, including a night-time economy
- More interesting town centres
- More businesses and local jobs
- A family friendly, pet friendly and child friendly City
- More events, including markets and festivals
- More street sweeping, less dumped rubbish and litter
- More employment and education opportunities, especially for young people
- Helping others to see the warmth, solidarity, pride and diversity in the City
- Finding new ways to do things, especially with technology

2036

you would like CBCity to be...

A resilient City that has embraced the future with smart people, Smart thinking and innovation

A green City which values and protects its natural environment – for people, for animals, for plants and for the future

A safe City where people care about each other, respect one another and celebrate their diversity in fun and interesting ways

A well designed and planned City, with proper infrastructure for the growing population

A City that's easy to get around and through – accessible and safe, with shorter travel times

An open City with quality spaces and parks to enjoy and promote healthy living

A City with forward-thinking leaders, who listen to you and give you a chance to have a say in your City and your future

A prosperous City where businesses succeed and there is high local employment

A cosmopolitan City – a destination where people are unapologetically themselves, living and working together for a better future



cbc city 2036

one vision
seven destinations
seven transformations



Our Story

Canterbury-Bankstown

It's 2036 and we are a destination City!

From the traditional Darug and Eora People, the settlements in the early 1900s and the new wave of migrants, to a bustling metropolitan City, our history has shaped our identity and vision:

We are **THRIVING** – Our communities are safe, strong, caring for each other and inclusive of all. We have good access to the services we need and use them well. Our people are healthy in mind and body. We value the beauty and diversity of our natural environment and keep it safe for future generations.

We are **DYNAMIC** – We are a place of incredible activity and opportunity. Easy to move around in. We create, prosper and grow, confidently embracing technology and innovation; always transforming and evolving.

We are **REAL** – Our attractive and distinctive neighbourhoods reflect our history, yet look to the future and lead the way. We remember, we celebrate and we dream. Our people are proud of themselves, proud of their roots and proud of our City...

We are Canterbury-Bankstown



one vision

Canterbury–Bankstown is
thriving
dynamic
real

Local resident, Eddie Bachalani, captured
this shot of the Cooks River on a Winter's
afternoon.

seven destinations

lead us to
CBCity 2036



1. Safe & Strong

A proud inclusive community that unites, celebrates and cares



2. Clean & Green

A cool, clean and sustainable City with healthy waterways and natural areas



3. Prosperous & Innovative

A smart and evolving City with exciting opportunities for investment and creativity



4. Moving & Integrated

An accessible City with great local destinations and many options to get there



5. Healthy & Active

A motivated City that nurtures healthy minds and bodies



6. Liveable & Distinctive

A well designed, attractive City which preserves the identity and character of local villages



7. Leading & Engaged

A well-governed City with brave and future focused leaders who listen





Safe & Strong

a proud inclusive
community that unites,
celebrates and cares

Provide high quality community services and buildings. **Make** the City safer, more accessible – care for others. **Value** our history and identity and promote harmony and inclusiveness.



Mable's Story

safe & strong

The road to 2036 – Mabel's 2022 update

I love being part of my local community – it gives me a sense of purpose and belonging. Each week, my neighbour and I play bingo at the local community centre. The centre has had a recent upgrade and the facilities are great!

As much as I can, I help each week to deliver the Meals on Wheels. This is a big part of my life and it feels so good to be able to help others.

Walking keeps me healthy. And my dog – 'Marmaduke' – loves to go down to the dog park. It's gated so I know he can't run off- this helps because I just can't run after him anymore!

It's been a tough time for me with the impacts of COVID-19. My social activities (like bus trips, or playing bingo at the local community centre) were limited, but I loved that I could 'click and collect' my from my local library.

It's 2036 but, back in 2018, I was considering moving out of Sydney. I chose to stay in Canterbury– Bankstown where I had lived for many years. What made me stay?

All the services I need are close by. I am slower on my feet these days but the ramps and paths all make it easy to get around. I gave up the car years ago but there is a lift at the station for a quick trip anywhere using my pensioner card.

I can walk to the multi-purpose centre which has the library, meeting rooms and space to get involved in gentle exercise class, mahjong club and water colour lessons.

It's a short stroll to the local park where I walk my dog – 'Marmaduke' – every day. And there are plenty of local festivals and events, which means there is always something new to see or do.

I like the activity everywhere – the area feels safe. I don't go out much at night but I am not afraid to.

I can keep up my Meals on Wheels volunteering once a month and the community centre bus picks me up every Wednesday for an outing. My local church is around the corner and I bring flowers in every week from my little courtyard garden.

I know I can call on my neighbours for help if I need to – my friends are close by and I am very busy living life!



People said they want CBCity 2036 to be:

Cohesive, family friendly, pet-friendly, supported, respectful, happy, united, blissful, harmonious, caring, celebrating our past and living cultures, safe for kids.

How we will get there

What Council will do:

- Provide quality services that are responsive to the needs of children and families in the local community
- Promote access, equity, social justice and community well-being for residents, workers and visitors of the City including those with specific needs.

What you can do:

- Volunteer
- Have a good work/life balance
- Enjoy your local community centre
- Get to know your neighbours
- Show mutual respect and acceptance of others
- Report illegal behaviour and anti-social behaviour
- Become a mentor to a young person

Partner organisations:

- NSW Police Local Area Commands – Bankstown, Campsie and Burwood
- State Emergency Services
- NSW Dept of Family and Community Services
- NSW Dept of Justice
- Non-government agencies such as Police Citizens Youth Centres, Belmore Youth Resource Centre, YMCA
- Council
- Businesses
- Volunteer associations

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Clean & Green

a cool, clean and sustainable
city with healthy waterways
and natural areas

Protect and promote local biodiversity.

Improve local waterway health. **Reduce** our
carbon footprint. Keep the City **clean** and **cool**.



People said they want CBCity 2036 to be:

Safe, green, clean, environmentally friendly, with healthy waterways and the ability to grow food locally and protect our natural environment.

How we will get there

What Council will do:

- Protect, preserve and promote the biodiversity of living spaces and the natural environment
- Manage urban water and be able to effectively respond to and recover from a disaster or emergency
- Provide a clean, attractive and usable City, free of litter, graffiti, pollution and other materials, using advanced recycling and waste services

What you can do:

- Buy green, grow food, and plant natives
- Invest in a water tank and go solar
- Join a bushcare group
- Recycle right, compost and avoid excess packaging
- Walk, cycle or use public transport
- Feed birds by planting native plants – not bread or unwanted food
- Use bins or take your rubbish with you
- Report people polluting, dumping or littering

Partner Organisations:

- NSW Department Planning and Environment
- NSW Department of Industry
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)
- NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
- Regional Catchment Management Committees
- Water and energy providers
- Council
- Sydney Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad
- Businesses

It's 2036. I am 31 years old and I feel strongly that we should keep striving to save the planet.

My little brother, Dodzi, and I will be living a lot longer than past generations and I want to do everything I can to keep the environment clean and green.

Every March, I help with the Keep Australia Beautiful Clean up and last month I joined a Council Bushcare Group working near the solar farm.

I now manage the local café that I worked in since the age of 14 and have saved enough money for my first electric car. It's great that I can charge it at so many places around the City.

I still use my bike for short trips though, it keeps me healthy, it's cheaper and there are so many bicycle corridors around now – it's sometimes even quicker.

I take my brother down to the Wiley Park ponds a lot. He likes all the birds and plants. We can hear the frogs but can never find them, though we often see pretty birds, turtles and lizards.

Our villa complex, in Padsow, uses solar energy and has a water tank. It's great to see most of my neighbours have these things as well.

The Council keeps the streets really clean and I know we recycle a lot more than we ever did before. Everyone is very aware they should not litter or dump rubbish.

My family likes to go down to the Georges River whenever we can for picnics. I know the water is clean and the river is really healthy. It's a great place to kayak.

We must all do our part to protect our world.

It's up to everyone to do their bit for future generations – government, businesses and me.

The road to 2036 – Rebecca's 2022 update

My family and I often go down to Ewen Park and walk along the Cooks River. It brings me a bit of peace and clears my mind for my HSC year. I love the natural sandstone paths leading up to the brand new bridge, and as I look across the Cooks River – its hard to believe I live in a City.

My family has started to donate our kitchen waste to neighbours through Council's Share Waste program. . They have a large compost bin and often give us some nutrient rich compost soil for my small garden. It's a win-win if you ask me!

My nephew Marcus volunteered in the Paddle Against Plastic to clean up our rivers – it's great to see such great community programs.

Rebecca's Story

clean & green



Prosperous & Innovative

a smart and evolving city
with exciting opportunities
for investment and creativity

Provide opportunities for a cosmopolitan, vibrant and dynamic City. **Pursue** Smart City innovations. **Promote** long term economic and employment growth. **Provide** and promote artistic and cultural opportunities.



George's Story

prosperous & innovative

The road to 2036 – George's 2022 update

My carpentry apprenticeship was just getting of the ground when we went into lockdown so I have seen some challenging times. My boss saw on CBTV that business grants were available to assist with social marketing and website development. It really helped him to keep motivated and kept me working as things got back to normal.

I recently got engaged and my partner loves Costa the 'Garden Gnome' from the ABC, so when we heard he was part of a local online artists talk, we had to tune in. My fiancé is ecstatic that he is an Arts Ambassador of the City.

We recently invested in a villa, so we are much more aware of events like markets, festivals, and the local art scene. We attended the St George Lebanese Film Festival which was opened by one of my favourite actors, Bryan Brown - another local arts patron, and we ventured into Ramadan Nights in Lakemba which literally blew my mind with people, food and 'culcha'.

Years ago, I had a vision for an evolved, professional and creative Canterbury–Bankstown. It's 2036 and I feel we've accomplished that.

For me, this area is about economic opportunity. I was able to upgrade my 3D carpentry skills at the Chullora Innovation Precinct, whilst working in my family-run carpentry business.

There is plenty of work. The mini boom of the last decade has helped local firms grow and innovate. People feel confident opening their own enterprise.

Going to uni or college after high school has become the norm, and it's easier to find good local jobs.

It feels like the City has transformed, especially the CBD. It's both commercial and cosmopolitan but hasn't lost its community feel. Eating out is a highlight with a fusion of worldly flavours at our fingertips.

When we want to know what's going on, or open late, we just use our apps. I am connected socially and professionally and I feel in-the-know about news, events and business opportunities. Getting around is easy too.

Our public transport system is improving and we have the best sharing economy. Organising a ride when I don't feel like driving is a breeze.

With NBN and 5G now integrated, I study and work from lots of different locations within the City. I make use of the co-working hubs that have popped up in recent years and my network of contacts and collaborators has expanded considerably.

I regularly meet friends after work at one of the many bars or cafes. The City is a hub for arts and culture with shows at the Bryan Brown Theatre, live music at the Arts Centre, and local street art and festivals.



People said they want CBCity 2036 to be:

Talent attracting, business-friendly, Smart, a destination, cosmopolitan, full of art and culture, great for shopping, great for eating and drinking, able to connect people with local training and employment opportunities through transport systems, fun, happy, vibrant.

How we will get there

What Council will do:

- Provide facilities, projects, programs, events and ceremonies which promote artistic expression, a sense of place and identity, cultural development and community connectedness
- Promote, deliver and facilitate economic, employment and tourism outcomes for the City
- Deliver a comprehensive Calendar of Events which promote harmony and a sense of pride in the community and to showcase the City and Council

What you can do:

- Access language and other training assistance
- Pursue tertiary education or take a local education course
- Access advice on starting your own business
- Make use of the City's employment services
- Help newcomers to be part of the City's economy
- Attend a community festival
- Support local creativity – attend events or buy a local work of art
- Be friendly to visitors and tourists
- Buy local and employ locally
- Organise events in local areas

Partner organisations:

- NSW Dept of Finance, Services and Innovation, NSW Dept Industry
- Chambers of Commerce and peak bodies
- Create NSW
- Education and training institutions
- Ministry of Health and Local Health Districts
- Greater Sydney Commission



Moving & Integrated

an accessible city with great local destinations and many options to get there

Facilitate improved movement around the City for all users. **Provide** convenient, equitable and accessible parking.



People said they want CBCity 2036 to be:

Invested in active transport, invested in good infrastructure and technology, easy to get around in, having better traffic management and parking solutions, accessible with transport, improved in its walking and cycling paths.

How we will get there

What Council will do:

- Provide vehicles and pedestrians with well maintained, safe and integrated transportation networks

What you can do:

- Ride a bike for transport fun and health
- Travel off peak
- Walk or cycle those short journeys - don't drive
- Try out the many local walking trails
- Car pool or car share
- Use 'on-demand' local buses
- Think safe, travel safe - pedestrians, cyclists and drivers

Partner Organisations:

- NSW Roads and Maritime Services
- Transport for NSW
- NSW Police Local Area Commands
- Cycling groups
- Bus providers
- Council
- Community groups, including community transport

It's 2036 and so much has changed. I enjoy a much more flexible lifestyle and can get around more safely.

With such efficient means of transport, I like to change how I commute to work. Sometimes I cycle to work for fitness and other times I catch the train as the service is frequent.

For other trips it's not hard to grab a share car from one of the many hotspots around the City.

My mother moved in with us recently because she's too frail to live on her own, but a short stroll on the walkway with me to Roselands is nothing she can't handle. Everything is so accessible now. Lifts and ramps make everything easier.

I enjoy taking the grandkids for a bike ride and going for walks to the nearest reserves and local shops. New and improved walkways make it simple to get around the City safely with the little ones. My favourite is down at Gough Whitlam Park on the Cooks River Cycleway, where we hop on our bikes and get to enjoy a safe and scenic ride.

There are so many options now to stay in touch. My family and I just love how quick and easy it is to get around.

Ron's Story

moving & integrated

The road to 2036 - Ron's 2022 update

I look forward to the school holidays as spend time with my sister's kids who live local like me. I like to take them down to the new cycle path at Cup and Saucer Creek. We cycle all the way along the Cooks River. This time with them is priceless.

I like to watch my son play soccer down at Jensen Park. The new synthetic turf means they play whether it's raining or shining. No excuses now!

I travel around the City a lot, in my car, on my bike and on public transport so it's important to me that all those networks are improving. I visit my mother every week and was amazed to see a new roundabout pop up in the space of a few days!

It's great too that every time I see a garbage truck, I know that it's not just picking up rubbish - I heard that the Council is looking install artificial intelligence in them that will analyse the road condition.



Healthy & Active

a motivated city that
nurtures healthy minds
and bodies

Promote accessible parks and open
space catering to all ages and cultures.
Promote life long learning. **Promote** healthy
eating and active lifestyles.



Luca's Story

healthy & active

The road to 2036 – Luca's 2022 update

On hot days I'll take the kids down to Birrong Leisure and Aquatic Centre to cool down. I can't wait for the new one to be built in Greenacre - it's meant to have one of the largest water buckets on record! That's a splash I can't wait to see.

To take care of my own mental health, I'll wake up before the kids and jog along the boardwalk at Lambeth Reserve (next to the Georges River). I do 6kms 3 times a week. I feel so lucky to be so close to natural environment. It helps me reset and recharge for the day.

My niece begs me to go to the new play area at Bankstown City Gardens. It brings me such joy to see her laugh as she flies down the flying fox, or round on the carousel. Parks didn't look like this when I was growing up!

It's 2036 and I have graduated from Western Sydney University in Bankstown. I want to work to help kids grow up to love sport the way I do.

I coach the Under 6s for cricket at Bankstown Memorial Oval and the under 10s for soccer at the new synthetic facility at Jensen Park.

I need to keep fit myself, so I jog to work at Punchbowl three days a week along the park beside the railway. Healthy minds are just as important. The improved libraries are great for studying and with so many virtual options, it sure helped me when I was at uni.

have a children of my own now. My son learns to swim at Canterbury Leisure and Aquatic Centre and my wife does aqua aerobics, so I am glad there is a cafe for me to chill when I'm not doing laps.

He will be starting Year 3 next year and we're so happy with the newly built local primary school.

He plays cricket there on the weekends now the school shares its grounds with the public outside of school hours.

Last year my daughter hurt her ankle at netball but the new facilities at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital meant we were not waiting long for attention. I heard recently their new research unit has made progress to conquer heart disease.

My whole family likes to eat healthily – we even grow our own food and I like all the fresh and varied foods I can get locally.

This weekend we are all going to Lake Gillawarna for a picnic – better pack the bikes!

People said they want CBCity 2036 to be:

Healthy, convenient, accessible, green, active, safe for kids, fun for kids, having good amenities, having top-quality opportunities for life-long learning, clean.

How we will get there

What Council will do:


- Provide leisure, aquatic and golf facilities and programs that give enjoyment to the community
- Provide equal access to information, ideas and knowledge through the provision of physical and virtual environments and improves their wellbeing
- Provide accessible, equitable, diverse, quality, sustainable and efficient parks and open spaces to meet current and future community needs
- Provide a broad range of sporting and recreational opportunities that caters for all ages and cultures and promotes healthy lifestyles

What you can do:

- Eat healthy foods
- Have a good work/life balance
- Take the dog for a walk
- Join a local sporting team or coach one
- Sponsor a local sports team
- Take a dip in the local pool
- Become a library member
- Visit local parks often
- Take the kids to the playground
- Play a round of golf or tennis

Partner organisations:

- Education and training institutions
- NSW Office of Sport and Recreation
- Ministry of Health and Local Health Districts
- Local schools
- Western Sydney University
- TAFE NSW
- Council
- Businesses
- Local sporting organisations and clubs



Liveable & Distinctive

a well-designed, attractive city which preserves the identity and character of local villages

Deliver an attractive, sustainable, affordable built environment. **Ensure** compliance with, and understanding of, local laws.



People said they want CBCity 2036 to be:

A destination City, heritage-protected, having quality social interactions, clean, cosmopolitans, full of markets, arts and culture, safe, affordable and diverse when it comes to housing, having good amenities and open spaces.

How we will get there

What Council will do:

- Deliver quality, compliant development that suits the City and meets its housing needs
- Create a liveable environment for all residents through equitable and sustainable land use and community planning
- Improve the health, safety and amenity of our community and our environment by promoting and enforcing local laws, regulations, policies, and controls
- Provide well planned, attractive and sustainable town centres which cater for wide ranging community needs

What you can do:

- Talk to Council before you build
- Comment on local planning issues and participate in public forums
- Keep our public spaces clean

Partner organisations:

- NSW Dept Planning and Environment
- NSW Government Architects Office
- Local Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels
- Greater Sydney Commission
- Council

It's 2036 and my husband Ben and I have lived in Canterbury since 2018. Why did we choose to live here?

We both work in the Sydney CBD – it's so easy to get to on the train.

We live in a fairly new four-storey unit block close to the Canterbury Town Centre and overlooking the lovely Cooks River. We go walking there all the time and see many people heading for the dog park. The design of our building is quite distinctive – I know it won an award for sustainability, with energy and water efficiencies, solar panels and even spaces to charge electric cars. But the most important thing for me is the village feel of my neighbourhood.

There's a lot of night life, and in the daytime there's cafes, festivals and markets. We never run out of things to do and all within walking distance.

We have a lively six-year-old daughter, so it's great to have open space and play facilities at nearby Tasker Park. My husband and I both do laps at the upgraded Canterbury Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

The City became a child-friendly City back in 2022, so we knew there would be lots of facilities and services available – our childcare centre is amazing!

I am no artist but I love the murals and colours that abound in the Canterbury Town Centre. It seems to me, it makes the place unique. I know it looks completely different to the Punchbowl Town Centre where my in-laws live.

I am proud to live in Canterbury. I tell all my friends this and would be happy to recommend Canterbury-Bankstown to anyone thinking of moving here.

Christina's Story

liveable & distinctive

The road to 2036 – Christina's 2022 update

The spaces around our unit continue to improve with lovely art, lighting, more places to sit and chat (or rest!), and new walkways. The area is so lively day and night.

There is a lot happening at the shops to improve traffic and keep the shopping area clean and safe. My husband and I love to sit outside and have an espresso on the weekend or in the evenings in one of the many cafes and bakeries that are popping up.

While we were at the Bankstown City Plaza with my in-laws one day, we saw the future through 'magic' VR goggles – it was so exciting to see what the City will look like. It will certainly be a great place for me as my family grows.



Leading & Engaged

a well-governed city with
brave and future-focused
leaders who listen

Engage, involve and empower the community to participate in decisions that affect them. **Deliver** local and state services through shared facilities. **Be** innovative, responsive, forward-thinking leaders providing well managed, open government. **Understand** and manage vulnerabilities, interdependencies and risks for a more resilient City.

Amena's Story

leading & engaged

The road to 2036 – Amena's 2022 update

I got to meet the Council people at our local park over the weekend.

I noticed this colourful Kombi van asked my mum if we could go over to see what was going on. They talked to my mum about the new Uni that just started going up in Bankstown. Maybe I will go there one day. They told us that Bankstown is going to grow and look really cool in the future and it sounded great. They even gave us ice cream vouchers.

My family became citizens this year – I was so happy. We went to the Velodrome and there were so many people there! We all had to wear masks but I didn't mind because it made me feel safe. The Mayor talked about the future. I think I will still want to live here when I grow up. I love where I live!

It's 2036 and I am striving to be a part of shaping the City I grew up in.

I love my City. I attended primary school in Clemton Park, high school in Birrong, and I am now studying at the WSU Bankstown campus.

I feel connected to the City and understand the services available to us as residents. Services are very accessible thanks to shared customer service experience points located across the City and 'smart' thinking means I can utilise Council services even when I'm on the go!

I was never very confident as a young child. I had low self-esteem but programs like the Youth Council gave me the support and resilience to grow into the person I am today.

I volunteer as a team assistant in the Twilight Sports Program and feel like I am giving back to our younger community.

As migrants of Syrian descent, many of my family members didn't know when or how to vote or what their rights were. I became an Australian Citizen in 2022, and I want to empower other members of the community. Now that it's 2036, I am campaigning to be the youngest Councillor ever appointed for the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

As a resident of Canterbury-Bankstown, I feel empowered to be dynamic, to thrive and to be unapologetically me.

People said they want CBCity 2036 to be:

Enterprising, well planned, empowered, engaged, well governed, future-focused, responsible, leading, open.

How we will get there

What Council will do:

- Ensure effective leadership and decision making and good governance
- Enhance and promote the positive image of the City and the Council to the community, business and other stakeholders and facilitate accessible, informed and consultative internal and external communications

What you can do:

- Volunteer
- Get involved – take an interest in civic affairs
- Exercise your right to vote
- Attend a Council meeting- visit Parliament
- Attend or comment on public consultations
- Become an Australian Citizen

Partner organisations:

- NSW Dept of Premier and Cabinet (and other NSW Depts)
- Federal Depts as they relate to Council services
- IPART
- Australian and NSW Government, Members of Parliament
- Businesses
- Community leaders
- Non-government agencies and community organisations

7 City Transformations

will define
our arrival at
CBCity 2036



Safe & Strong

We are a 'Child Friendly City'



Clean & Green

The City has its own solar farm



Prosperous & Innovative

A network of Smart infrastructure is constructed across the City



Moving & Integrated

There is a rapid transport connection between Kogarah and Parramatta via Bankstown



Healthy & Active

Canterbury and Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospitals are transformed into state of the art facilities



Liveable & Distinctive









































Our town centres are transformed through the Complete Streets approach



















































Leading & Engaged

A collaboration is formed where local and state services are delivered through a single lens

how it all fits together

7 Destinations	City Transformations	Pathways	Impact	Success Indicators (2018 baseline)
Safe & Strong a proud inclusive community that unites, celebrates and cares	We are a ‘child friendly City’	Provide high quality community services and buildings	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People feel safe• Increased use of Council’s community buildings• Reduced domestic violence reoffending rates• Improved socio-economic indicators (SEIFA)• Reduced crime rates in top offending categories• Increased number of volunteers
		Make the City safer, more accessible – care for others	     	
		Value our history and identity and promote harmony and inclusiveness	   	
Clean & Green a cool and sustainable city with healthy waterways and natural areas	The City has its own solar farm	Protect and promote local biodiversity		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People feel they have access to the natural environment• Resilience of the City’s biodiversity is maintained or increased• 2km of the City’s modified waterways are naturalised• 20% of the City is using renewable energy• We are becoming a a Water Sensitive City• CBCity is a Water Sensitive City• 20 new water sensitive urban design features• Percentage waste to landfill is reduced• Recycle/reuse facility established
		Improve local waterway health	 	
		Reduce our carbon footprint	    	
		Clean the city using advanced recycling and waste services	 	
Prosperous & Innovative a smart and evolving city with exciting opportunities for investment and creativity	A network of Smart infrastructure is constructed across the City	Provide opportunities for a cosmopolitan, vibrant and dynamic City	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People feel they have access to a diverse range of shopping, leisure and dining experiences• The City holds at least five major festivals per year• Increased youth employment• Increased completion rate of apprenticeships and traineeships• Increased percentage of employed residents with tertiary qualifications• Increased professional, health and education sector employment• 10,000 new jobs in Bankstown and 1,500 new jobs in Campsie• Increased participation in art and cultural programs• 100% increase nighttime economy spending and employment• Visitor nights in the City > 3.5 million a year
		Pursue Smart City innovations	     	
		Promote long term economic and employment growth	 	
		Provide and promote artistic and cultural opportunities	   	

Destinations	City Transformations	Pathways	Impact	Success Indicators (2018 baseline)
Moving & Integrated an accessible city with great local destinations and many options to get there	There is a rapid transport connection between Kogarah and Parramatta via Bankstown	Facilitate improved movement around the City for all users	     	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People are happy with their travel times to get places• People feel that they have access to reliable and efficient public transport• 10% increase in length of park pathways• Increased journey to work ratios by cycling, walking and public transport• Increased journeys by non-fossil fuelled vehicles
		Provide convenient, equitable and accessible parking	 	
Healthy & Active a motivated city that nurtures healthy minds and bodies	Canterbury and Bankstown–Lidcombe Hospitals are transformed into state of the art facilities	Promote accessible parks and open space catering to all ages and cultures	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People feel they have access to high quality health services• People feel they can view and/or participate in sport and recreation• Local health districts report 5% reduction in childhood obesity by 2025• Catchments have safe, accessible open space within 5-10 minute walk• 250,000 more children have improved water skills• Number of schools sharing open space with Council• Increased active library membership per capita• 10% increase in number of students in top two NAPLAN bands• Increased percentage of local students undertaking tertiary studies• Range of modern aquatic facilities meet future needs of our community
		Promote healthy eating and active lifestyles	   	
		Promote life-long learning	   	
Liveable & Distinctive a well– designed, attractive city which preserves the identity and character of local villages	Our town centres are transformed through the Complete Streets approach	Deliver an attractive, sustainable, affordable built environment	     	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People feel they have access to affordable, suitable housing• 15% of all new development in growth precincts is affordable housing• Increased art in the public domain• New rules are introduced that deliver major improvements to the design and sustainability outcomes in all new developments across the City• Percent of people living and working in the City is increased
		Ensure compliance with, and understanding of, local laws	      	
Leading & Engaged a well– governed city with brave and future focused leaders who listen	A collaboration is formed where local and state services are delivered through a single lens	Engage, involve and empower the community to participate in decisions that affect them	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NPS - People recommend CBCity to others as a good place to live• Increased satisfaction with ‘confidence in leaders’• Increased satisfaction with ‘opportunities to participate in decision making’• Increased local Australian citizenship• The City is becoming more resilient
		Deliver local and state services through shared facilities	 	
		Be innovative, responsive forward thinking leaders providing well managed, open government	 	
		Understand and manage vulnerabilities, interdependencies and risks for a more resilient City	      	

Read CBCity 2036 for yourself
and let us know what you think at
cb.city/haveyoursay

Here's what others have said:

"We support the plan's focus on long-term economic and employment growth as well as its emphasis on culture and creativity."

**David Borger, Sydney Business Chamber,
Western Sydney Director**

"...focus on creek naturalisation, water sensitive urban design and becoming a Water Sensitive City are key to improving the health and enjoyment of our local waterways..."

Parramatta River Catchment Group

"CBCity 2036 is a path to deliver Canterbury-Bankstown as your ideal business destination."

**South West Bankstown Chamber
of Commerce**

"I think it was important to be part of it so you actually have some input into what's happening in your community."

**People's Panel
representative**

"...This plan articulates a strong community vision for clean and healthy waterways and it sets the direction for the City to be a leader and innovator in catchment management."

Cooks River Alliance

"...This Community Strategic Plan sets direction for the City of Canterbury Bankstown to play a strong role in ensuring metropolitan Sydney is connected, inclusive and resilient."

Resilient Sydney

"The Bankstown Child and Family Interagency supports any work that Council instigates to make the LGA more child friendly."

**Bankstown Child and Family
Interagency**

"I think what I'll take away from this experience is the joy and the productiveness of working collaboratively with such a diverse group of people."

People's Panel representative

"It's important for everyday people to have their ideas heard and that's happened through a very extensive process of consultation and now we've got an opportunity to consolidate all of those ideas."

People's Panel representative

"The plan points the way forward for a labour market transformation. Improved access to quality higher education is critical in realising this transformation at the local level. Western Sydney University is working very closely with the City to maximise the employment, economic and social uplift a new 'downtown' campus makes possible."

**Andy Marks, Assistant Vice Chancellor Western
Sydney University**

"We applaud that CBCity 2036 has a major health and wellbeing focus and values the community's opinions and needs... evident in the Seven Destinations."

**Sydney Local Health District
& South West Sydney Local Health District**





**WHERE
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