

# Community & Environment Committee



## Agenda

Monday 26 February 2018

6.00pm

### **Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:**

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee Members and/or Staff to present apologies and/or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (e.g. applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allocated four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

### **Recommendation only to the Full Council ("R" Items):**

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Roads and Maritime Services.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee,
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.
- Parks and Reserves Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives).
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies.

### **Delegated Authority ("D" Items):**

- Community Services and Programs.
- Library Services
- Health.
- Licensing.
- Liquor Licences.
- Regulatory.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waste Minimisation.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meetings.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community & Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed above.
- Statutory reviews of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

**Community & Environment Committee Membership:** 7 Councillors

**Quorum:** The quorum for Committee meeting is 4 Councillors

# Woollahra Municipal Council

## Notice of Meeting

22 February 2018

To: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Peter Cavanagh, ex-officio  
Councillors Isabelle Shapiro (Chair)  
Anthony Marano (Deputy Chair)  
Claudia Cullen  
Megan McEwin  
Harriet Price  
Mark Silcocks  
Susan Wynne

Dear Councillors

### **Community & Environment Committee – 26 February 2018**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at Council's **Community & Environment Committee** meeting to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 26 February 2018 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James  
General Manager

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## Meeting Agenda

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### **Items to be Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority**

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### **Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee**

**Nil 'R' items**



**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2018**  
**Author:** Sue O'Connor, Secretarial Support - Governance  
**File No:** 18/26433  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of 12 February 2018 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

**Recommendation:**

THAT the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting of 12 February 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.



**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **WOOLLAHRA LIBRARIES REPORT 1 JULY 2017 - 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
**Author:** Olga Avramenko, Library Systems and Business Co-ordinator  
**Approvers:** Denise Syme, Resource Management Team Leader  
Vicki Munro, Manager - Library & Information Services  
**File No:** 18/13665  
**Reason for Report:** To review the operations of Woollahra Libraries for the six months, 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017.

**Recommendation:**

That the report of the Library Service for the six months, 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 be received and noted.

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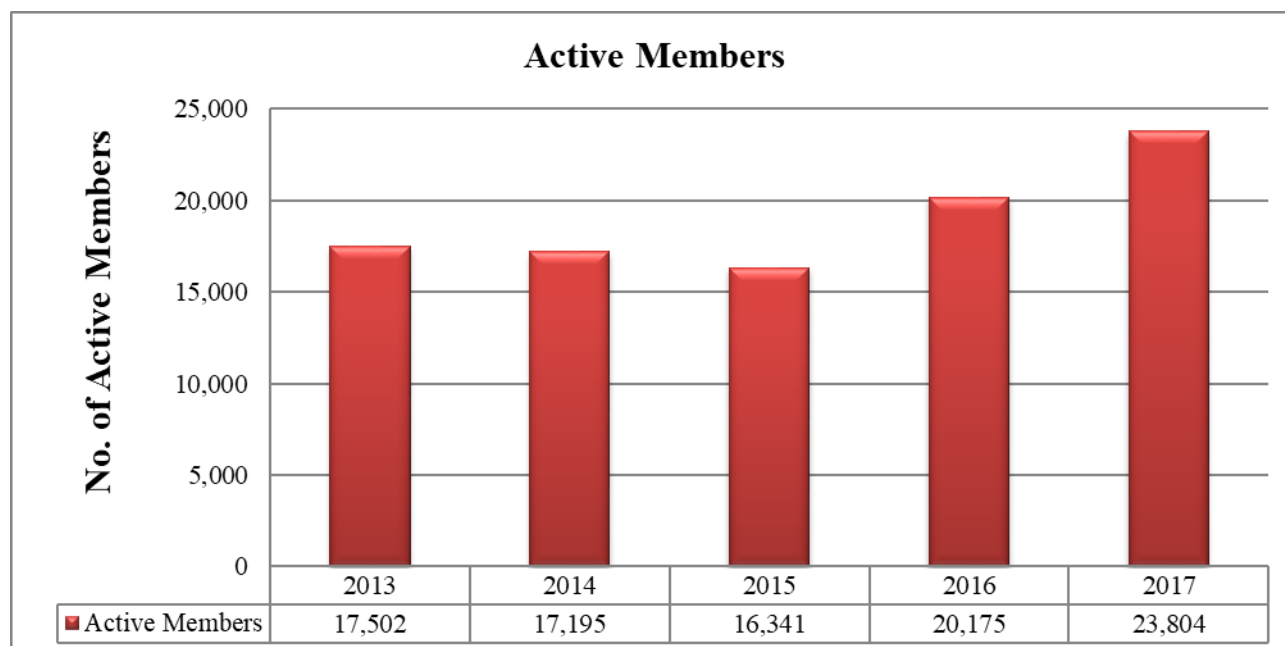
This report reviews Woollahra Libraries' activities and projects for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 including detailed statistical analysis.

**1. Library Usage**

To gain a better understanding of the Library usage, this report compares statistics from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 with the same period from the previous year – 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016. See Annexure 1 for statistical figures. Significant points to note include:

**1.1 Customer Services**

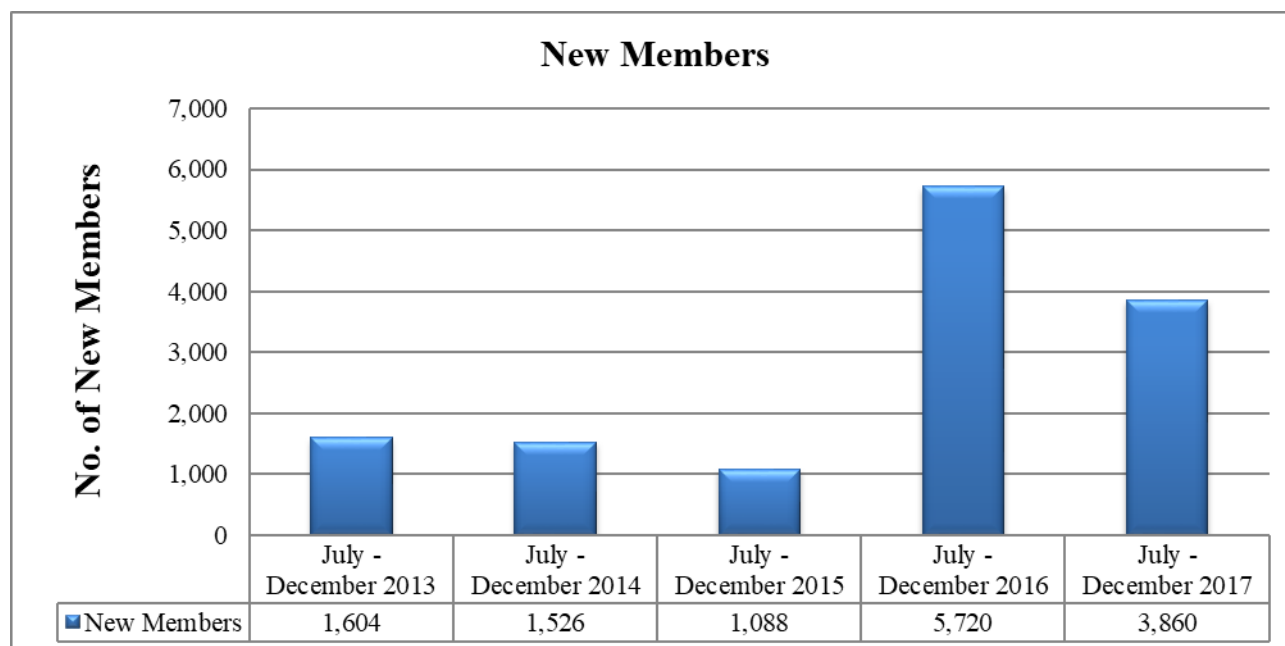
- Standards and Guidelines for NSW Public Libraries are described in *Living Learning Libraries* published by the State Library of New South Wales. To be consistent with State standards active membership is defined as members who have used the Library service within the last three years and this was implemented from 1 July 2013. Prior to this, active members were defined as members who have used the Library service within the last two years.



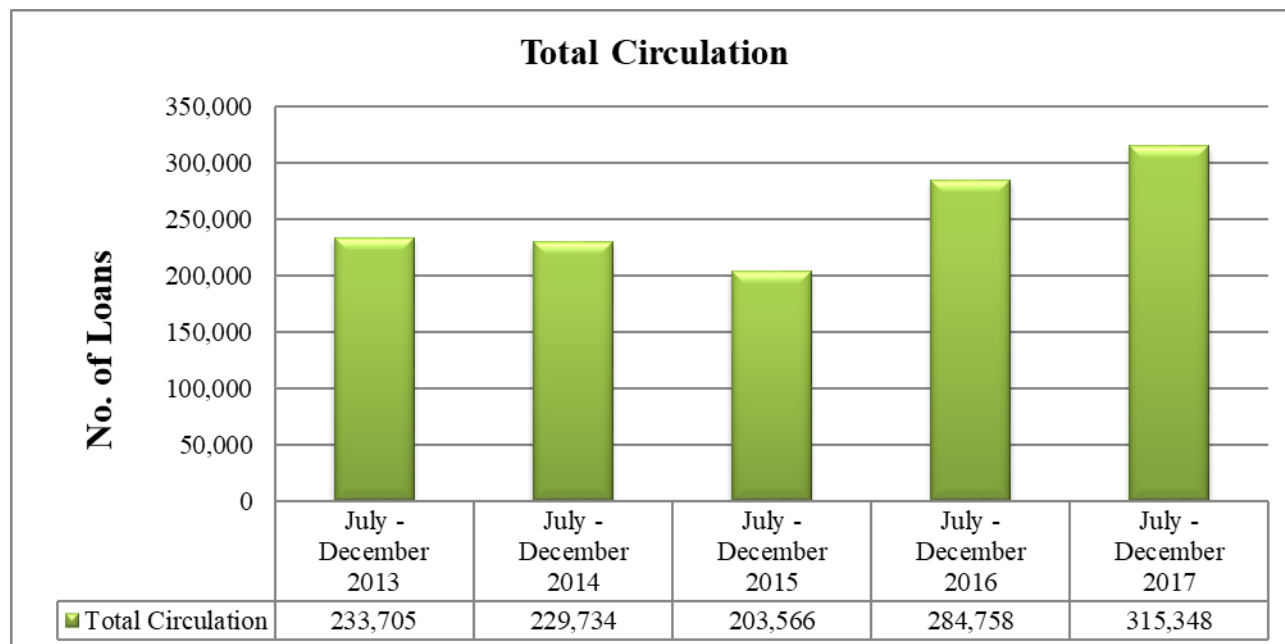
- The percentage of active borrowers to population reached 40.8% in 2017 based on estimated Woollahra LGA population of 58,290 (2016 ABS Census).

In the Standards and Guidelines for NSW Public Libraries described in *Living Learning Libraries*, published December 2015 by the State Library of New South Wales, the Baseline Benchmark for **Borrowers as Percentage of Population** is 41.5%. Woollahra Libraries currently falls below this benchmark. The figure of 23,804 used to calculate the percentage of active members represents customers who have borrowed an item from the Library in the last three years.

However, 28,071 members have used the library within the last three years which includes customers who did not borrow. These members may use the Library to print, book a room or PC, attend events or simply use our eResources. This reflects the change in use for public libraries as they become a community space rather than a depository of books. For future reports, this wider definition of Active members will be applied. Using this figure, the percentage of Active members to population is 48% based on the Woollahra LGA population of 58,290 (2016 ABS Census) and meets the State Library's Baseline Benchmark for **Borrowers as Percentage of Population**, falling just 1% short of Enhanced Benchmark of 49%.



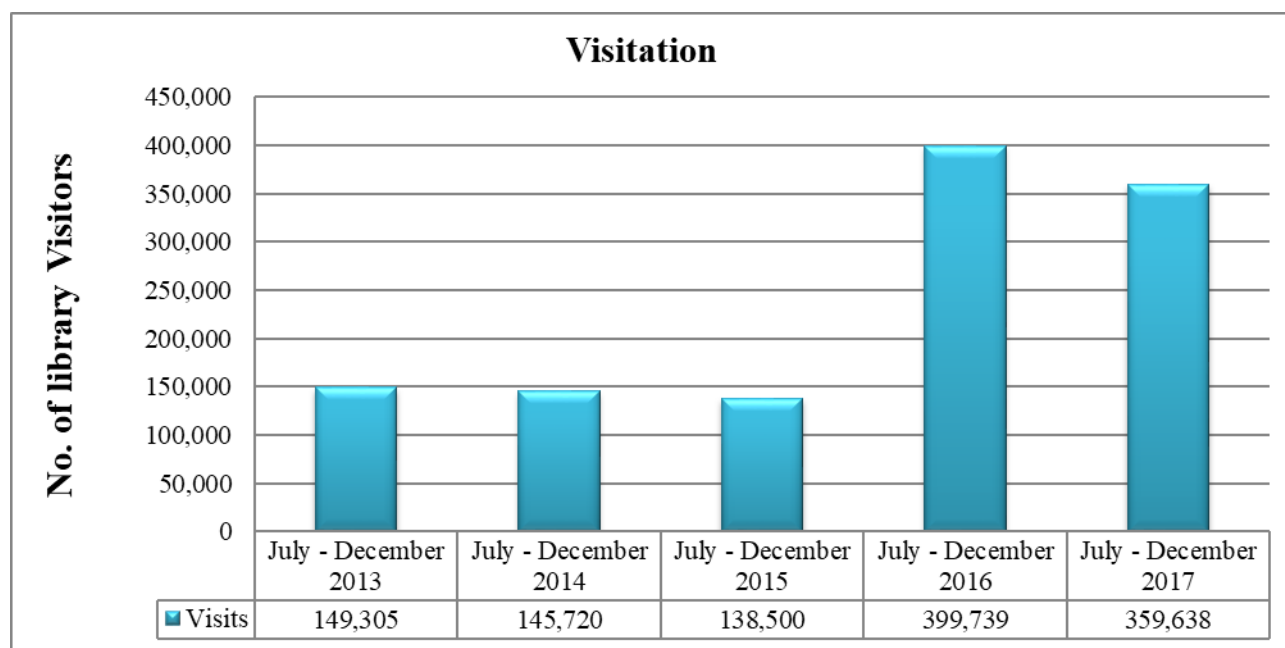
- The total number of new members who have joined the Woollahra Libraries during the July to December 2017 period is 3,860 which represents a 33% decrease compared to the same period the year before. This decrease is largely due to the initial increased publicity and interest of the community, during the first six months of opening the new Woollahra Library at Double Bay. However, when comparing this figure of 3,860 to the same figure in July to December 2015 prior to opening the new Library, new members increased by 255%.



- Circulation across all service points for the six month period has increased by 11% in comparison to the same period in 2016. The key collections to have seen an increase are Junior Fiction, Young Adult Fiction and Junior Non Fiction. This is a reflection of increased library membership, a more attractive layout, promotion and regular up keep of the collection. The circulation at Woollahra Library at Double Bay increased by 12% in the July to December period 2017, compared to the same period in 2016. Paddington Library has also increased its circulation by 6% when compared to the same period the previous year. It is

pleasing to see that circulation at Watsons Bay increased by 5% when compared to the same period in 2016.

The eResource circulation statistics have continued to increase significantly over the last six month period. Areas to note: Bolinda eAudiobooks usage increased by 134%; Overdrive eAudiobooks loans increased by 55% and Overdrive eBooks by 40%. This represents a growing demand for eResources which offer a complementary format to the Library's standard book and audio visual collections.

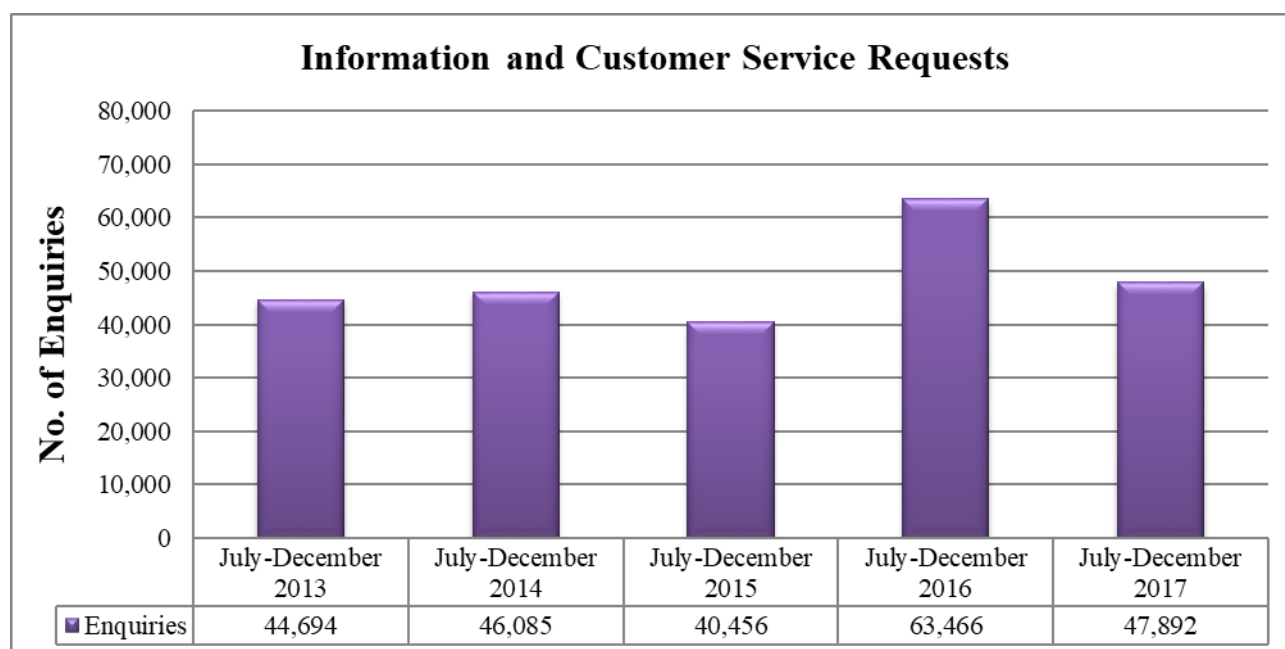


- A total of 359,638 people visited Double Bay, Paddington and Watsons Bay Libraries during the last six months. This represents a 10% decrease compared to 399,739 people who visited library service in the same period in 2016. This decrease can be attributed to the heightened interest of the community visiting the new Woollahra Library at Double Bay during the first six months of opening.
- Usage of the popular free wireless Internet service at Woollahra Library at Double Bay continues to increase recording 187,345 unique connections compared to 102,634 connections in the same period the previous year. This represents an 83% increase and reflect community expectations of a modern public library service.

Both Paddington and Watsons Bay Libraries now have dedicated fibre optic connections to match the Internet speed available at Woollahra Library at Double Bay. New software will be configured to enable reporting on Internet usage for those service points and will be included in the next annual Library Report to Council.



## 1.2 Information & Research



- There was a decrease over the last six months in the number of Information and Customer service enquiries in comparison to the same period in the previous year from 63,466 enquiries to 47,892 enquiries. A decrease in enquiries is to be expected as customers have now adapted to the new self-service model and as a result require less assistance from staff than they did in the previous six month period.
- The total usage of online databases decreased in comparison to the same period the previous year from 187,149 searches to 156,179 searches. This decrease can be attributed to a number of technical access problems which impacted these figures. All of these technical problems have since been resolved. Between July and December 2017, the most popular databases were in literature (Book Index with Reviews, Novelist and Libraries Australia), family history (Ancestry, Find My Past) and business and language databases (Informit collections and Mango languages).
- The YourTutor service was rebranded to Studiosity. The number of Studiosity sessions (online homework help) has decreased from 246 sessions to 120 sessions when compared to the same time last year. The library will continue to promote the service in local school newsletters, school libraries and in social media also, new branding and a video is available on the library website. To compliment this service, a new HSC database resource called HSC Studylab is being considered for the next financial year.
- With the transfer of the Local History collection to Woollahra Library at Double Bay, the Library has introduced a new approach where customers can book a 20 minute session with Local History Librarians from 10am to 12 noon, Monday to Friday and from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. This new service is slowly gaining popularity. It is supported by a monthly Local History Speaker Series which promotes the Local History collection and service, including our Digital Archive.

- The aim of the Woollahra Council Plaques Scheme is to honour famous people or events associated with the Woollahra Local Government area that have made a significant impact on life in the area or Australia as a nation. The successful plaque nomination was for Robert Joyner who established one of the first blacksmith shops in the Paddington municipality, which was a landmark in the community for over 100 years. The plaque was installed in the footpath adjacent to the nominees' former shop at 496 Glenmore Rd, Paddington and was unveiled on 3 August 2017. A total of 38 guests attended the unveiling.



**Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme – Unveiling of historic plaque for Robert Joyner outside the site of the former blacksmith shop - Mayor Cllr Zeltzer, Cllr Marano, Joyner family members with the New South Wales Mounted Police in attendance**

### 1.3 Community Learning Programs

- The Under 5s children's program offers weekly Rhyme Time, Story Time, Book Babies (formerly Baby Time) and monthly Saturday Story Time sessions. 223 sessions were delivered between July and December 2017 with 4,833 children attending the programs. Local guest authors included Nicole Stevens and Anne Donnelly with an end of year celebratory performance at all library service points.

Baby Time has been renamed Book Babies to clearly differentiate this program from Rhyme Time. The program is intended to nurture early literacy development and encourage discussion with carers about the importance of reading to babies. This program have been well attended by 275 babies with compared to 236 babies in the same period last year.

Monthly Saturday Story Time proved popular, with a total attendance of 159 children over 6 sessions presented at Woollahra Library at Double Bay. Guest presenters included Jack and Molly's *How Green is Your Garden?* (51 children), Itty Bitty Beats (25 children) and a NAIDOC *Guwing Bayabuba* Heart Dancers (40 children).

Coding with Cubetto is a new program encouraging basic coding skills for children aged 3-6 years, and was launched on 26 October 2017. 8 sessions were presented to 43 children. This program will be presented monthly from February 2018.

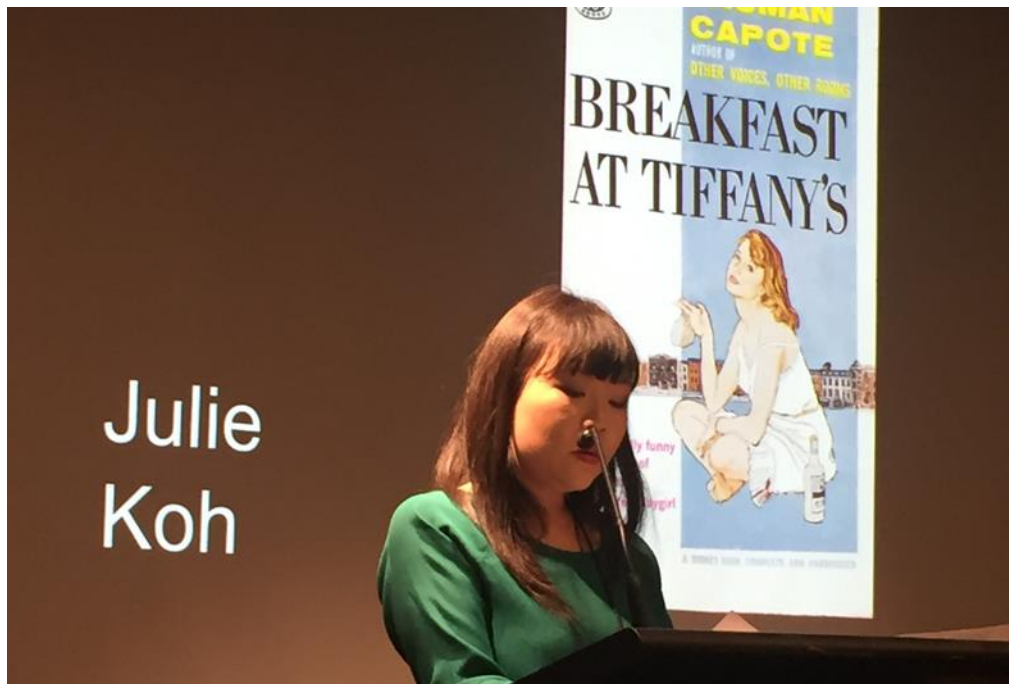


**Young Children enjoy learning about coding at the library  
as part of the Coding with Cubetto program**

The monthly Double Bay Mini Makers Club and Paddington Mini Makers Club have been revitalised with an emphasis on STEAM, offering interesting sessions in: coding, robotics, kitchen chemistry, microbits and plant DNA for children aged 8-12 years. The monthly Watsons Bay Mini Makers Crafty Time for ages 6-10 comprised of activities relating to fine motor skills. Sessions included: Button Tree Making, 3D Painting on Canvas. As a result there has been a 29% increase in average attendance per session.

- Throughout this period, Outreach Story Times were presented at Holdsworth Community, and visits were conducted in local community preschools and childcare centres and at Woollahra Libraries locations on request, with 657 children attending, compared to 283 for the previous year which represents 132% increase.
- During the last six months, the Children's and Young Adults team presented various successful activities, including:
  - NAIDOC Week consisting of Story Times at each library location, plus a Saturday Story Time performance. Additionally a cartooning and cultural workshop was presented at Woollahra Library at Double Bay with 24 children in attendance.
  - In August 2017 Children's Book Week was celebrated with explorations of the theme *Escape to Everywhere*. Displays and Story Times highlighting the books shortlisted for the Children's Book of the Year awards were presented at Double Bay, Paddington and Watsons Bay Libraries. Library staff dramatised selected stories from shortlisted books, presenting age appropriate sessions either at Library locations or local centres such as Mount Zion Kindergarten, Dover Heights Preschool, Kesser Torah College, The Scots College, and several day care facilities. Vacluse Primary School and 2 preschools visited Watsons Bay Library, reading to 236 students. Cranbrook Junior School invited Library staff to share information about the new Woollahra Library Double Bay to 450 students at their Junior School assembly. A total of 1,114 children experienced these Book Week performances, compared to 453 children last year.
  - On 9 August 2017, award winning Australian author Tristan Bancks appeared at a Writers & Readers for Young People, discussing his books *The Fall*, *My Life* and *Two Wolves*. 20 children attended. Kate and Jol Temple shared literary information about their short listed book *Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade* on 21 July 2017 to 11 children.
  - As support for HSC and International Baccalaureate students, the Woollahra Library at Double Bay provided extended opening hours between 3 October and 15 November 2017. This consisted of two extra opening hours from Monday to Thursday and on weekends with over 1,000 students taking advantage of additional study opportunities during this time. This attendance was previously recorded in Young Adult Events in 2016, as these extended opening hours were only available to students. However, this year the library was open to the whole community, so no statistics were recorded. As a result our statistics reflect a decrease in attendance at Young Adult Events.
  - Two School Holiday periods in July and September, offered activities at all library locations. Including musical themed activities in July with make your own musical instruments, and junkyard beats, a total of 115 school age children attended. The September School Holidays theme was dinosaurs with activities including: Palaeontology Digs, Jurassic Park Story Time. 22 children attended these sessions.

- Other major cultural events held by the Library in the last six months included:
  - A fun comedy event for the library's Culture Vulture series which was held on Friday 18 August 2017, with writers Julie Koh, Andrew P. Street, Erin Gough and Suren Jayemanne sharing the classic books that they think deserved a second chance in the 21st century. From an updated version of Truman Capote's *Breakfast at Tiffany's* to John Wyndham's *The Day of the Triffids*, the audience was entertained by the literary references in this cultural event hosted by Jen Wong from ABC's Bookish. Audience attendance was 42.



**Celebrated author Julie Koh reading her 21st century version of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* as part of the library's Culture Vulture program**

- On 9 September 2017, Woollahra Libraries participated in the National Poetry Slam. The Library held a slam poetry workshop with 2016 National Poetry Slam Champion Arielle Cottingham and hosted a heat for the National Poetry Slam. A total of 14 Poets competed in the heat with 65 people attending the event. Two finalists from the heat held at Woollahra Library at Double Bay went on to compete in the Sydney Final.
- A partner event with the Sydney Indie Film Festival was held in Woollahra Library at Double Bay on Friday 22 September 2017. This event showcased some of the excellent independently made short films and documentaries submitted to the Sydney Indie Film Festival in 2017. Audience attendance was 72.



- On Saturday 23 September 2017, Woollahra Library at Double Bay opened its doors for its second Woollahra Maker Expo. Showcasing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) learning opportunities, partner vendors from 3D Printing, Computing Coding and Robotics organisations worked with community members and library users of all ages throughout the day to increase their knowledge of and exposure to new technologies. Partners included Aran Blocks, Core Electronics, Coder Academy, Code Camp, SteamPOP, ANSTO, UTS, Robohaus, and 3D printer companies 3D Printing Studios and Modfab.

The objectives of the Maker Expo were to engage with the local community about possibilities for ongoing maker activities in Woollahra Library at Double Bay, and to prepare the community for the launch of a new 3D printer that can be used by customers in the library. Small group workshops for primary aged children were conducted as part of the Maker Expo, with good attendance and positive feedback from parents and children. Attendance at the Maker Expo was 400 visitors.



**A young library customer experiencing Virtual Reality for the first time at the 2017 Maker Expo**

- A live music Culture Vulture event in partnership with Woollahra Council's Artist in Residence program was held at Woollahra Library at Double Bay on Saturday 9 December 2017. This event was an Artist in Residence community project, and educated the local community about the rich depth and history of Iranian and Persian music. Artist in Residence Bahman Kermany spoke about several Iranian instruments and their cultural significance, and shared a range of different songs and musical pieces. Audience attendance was 53.

- The Library continued its popular Writers & Readers program of author talks, with historical fantasy author Kate Forsyth speaking about her new novel *Beauty in Thorns*; celebrated author Graeme Simsion, joined by his wife Anne Buist, speaking about their collaborative novel set on the Camino, *Two Steps Forward*; beloved Australian author Judy Nunn speaking about her moving new novel that deals with Australia's refugee crisis, *Sanctuary*; renowned Australian journalist Tony Jones sharing from his first novel, *The Twentieth Man*; and ethicist Simon Longstaff discussing in his new book *Everyday Ethics*. A total of 188 people attended these author events.



**Judy Nunn shares the details of her latest novel with the crowd at a Writers & Readers event**

- Tea Topics, the Library's series of free monthly daytime talks continued in the second half of 2017, featuring a wide range of topics from quality speakers, including celebrated beauty journalist Stephanie Darling; aging expert David Williams; film critic Lynden Barber speaking about Australian cinema; chef Lucio Galletto and food writer David Dale speaking about the significance of olive oil in Mediterranean cuisine; and historian Ian Burnet speaking about his new book *Where Australia Collides with Asia*. A total of 179 people attended these monthly talks.
- Woollahra Libraries offered three social events for seniors per month in the second half of 2017, with 55+ Clubs at Paddington, Double Bay and Watsons Bay. Highlights from the year included presentations from Japanese chef Yoshiko Takeuchi; an inspiring talk about the life of Jane Austen from president of the Jane Austen Society, Joanna Fullerton; a talk about the significance of spirituality in art by local artist and academic Janis Lander; a morning of letters from writer Ailsa Piper and retired Rose Bay parish priest Tony Doherty; and a rich cultural history of Australia's Gypsies, with Mandy Sayer. A total of 372 people attended all sessions across three service points.
- Business Learning Opportunities were provided through Business Bites workshops at Woollahra Library at Double Bay. The topics covered included a chance for those in their 40s, 50s and 60s to rethink their career paths with life coach Joanna Maxwell and an opportunity to understand what content marketing is and how it can help businesses

develop authentic audiences and drive more sales with Lynsey Fraser from FloSocial. A total of 115 people attended these two events. Ongoing outreach to the local business community has continued through room booking enquiries, as local businesses explore the collaborative possibilities available to them through use of various spaces in the new Woollahra Library at Double Bay – including the Event Space, Tech Room and Group Study Rooms.

- Technology Learning was supported by Woollahra Libraries through the provision of a regular series of Tech Bites workshops at Woollahra Library at Double Bay and Paddington Libraries. Topics covered included learning about cloud storage; an introduction to social media and marketing tools Pinterest and Canva; an exploration of Woollahra Libraries language database Mango and an introduction to the library's new 3D Printer, with 3D printing workshops from 3D Studios. A total of 72 people attended these sessions. The Tech Bites program was supported by weekly drop-in Tech Connect sessions at Paddington, Double Bay and Watsons Bay, where library customers can receive technology assistance from trained volunteers. A total of 288 people utilised these one on one hourly sessions.
- The Library continues to support local book clubs through the coordination of community facilitators and the provision of titles read and discussed by each book club. Of the 9 book clubs assisted by Woollahra Libraries, 4 are hosted at community venues and 5 are held at library service points. A collection of book club kits of popular titles are available for loan to support these groups. These kits are also available for loan to private book clubs. On average, 71 people a month attend book club meetings and there is a growing waiting list of interested library members.
- A total of 5,784 loans were made to the Home Library Service Members from July to December 2017 (including eAudio books). 5 volunteers have actively undertaken selections and deliveries with a further 8 having undergone training to commence selection and delivery duties in 2018.

62 Home Library Service customers and their carers attended the Festive Morning tea in December where they were entertained by acapella group 'Sass and Grit' whilst enjoying a delicious morning tea. A partnership with Holdsworth Community has been formed and new programs have been planned for the New Year to bring more housebound residents to enjoy the new Woollahra Library at Double Bay expanding the scope of the Home Library Service.





**Home Library Service Customers, their family and carers enjoying the ‘Festive Morning Tea’ at Woollahra Library, Double Bay**

- As at 31 December 2017, 95 volunteers were registered with the Library volunteer program, supporting general library tasks, events and programs, IT assistance, Local History, Justice of the Peace, slippery slide monitoring and contributing to Home Library Service selections and deliveries. Quarterly volunteer meetings were hosted throughout the year, providing opportunities for sharing information about library services and collections, and socialising in a relaxed environment. The end of year meeting is a larger catered event with a focus on celebrating and thanking the volunteers for their contributions made to Woollahra Libraries throughout the year.

### **Conclusion:**

Woollahra Libraries has had a productive six months, building on the success of the new Woollahra Library at Double Bay. A new Library Strategic Plan is in development and will set the future direction of the Library service.

### **Annexures**

1. Library Statistics Report for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 [↓](#)

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Annexure 1

Annexure 1 – Library Usage Statistics

1.1 Customer Services

Active Members

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change
Double Bay Adult	11,004	14,622	33%	11,875	15,239	28%
Double Bay Junior	2,275	2,740	20%	2,367	2,793	18%
Paddington Adult	4,028	3,934	-2%	3,980	3,847	-3%
Paddington Junior	452	449	-1%	450	443	-2%
Watsons Bay Adult	1,063	1,059	0%	1,053	1,054	0%
Watsons Bay Junior	274	264	-4%	273	262	-4%
Institutions	176	172	-2%	177	166	-6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,272</b>	<b>23,240</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>20,175</b>	<b>23,804</b>	<b>18%</b>

New Members

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Double Bay Adult	3,035	1,697	-44%	1,718	1,355	-21%	4,753	3,052	-36%
Double Bay Junior	379	203	-46%	202	188	-7%	581	391	-33%
Paddington Adult	167	185	11%	117	124	6%	284	309	9%
Paddington Junior	14	10	-29%	19	11	-42%	33	21	-36%
Watsons Bay Adult	33	38	15%	27	22	-19%	60	60	0%
Watsons Bay Junior	5	6	20%	2	16	700%	7	22	214%
Institutions	1	4	300%	1	1	0%	2	5	150%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>5,720</b>	<b>3,860</b>	<b>-33%</b>

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Circulation

Total Library Service

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Adult Fiction	23,084	26,288	14%	24,160	26,348	9%	47,244	52,636	11%
Adult Non-Fiction	20,146	22,726	13%	18,403	20,221	10%	38,549	42,947	11%
Fast Reads	1,083	910	-16%	1,282	1,048	-18%	2,365	1,958	-17%
Junior Fiction	18,673	23,412	25%	16,210	20,618	27%	34,883	44,030	26%
Junior Non-Fiction	7,031	7,507	7%	5,209	6,191	19%	12,240	13,698	12%
Picture Books	29,132	28,647	-2%	24,360	25,632	5%	53,492	54,279	1%
Young Adult	3,106	3,659	18%	2,800	3,583	28%	5,906	7,242	23%
Magazines	7,989	7,517	-6%	7,174	7,484	4%	15,163	15,001	-1%
DVDs	25,045	27,926	12%	22,660	24,981	10%	47,705	52,907	11%
Talking Books	2,978	3,094	4%	2,768	2,809	1%	5,746	5,903	3%
Community Language	146	133	-9%	99	121	22%	245	254	4%
Music CD	1,964	2,481	26%	2,135	2,361	11%	4,099	4,842	18%
Large Print	999	780	-22%	868	713	-18%	1,867	1,493	-20%
Inter Library Loans	258	216	-16%	173	158	-9%	431	374	-13%
Audio Navigators	19	17	-11%	9	45	400%	28	62	121%
Bolinda eAudiobooks	486	1,137	134%	624	1,456	133%	1,110	2,593	134%
Bolinda eBooks	573	715	25%	606	920	52%	1,179	1,635	39%
Overdrive eAudiobooks	366	660	80%	431	572	33%	797	1,232	55%
Overdrive eBooks	1,480	1,826	23%	1,331	2,101	58%	2,811	3,927	40%
Zinio eMagazines	1,912	2,429	27%	1,866	2,431	30%	3,778	4,860	29%
Freegal eMusic	2,412	1,762	-27%	2,708	1,713	-37%	5,120	3,475	-32%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,882</b>	<b>163,842</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>135,876</b>	<b>151,506</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>284,758</b>	<b>315,348</b>	<b>11%</b>

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Woollahra Library at Double Bay

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Adult Fiction	17,099	19,906	16%	18,097	20,240	12%	35,196	40,146	14%
Adult Non-Fiction	15,096	16,999	13%	13,605	15,165	11%	28,701	32,164	12%
Fast Reads	635	654	3%	805	689	-14%	1,440	1,343	-7%
Junior Fiction	15,279	19,410	27%	13,346	17,278	29%	28,625	36,688	28%
Junior Non-Fiction	5,848	6,047	3%	4,370	4,923	13%	10,218	10,970	7%
Picture Books	22,786	22,438	-2%	18,718	19,954	7%	41,504	42,392	2%
Young Adult	2,545	3,140	23%	2,400	3,007	25%	4,945	6,147	24%
Magazines	5,833	5,638	-3%	5,400	5,532	2%	11,233	11,170	-1%
DVDs	17,146	19,599	14%	15,692	17,538	12%	32,838	37,137	13%
Talking Books	2,584	2,759	7%	2,422	2,493	3%	5,006	5,252	5%
Community Language	133	127	-5%	93	109	17%	226	236	4%
Music CD	1,714	2,127	24%	1,769	1,980	12%	3,483	4,107	18%
Large Print	853	667	-22%	754	607	-19%	1,607	1,274	-21%
Inter Library Loans	216	166	-23%	141	122	-13%	357	288	-19%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,767</b>	<b>119,677</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>97,612</b>	<b>109,637</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>205,379</b>	<b>229,314</b>	<b>12%</b>

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**Paddington Library**

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Adult Fiction	4,707	5,053	7%	4,787	4,946	3%	9,494	9,999	5%
Adult Non-Fiction	4,278	4,730	11%	4,034	4,276	6%	8,312	9,006	8%
Fast Reads	327	209	-36%	347	290	-16%	674	499	-26%
Junior Fiction	2,077	2,486	20%	1,895	2,028	7%	3,972	4,514	14%
Junior Non-Fiction	920	1,111	21%	604	964	60%	1,524	2,075	36%
Picture Books	4,216	4,261	1%	3,915	3,715	-5%	8,131	7,976	-2%
Young Adult	449	392	-13%	340	477	40%	789	869	10%
Magazines	1,743	1,475	-15%	1,446	1,592	10%	3,189	3,067	-4%
DVDs	6,500	6,976	7%	5,815	6,362	9%	12,315	13,338	8%
Talking Books	310	271	-13%	261	262	0%	571	533	-7%
Community Language	4	0	-100%	0	11	N/A	4	11	175%
Music CD	198	266	34%	269	320	19%	467	586	25%
Large Print	99	65	-34%	79	60	-24%	178	125	-30%
Inter Library Loans	33	31	-6%	26	30	15%	59	61	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,861</b>	<b>27,326</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>23,818</b>	<b>25,333</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>49,679</b>	<b>52,659</b>	<b>6%</b>

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**Watsons Bay Library**

	<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17</b>	<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>6 Months July - Dec 16/17</b>	<b>6 Months July - Dec 17/18</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Adult Fiction	1,278	1,329	4%	1,276	1,162	-9%	2,554	2,491	-2%
Adult Non-Fiction	772	997	29%	764	780	2%	1,536	1,777	16%
Fast Reads	121	47	-61%	130	69	-47%	251	116	-54%
Junior Fiction	1,317	1,516	15%	969	1,312	35%	2,286	2,828	24%
Junior Non-Fiction	263	349	33%	235	304	29%	498	653	31%
Picture Books	2,130	1,948	-9%	1,727	1,963	14%	3,857	3,911	1%
Young Adult	112	127	13%	60	99	65%	172	226	31%
Magazines	413	404	-2%	328	360	10%	741	764	3%
DVDs	1,399	1,351	-3%	1,153	1,081	-6%	2,552	2,432	-5%
Talking Books	84	64	-24%	85	54	-36%	169	118	-30%
Community Language	9	6	-33%	6	1	-83%	15	7	-53%
Music CD	52	88	69%	97	61	-37%	149	149	0%
Large Print	47	48	2%	35	46	31%	82	94	15%
Inter Library Loans	9	19	111%	6	6	0%	15	25	67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,006</b>	<b>8,293</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6,871</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>14,877</b>	<b>15,591</b>	<b>5%</b>

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Visitation

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Double Bay	196,613	154,806	-21%	131,684	132,974	1%	328,297	287,780	-12%
Paddington	18,487	17,825	-4%	16,419	16,328	-1%	34,906	34,153	-2%
Watsons Bay	18,773	18,510	-1%	17,763	19,195	8%	36,536	37,705	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233,873</b>	<b>191,141</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>165,866</b>	<b>168,497</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>399,739</b>	<b>359,638</b>	<b>-10%</b>

Wireless Internet Usage

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Double Bay	47,726	91,931	93%	54,908	95,414	74%	102,634	187,345	83%
Paddington	1,636	1,619	-1%	1,600	N/A	N/A	3,236	N/A	N/A
Watsons Bay	293	N/A	N/A	412	N/A	N/A	705	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,655</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>56,920</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>106,575</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

\* Wireless Internet Usage statistics are not available after installation of new Wi-Fi connection in Paddington and Watsons Bay Libraries as reporting system has not been set up yet



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**1.2 Information Service and Research**

**Information Services**

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Information and customer service enquiries	36,803	23,413	-36%	26,663	24,479	-8%	63,466	47,892	-25%
Local History	124	93	-25%	82	82	0%	206	175	-15%

**Searches**

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Online Databases	102,185	112,811	10%	84,964	43,368	-49%	187,149	156,179	-17%
Council Documents Archive	1,323	1,179	-11%	1,307	1,052	-20%	2,630	2,231	-15%

**Studiosity (formerly Your Tutor)**

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18	% Change	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18	% Change	6 Months July - Dec 16/17	6 Months July - Dec 17/18	% Change
Number of sessions	157	91	-42%	89	29	-67%	246	120	-51%
Average session length (mins)	16.70	19.00	14%	12.00	23.00	92%	14.35	21.00	46%



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1.3 Community Learning Programs

Library Children's Programs

Total Library Service

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children			Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	68	1,769	26	70	1,646	24	-8%	70	1,684	24	70	1,579	23	-4%
Preschool Story Time	33	753	23	30	623	21	-9%	33	785	24	33	710	22	-8%
Book Babies (formerly Baby Time)	8	101	13	10	145	15	15%	10	135	14	10	130	13	-7%
Mini Makers Club	6	43	7	8	70	9	29%	6	42	7	6	60	10	43%
Coding with Cubetto	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	8	43	5	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-9%</b>

	6 Months July - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	6 Months July - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	138	3,453	25	140	3,225	23	-8%
Preschool Story Time	66	1,538	23	63	1,333	21	-9%
Book Babies (formerly Baby Time)	18	236	13	20	275	14	8%
Mini Makers Club	12	85	7	14	130	9	29%
Coding with Cubetto	0	0	N/A	8	43	5	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>5,312</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-13%</b>

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Woollahra Library at Double Bay

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children			Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	28	913	33	30	831	28	-15%	30	852	28	30	683	23	-18%
Preschool Story Time	13	408	31	10	275	28	-10%	13	420	32	13	403	31	-3%
Book Babies (formerly Baby Time)	8	101	13	10	145	15	15%	10	135	14	10	130	13	-7%
Mini Makers Club	2	19	10	3	22	7	-30%	2	17	9	3	28	9	0%
Coding with Cubetto	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	8	43	5	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-23%</b>

	6 Month July - Dec 16/17		Average Children per session	6 Month July - Dec 17/18		Average Children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	58	1,765	30	60	1,514	25	-17%
Preschool Story Time	26	828	32	23	678	29	-9%
Book Babies (formerly Baby Time)	18	236	13	20	275	14	8%
Mini Makers Club	4	36	9	6	50	8	-11%
Coding with Cubetto	0	0	N/A	8	43	5	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-19%</b>

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**Paddington Library**

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children			Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	20	381	19	20	345	17	-11%	20	337	17	20	408	20	18%
Preschool Story Time	10	78	8	10	124	12	50%	10	86	9	10	109	11	22%
Mini Makers Club	2	11	6	3	21	7	17%	2	5	3	2	17	9	200%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31%</b>

	6 Months July - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	6 Months July - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	40	718	18	40	753	19	6%
Preschool Story Time	20	164	8	20	233	12	50%
Mini Makers Club	4	16	4	5	38	8	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14%</b>

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Watsons Bay Library

	Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children			Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	20	475	24	20	470	24	0%	20	495	25	20	488	24	-4%
Preschool Story Time	10	267	27	10	224	22	-19%	10	279	28	10	198	20	-29%
Mini Makers Club	2	13	7	2	27	14	100%	2	20	10	1	15	15	50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-8%</b>

	6 Months July - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	6 Months July - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
Rhyme Time	40	970	24	40	958	24	0%
Preschool Story Time	20	546	27	20	422	21	-22%
Mini Makers Club	4	33	8	3	42	14	75%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-4%</b>

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Children's Outreach Program

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 2017 - 2018</b>	Tuesday 18 July 2017	Angles of the Bay at Rose Bay Story Time	21
	Tuesday 1 August 2017	Holdsworth Community Rhyme Time	50
	Wednesday 2 August 2017	Rose Bay Secondary College Student Representative Council Meeting	25
	Monday 7 August 2017	Peter Pan Preschool Paddington Story Time – Paddington Library	19
	Tuesday 8 August 2017	Woollahra Preschool Story Time (Neptune Room)	22
	Tuesday 8 August 2017	Woollahra Preschool Story Time (Saturn Room)	20
	Tuesday 8 August 2017	Woollahra Preschool Story Time (Jupiter Room)	24
	Tuesday 5 September 2017	Holdsworth Community Rhyme Time	22
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8 203</b>

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
<b>Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 2017 - 2018</b>	Monday 16 October 2017	Peter Pan Preschool Paddington Story Time – Paddington Library	20
	Saturday 21 October 2017	Paddington Festival: Story Time and Story Fortune telling	48
	Tuesday 7 November 2017	Holdsworth Community Rhyme Time	19
	Sunday 19 November 2017	Festa Italiana: Glenmore Road Paddington Story Time	82
	Sunday 19 November 2017	Festa Italiana: Glenmore Road Paddington Mask Craft Drop In	200
	Thursday 30 November 2017	Student Visit: Waverley College Local History Talk – Woollahra Library at Double Bay	15
	Tuesday 5 December 2017	Holdsworth Community Rhyme Time	21
	Wednesday 6 December 2017	Peter Pan Preschool Paddington Story Time – Paddington Library	19
	Wednesday 6 December 2017	Ballykin Rose Bay Story Time – Watsons Bay Library	15
	Saturday 16 December 2017	Paddington Bear Story Time – Paddington Library	15
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10 454</b>

	6 Month July - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	6 Month July - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
<b>Children's Outreach</b>	11	283	26	18	657	37	<b>42%</b>

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Children's Events

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 2017 - 2018</b>	Tuesday 4 July 2017	School Holiday activities: Make your own musical instrument - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	16
	Wednesday 5 July 2017	NAIDOC: Cartooning and cultural incursion - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	24
	Monday 10 July 2017	School Holiday activities: Junkyard Beats - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	22
	Wednesday 12 July 2017	School Holiday activities: Make your own musical instrument - Paddington Library	8
	Thursday 13 July 2017	School Holiday activities: Make your own musical instrument - Watsons Bay Library	8
	Friday 14 July 2017	Pick a flick: Pitch perfect - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	5
	Friday 21 July 2017	Writers and Readers for Young People: Captain Jimmy Cook - Kate and Jol Temple - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	11
	Friday 4 August 2017	Harry Potter Trivia - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	30
	Wednesday 9 August 2017	Writers and Readers for Young People: Tristan Bancks - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	20
	Monday 21 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College - Shya Redelman Campus - School visit	22
	Monday 21 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College - Shya Redelman Campus - School visit	20
	Monday 21 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College - Shya Redelman Campus - School visit	23
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Double Bay Public School (K) - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	55
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Scots College (P) - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	23
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Kesser Torah College - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	30
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Vacluse Public School (K) - Watsons Bay	40
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Vacluse Public School (K) - Watsons Bay	40
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Vacluse Public School (Yr 1) - Watsons Bay	25
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Vacluse Public School (Yr 1) - Watsons Bay	25
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Vacluse Public School (Yr 1/2) - Watsons Bay	25
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Vacluse Public School (Yr 2) - Watsons Bay	25
	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Book Week: Vacluse Public School (Yr 2) - Watsons Bay	25
	Wednesday 23 August 2017	Book Week: Kesser Torah Preschool - Watsons Bay	17
	Wednesday 23 August 2017	Book Week: Dover Heights Community Preschool Library - Watsons Bay	14
	Wednesday 23 August 2017	Book Week: Kesser Torah College - School visit	45
	Wednesday 23 August 2017	Book Week: Kesser Torah College - School visit	45
	Wednesday 23 August 2017	Book Week: Cranbrook Junior School - School visit	450
	Thursday 24 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College + Mt Zion - School visit	20
	Thursday 24 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College + Mt Zion - School visit	23

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Children's Events – continued

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 2017 - 2018</b>	Thursday 24 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College + Mt Zion - School visit	22
	Thursday 24 August 2017	Book Week: Double Bay Public School (Yr 1) - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	50
	Friday 25 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College - ELC - Randwick - School visit	15
	Friday 25 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College - ELC - Randwick - School visit	20
	Friday 25 August 2017	Book Week: Moriah College - ELC - Randwick - School visit	15
	Thursday 21 September 2017	Tech Talk: Kids and Coding - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	12
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: 3D Print your own Bag Tag Modfab - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	9
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Make your own E- Jewellery - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	8
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Roboshop for young engineers - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	6
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Make LED Illuminated Binary Bugs - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	8
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Build your own Web App with Code Camp - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	11
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Coding MBots with Scratch - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	7
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Lumifold Lanterns - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	8
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Build your own Web App with Code Camp 2 - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	7
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Little Coders with Cubetto	8
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Little Coders with Cubetto 2	9
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Bright Sparks Story Time	9
	Friday 29 September 2017	School Holiday activities: Special Dinosaur Story time - Watsons Bay Library	6
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>47</b>

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
<b>Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 2017 - 2018</b>	Tuesday 3 October 2017	School Holiday activities: Jurassic Park Dino Lego - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	16
	Wednesday 4 October 2017	School Holiday activities: Fossil Dough - Paddington Library	0
	Wednesday 20 December 2017	Family Festive Singalong at Woollahra Library at Double Bay	14
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>

	6 Months July - Dec 16/17		Average children per session	6 Months July - Dec 17/18		Average children per session	% Change of average children per session
	Sessions	Children		Sessions	Children		
<b>Children's Events</b>	38	917	24	50	1,396	28	17%

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Annexure 1

Young Adult Events

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 2017 - 2018</b>	Thursday 6 July 2017	School Holiday Activities: Mario Kart Madness - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	8
	Thursday 6 July 2017	HSC Tutoring Session: Chemistry and Legal Studies Woollahra Library at Double Bay	3
	Wednesday 19 July 2017	HSC Tutoring Session: English and Biology - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	14
	Monday 24 July 2017	Maker Creator: Animation Workshop - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	2
	Thursday 27 July 2017	HSC Tutoring Session: Physics and Economics - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	13
	Wednesday 23 August 2017	Maker Creator: Electronic Music - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	3
	Thursday 14 September 2017	Maker Creator: Wearable Technology - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	0
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Intro to 3D gaming design in Unity	8
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Get hands on with 3D printing	11
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Build a Web App with Ruby	4
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo: Get Hands on with 3D printing	5
	Thursday 28 September 2017	School Holiday Activity: Mario Kart Madness - Woollahra Library at Double Bay	13
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12 84</b>

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
<b>Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 2017 - 2018</b>	Friday 6 October 2017	Pick a Flick: Jurassic Park- Woollahra Library at Double Bay	2
	Monday 9 October 2017	Maker Creator: Make your own Book Nook- Woollahra Library at Double Bay	0
	Thursday 26 October 2017	Barton Language school students: tour and show resources available	20
	Thursday 9 November 2017	Maker Creator: Creative Coding- Woollahra Library at Double Bay	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4 22</b>

	6 Month July - Dec 16/17		Average young people per session	6 Month July - Dec 17/18		Average young people per session	% Change of average young people per session
	Sessions	Young people		Sessions	Young people		
Young Adult Events	35	942	27	16	106	7	-74%



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Adult Events

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
Quarter 1 July - Sept 2017- 2018	Wednesday 5 July 2017	55+ Club: Paddington Japanese Superfoods	30
	Thursday 6 July 2017	Discover Your Local History: Paddington House Histories	14
	Wednesday 12 July 2017	55+ Club: Double Bay Jane Austen	61
	Tuesday 18 July 2017	Writers & Readers: Kate Forsyth	33
	Wednesday 19 July 2017	55+ Club: Watsons Bay History of South Head Lookout	21
	Wednesday 26 July 2017	Tech Bites: Double Bay Cloud Storage	14
	Wednesday 26 July 2017	Tech Bites: Paddington Cloud Storage	10
	Friday 28 July 2017	Tea Topic: Secrets of a Beautiful Queen Stephanie Darling	45
	Wednesday 2 August 2017	55+ Club: Paddington Social Chat	12
	Thursday 3 August 2017	Historic Plaque Dedication: Robert Joyner	38
	Wednesday 9 August 2017	55+ Club: Double Bay Spirituality in Art	25
	Wednesday 16 August 2017	55+ Club: Watsons Bay Social Chat	6
	Friday 18 August 2017	Tech Bites: Double Bay 3D Printing	14
	Friday 18 August 2017	Culture Vulture: Pitch a Classic Today	42
	Friday 25 August 2017	Tea Topic: Longevity David Williams	38
	Thursday 31 August 2017	Business Bites Networking Event: Rethink your Career with Joanna Maxwell	102
	Saturday 2 September 2017	Tea Topic: Australian Cinema with Lyndon Berber	22
	Wednesday 6 September 2017	55+ Club: Paddington Library Social Chat	5
	Thursday 7 September 2017	Discover Your Local History: Cinema Snippets	24
	Thursday 7 September 2017	Youth Photographic : Awards Night	70
	Friday 8 September 2017	Poetry Slam Workshop	15
	Saturday 9 September 2017	Culture Vulture: Poetry Slam	50
	Wednesday 20 September 2017	55+ Club: Watsons Bay The Attachment	27
	Friday 22 September 2017	Sydney Indie Film Festival Showcase	72
	Saturday 23 September 2017	Maker Expo	400
	Friday 29 September 2017	Tech Bites: Double Bay 3D Printing	7
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26 1,197</b>

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Adult Events (continued)

	Date	Event Name and Details	Attendance
Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 2017 - 2018	Wednesday 4 October 2017	55+ Club: Paddington The New France of President Macron	25
	Thursday 5 October 2017	Discover Your Local History: Preserving your Treasures	8
	Wednesday 11 October 2017	55+ Club: Double Bay Lesley Walford and Dora Byrne	47
	Sunday 15 October 2017	Writers & Readers: Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist	65
	Wednesday 18 October 2017	55+ Club: Watsons Bay Social Chat	4
	Thursday 26 October 2017	Tech Bites: Double Bay Creating Your Own Images for Social Media	3
	Thursday 26 October 2017	Tech Bites: Paddington Creating Your Own Images for Social Media	4
	Friday 27 October 2017	Tea Topic: Coastline with Lucio Galletto and David Dale	39
	Wednesday 1 November 2017	55+ Club: Paddington Gordon Bennet	21
	Thursday 2 November 2017	Discover Your Local History: Vaucluse House Histories	6
	Wednesday 8 November 2017	55+ Club: Double Bay Operation Bribie Vietnam	19
	Wednesday 15 November 2017	55+ Club: Watsons Bay A Writers Life with Melissa Bruce	22
	Friday 17 November 2017	Writers & Readers: Judy Nunn	40
	Thursday 23 November 2017	Tech Bites: Double Bay Learn a Language with Mango	3
	Thursday 23 November 2017	Tech Bites: Paddington Learn a Language with Mango	5
	Tuesday 28 November 2017	Writers & Readers: Tony Jones	33
	Thursday 30 November 2017	Business Bites: Content Marketing for Facebook with Lynsey Fraser	13
	Friday 1 December 2017	Tea Topic: Joseph Banks Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace with Ian Burnet	35
	Tuesday 5 December 2017	3D Printing Workshop	12
	Wednesday 6 December 2017	55+ Club: Paddington Waste Workshop	12
	Thursday 7 December 2017	Discover Your Local History: Heritage in Woollahra with Peter Poland	16
	Saturday 9 December 2017	Culture Vulture: The Art of Iranian Music	53
	Tuesday 12 December 2017	Writers & Readers: Everyday Ethics with Simon Longstaff	17
	Wednesday 13 December 2017	55+ Club: Double Bay Australian Gypsies with Mandy Sayer	35
	Thursday 14 December 2017	Tech Bites: Double Bay Make Your Own Festive Card	7
	Thursday 14 December 2017	Tech Bites: Paddington Make Your Own Festive Card	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26</b>
			<b>549</b>

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Adult Events (continued)

	6 Month July - Dec 16/17		Average adult per session	6 Month July - Dec 17/18		Average adult per session	% Change of average adult per session
	Sessions	Adults		Sessions	Adults		
Adult Events	56	1,928	34	52	1,746	34	0%

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**Home Library**

	<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 16/17</b>	<b>Quarter 1 July - Sept 17/18</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 16/17</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Oct - Dec 17/18</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>6 Months July - Dec 16/17</b>	<b>6 Months July - Dec 17/18</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Active Members	192	198	3%	195	213	9%	387	411	6%
Items lent to HLS Members	2,742	2,395	-13%	2,574	2,380	-8%	5,316	4,775	-10%
Items lent to HLS Institutions	155	172	11%	138	130	-6%	293	302	3%
Audio Navigator files lent	168	200	19%	189	507	168%	357	707	98%

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **YARRANABBE PARK STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Author:** Caitlin Moffat, Team Leader Open Space & Rec Planning  
**Approvers:** Paul Fraser, Manager - Open Space & Trees  
Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services  
**File No:** 17/209492  
**Reason for Report:** Follow up report.

**Recommendation:**

- A. That Council proceed with community consultation on the northern plaza area including the harbour access stairs.
- B. That prior to any action being taken to remove the fig trees on New Beach Road, a further report be provided to Council.

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**Background:**

The minutes of the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management Steering Committee meeting held on 19 June 2017 were presented to Council's Community and Environment Committee on 16 October 2017 (Annexure 1). At this meeting there were members of the public that raised concerns regarding two actions of the Masterplan relating to the proposed northern harbour access stairs in the seawall and the removal of the fig trees on New Beach Road, Darling Point. The Committee resolved the following;

- A. THAT Council note the attached minutes from the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management Steering Committee Meeting which was held on 19 June 2017.
- B. THAT given the strong community interest in the stairs proposed for the sea wall and removal of trees in New Beach Road, consideration of the matter be deferred pending a full briefing to Councillors and the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee on the Plan of Management.

As per the resolution, a full briefing to Councillors and the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee was presented on 27 November 2017. The attendees were;

- Mayor Cavanagh;
- Councillors Cullen, Elsing, Jarvis, Marano, McEwin, Price, Robertson, Regan, Shields, and Silcocks;
- Charlotte Feldman (Darling Point Society); and
- Council staff – Tom O'Hanlon (Director, Technical Services), Paul Fraser (Manager, Open Space and Trees) and Caitlin Moffat (Team Leader, Open Space and Recreation Planning).

The briefing covered the background to the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management and Masterplan including works completed and those proposed to be undertaken next. It was noted by staff that the next action included in Council's adopted Capital Works Budget is the development of the northern plaza including the harbour access stairs.

Upon conclusion of the staff presentation there was discussion pertaining to the following elements of the plan;

### **Harbour access stairs**

The discussion points included;

- Council's duty of care and liability around people accessing the harbour via the proposed stairs;
- Antisocial behaviour from people using the stairs;
- Heritage listing of the seawall; and
- Potential conflict with swimmers and boats.

Staff provided feedback on the feasibility study that was presented to the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee that addressed these concerns. The study consulted with all relevant stakeholders including, NSW Maritime, Sydney Ferries, Ecosystems and Threatened Species – Greater Sydney, Sydney Institute of Marine Science and Transport NSW. The study addressed the following:

- Site constraints and analysis;
- Marine ecology;
- Possible maritime concerns;
- Safety issues arising, both land and water;
- Risk assessment; and
- Heritage impacts to the proposal.

Upon the findings of the feasibility study the final location of the stairs was proposed as being 40-80m south of the point.

This study would form part of the community consultation process which we propose as a recommendation.

### **Removal of Fig Trees on New Beach Road**

The discussion centred on the process for the removal of the fig trees, with some attendees asking whether it would be possible to include consultation in regard to the tree removal as part of the consultation about the harbour stairs. Staff responded that removal of the fig trees was a medium priority action within the Plan and that there were still a number of high priority actions to complete. At current funding levels, the removal of the trees would be due for several years. It was also explained that if we consult on both actions simultaneously, there is strong possibility that the tree issue would once again become the main focus of the public discussion, with a loss of emphasis on the issue of the stairs.

The majority of attendees agreed that the two issues should remain separate. The Director Technical Services suggested that, prior to the removal of the trees, a further report should be provided to Council, with the possibility of a renewed public consultation process. The majority of attendees agreed with this approach.

### **Conclusion**

It is recommended that Council proceed with community consultation on the northern harbour access stairs. In relation to the action of removal of fig trees it is recommended that, prior to proceeding with any action, a further report be provided to Council.

**Annexures**

1. Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 16 October 2017 [↓](#)

Woollahra Municipal Council  
Community & Environment Committee

16 October 2017

**Item No:** D3 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **YARRANABBE PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (CY121-04)**  
**Author:** Caitlin Moffat, Team Leader Open Space & Rec Planning  
**Approvers:** Paul Fraser, Manager - Open Space & Trees  
Zubin Marolia, Manager - Property & Projects  
**File No:** 17/146094  
**Reason for Report:** To table the minutes of the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee

**Recommendation:**

- A. THAT Council note the attached minutes from the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management Steering Committee Meeting which was held on 19 June 2017.
- B. That Council undertake Community Consultation of the stair proposal in the sea wall at the northern end of Yarranabbe Park.

**1. Background:**

At its meeting on Monday 10 August 2009 Council resolved;  
*'That Council immediately prepare a Consultant's brief for the preparation of the Masterplan which is to include a comprehensive program for the involvement of Community representatives in the project'.*

The role of the Steering Committee is to provide input, review and monitor the development of the Plan of Management and Master Plan for Yarranabbe Park

The scope of the Steering Committee is to:

- Receive progress reports and review the development of the Plan of Management and Master Plan;
- Report back to the community on the development of the Plan of Management and Master Plan;
- Make recommendations when appropriate to Council, including a final draft of the Plan of Management and Master Plan for exhibition.

Membership of the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee includes five Councillors including one appointed as Chairperson, three Community Group Representatives, and Council staff.

Toni Zeltzer	Mayor
Deborah Thomas	Chair, Councillor
Anthony Marano	Councillor
Vacant (previously held by James Keulemans)	Councillor
Andrew Petrie	Councillor
Kate Prendergast	Woollahra Heritage and History Society
Charlotte Feldman	Darling Point Society
Dennis Rabinowitz	Rushcutters Bay Park Enhancement Group

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16 October 2017

Tom O'Hanlon	Director Technical Services
Paul Fraser	Manager Open Space and Trees
Caitlin Moffat	Team Leader Open Space and Recreation Planning

### Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management Steering Committee meeting held on 19 June 2017 has been attached to this report.

On 3 August 2017, the minutes were circulated to all members of the Committee for verification along with an updated Detailed Design of the 2012 Master Plan for comment. We received two responses being from the Darling Point Society and from Kate Prendergast (Woollahra Heritage and Historical Society). The responses outlined concerns as follows:

#### Darling Point Society

- Opposition to the opening of the heritage listed seawall.
- Discussion around the removal of the 3 fig trees.
- Requesting that if public consultation be held on the opening of the seawall and the 90 degree parking then the results be made public.
- Available funds to be spent on upgrading the playground for older children.

#### Woollahra Heritage and Historical Society (WHHS)

- Questions the validity of the minutes and notes that the WHHS objects to the removal of the fig trees.

The full responses are attached.

### 2. Conclusion:

The responses received are noted and tabled. The responses that we have received relate to actions from the adopted Plan of Management 2012. No amendments to the minutes are required and we propose that they be adopted.

### Annexures

1. Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee - Meeting Notes - 19 June 2017
2. Responses received from Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee minutes 19 June 2017



**Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **MILITARY ROAD, WATSONS BAY UPGRADE**  
**Author:** Caitlin Moffat, Team Leader Open Space & Rec Planning  
**Approver:** Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services  
**File No:** 18/18107  
**Reason for Report:** To report on the community consultation for the Military Road Watsons Bay upgrade

**Recommendation:**

That Council note the recommended changes to the upgrade of the Military Road proposal as noted in Annexure 2 of this report. The changes are directly related to suggestions received during the public exhibition process. That Council proceed with the detailed design and Review of Environmental Factors of the Military Road proposal as exhibited.

**Background:**

Watsons Bay is one of Sydney's most popular tourist attractions frequented by local and international tourists alike. Due to the revitalisation of the area and the improvements to ferry services there has been an increase in visitors to the area which has resulted in the turning circle at the end of Military Road becoming a hive of activity and a pinch point for users. The turning circle adjoins the Watsons Bay Ferry Wharf, Robertson Park, Doyle's Take Away and the Watsons Bay Hotel.

Subsequently, this has resulted in a safety issue between ferry commuters, patrons of Doyle's Take Away and Robertson Park users. Pedestrians do not realise that they are entering a road way as they step off the kerb to try and navigate their way around the large queues associated with the ferry or the restaurant. Additionally vehicles frequently stop in the middle of the roundabout and unload passengers on to the road way.

The pavement that connects the ferry wharf to Robertson Park, in front of Doyle's Take Away is just over 2 metres wide. This is insufficient to provide pedestrian access for the hundreds of people that board and alight the ferry as well as those waiting for service at Doyle's. The other pathways adjoining this roundabout are also approximately 2.5 metres wide and inadequate to cater for the high volumes of pedestrians in the area.

**Proposal:**

The objectives of the proposal are to improve pedestrian safety issues, connectivity and the overall amenity of this key hub in the Watsons Bay precinct. The proposal includes relocating the turning circle, creating a pedestrian plaza, adding more seating and trees, as well as wayfinding and interpretation signage. It will also complement the heritage aspect of the Watsons Bay Promenade.

The works would provide greater capacity for seating, picnicking and recreation. The conversion to 495m<sup>2</sup> of public open space would also result in a loss of up to nine parking spaces in the immediate area.

The proposed concept design as exhibited is attached in **Annexure 1**.

**Consultation:**

Community consultation for both Military Road and other works fronting Dunbar House began on 8 December 2017. Consultation included:

- Meetings with adjoining stakeholders, including Doyle's Take Away, Watsons Bay Hotel, Transport NSW and Fishing Club;
- Councillor briefing (27 November);
- Signage on site (as shown in **Annexure 1**);
- 'Have Your Say' section of Council's website;
- Letterbox drop to local residents;
- Notifying Crown Lands; and
- Mention in the Mayoral Column of the Wentworth Courier (10 January).

Consultation closed on 29 January 2018.

There were 41 submissions received (**Annexure 2**), 36 submissions pertained exclusively to the Military Road proposal, 4 submissions covered both the Military Road proposal and the Dunbar House proposal. 37 were in favour of the proposed upgrade of Military Road and 3 submissions against the proposed upgrade of Military Road.

The key themes from feedback received from those in favour of the proposed changes include:

- Pedestrian safety;
- Enhancing connectivity between Robertson Park, Buses and Ferry terminals and local businesses; and
- Improving the amenity of the area.

38 of the submissions noted that the proposal would address the safety issue that currently exists as a result of conflict between cars and pedestrians. It was highlighted that the queues to the ferry wharf and those waiting for food at the takeaway shop resulted in there being no footpath available to traverse through the site, thereby forcing pedestrians on to the roadway.

Feedback provided in the submissions expressed that the area where tourists arrive in Watsons Bay is tired and in need of a revamp. It was expressed that the development would create a space for the local community to gather and socialise, where children could play, safe in the knowledge that cars were no longer in this area.

The key themes from feedback received from those against the proposed traffic changes include:

- Works are not required;
- No current safety risk for pedestrians;
- Parking loss and loading requirements for local businesses and;
- Concerns relating to the proposal being in favour of the Watsons Bay Hotel.

One of the submissions suggested that the works were not required due to there being no safety issues, however 38 submissions noted the safety issues as a result of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. Council staff have witnessed a number of near misses as well as large volumes of people walking out on to the road without looking, as seen below.



During the development of the concept plan, Council staff endeavoured to strike a balance between all users, including those who arrive by vehicle. This concept provides enough space to accommodate the pedestrians as well as not dramatically reducing the parking. It should be noted, only 2 submissions of the 40 submissions expressed concern over the loss of parking.

The pedestrian area will be a Shared Zone allowing for Council authorised vehicles including the beach cleaner, garbage trucks and delivery vehicles. Council staff will liaise with local businesses to address access for deliveries.

It is felt that this proposal will benefit all members of the community, not just the adjoining businesses.

That Council proceed with detailed design and construction of the Military Road proposal as exhibited.

#### **Identification of Income:**

Council allocated \$300,000 in the 2017/2018 Capital Works Program and was successful in securing a \$44,457 from the 2017 Community Building Partnership. Since adoption of the budget, the scope of the project has expanded both in area covered and the quality of landscape design. Further, there are cost implications related to the requirements under the Federal Government's *Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism*. The budget for this project will therefore need to be significantly increased with the quantum of the increase to be determined at detailed design stage. Council staff have submitted a grant application for \$244,424 as part of the NSW Community Safety Fund and it is proposed to include additional funds in the draft 2018/2019 Capital Works Program.

### **Project Timing**

The Watsons Bay precinct is popular all year round but it is particularly busy in late spring and summer. There are also a number of major events which occur in neighboring Robertson Park in these seasons. The construction work must therefore occur in the winter. At time of writing, staff are reviewing the timeline for the project to ensure that all necessary external approvals can be in place in time for tendering to be completed in time for construction work to start in early July 2018. If construction starts later than early July, there would be a very significant risk of works interfering with spring and summer activities. It may therefore be prudent to plan for construction to commence in late May 2019. It is noted that another significant construction project is planned in Robertson Park, adjacent to Dunbar House. This work will be undertaken in the coming winter.

### **Conclusion:**

It is recommended that Council proceed with the detailed design, Review of Environmental Factors and construction of the Military Road proposal as exhibited.

### **Annexures**

1. Military Road - Consultation Board including concept plan [↓](#)
2. Military Road, Watsons Bay - Summary of submissions received during public exhibition [↓](#)



Woollahra Council is undertaking public exhibition of a landscape concept plan for an upgrade to Robertson Park and Military Rd, Watsons Bay.



LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN

SCALE 1:150 (A3)

- 1

Pedestrian plaza
- 2

Off form concrete & timber seats with lighting & Interpretive panels
- 3

Existing fig tree with uplighting
- 4

New turning circle to Military Road  
(Including reduction of approximately nine parking spaces)
- 5

Feature sandstone paving
- 6

Off form concrete wall with timber seating
- 7

Sandstone sitting steps with feature lighting
- 8

New path and platform seats
- 9

Robert Watson memorial
- 10

Concrete / timber seat with new feature trees
- 11

Picnic tables spread throughout park
- 12

New street tree - species to be nominated

The proposal includes relocating the turning circle, creating a pedestrian plaza, adding more seating and trees, as well as orientation and interpretation signage. The works would provide greater capacity for seating, picnicking and recreation. The conversion to **495m2 of public open space** would also result in a loss of up to nine parking spaces in the immediate area.

Construction is estimated to take 4-5 months, with a view to commencing works in winter 2018.



To provide an improved gateway to Watsons Bay and also address public safety concerns regarding the turning circle at Robertson Park and Military Road, Woollahra Council has proposed a landscape plan for an upgrade to the existing roundabout.

MILITARY ROAD WALKWAY  
Robertson Park, Watsons Bay



Written submissions can be made by email to [records@woollahra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:records@woollahra.nsw.gov.au)  
Submissions close: Monday 29 January 2018







**Annexure 2 - Military Road, Watsons Bay - Summary of submissions received during public exhibition**

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action</b>
Agrees that more seating is required to optimise park usage and feels extending the seating around the proposed pedestrian space at Military Rd is more cost effective and safer than the area in front of Dunbar which is bounded by two roads.	Marine Parade in front of Dunbar House is not used as a road, it is part of the park. Noted.	No amendment
Proposed that two areas are created - one near the roundabout for groups that gather at tables and want fixed seating and another near Dunbar House for picnickers on blankets that want a more relaxed quieter experience away from the ferry area and pub. Each area would offer visitors a different ambience and usage.	Agreed. This is the objective of both projects.	No amendment
Proposed that any structures are constructed of natural materials like wood and sandstone to honour the heritage of the area.	Agreed, sandstone is proposed to be used for the terracing in front of Dunbar House. All materials used will be sympathetic to their surroundings.	No amendment
Supports the proposal, fantastic to see progress in Watsons Bay.	Noted.	No amendment
Relocate the skip bins located on the wharf.	This is outside the scope of the project.	No amendment
Ensure that an oversupply of garbage bins are included in the design. As it currently stands, the garbage bins overflow on a busy day.	Noted.	To be included at detailed design stage.
Believes the plan to relocate the turning circle will be a great improvement to the immediate area. Watsons Bay is an incredibly popular tourist attraction for local, interstate and foreign tourists and the area could only benefit from an updated landscape plan.	Noted.	No amendment
Plants chosen for the new plantings should be indigenous to the local area. This will give the plants a much better chance of survival, will provide a wonderful foliage cover and also blend well with the sandstone	Noted.	To be included at detailed design stage.
Welcomes proposed plans to allow for more facilities for families enjoying picnics.	Noted.	No amendment
The Watsons Bay Hotel has in the last few years been increasing paid events through Beach Club activities which are increasing noise levels which have become unacceptable to many residents. Live music and DJs dominate the bay. My concern is the hotel will encroach on the pedestrian space.	Noted, however this is outside the scope of the project.	No amendment
The proposed works seem broadly to respect the location, and appear likely to enable the Park to accommodate visitors rather more conveniently that is apparent at present.	Noted	No amendment
The white concrete used in the 2017 works for the path section outside Dunbar House is anomalous and visually objectionable. I strongly hope the Council might remedy that by application of an appropriate colouring agent, preferably of a sandstone tone, to reduce the visual offence that is so apparent. The lesson needs to be applied in any and every use of concrete in the proposed works.	Noted. The walls and stairs in front of Dunbar House will be sandstone. Additionally, the treatment to Military Road will be similar to the concrete along Marine Parade. The concrete colour will not be exactly the same as the existing concrete is 20 years old and has faded.	No amendment

**Annexure 2 - Military Road, Watsons Bay - Summary of submissions received during public exhibition**

The trees of Robertson Park are sometimes historic, and always important. I cannot assess whether the works proposed would damage the extensive roots of the existing trees, but the proximity of some of the masonry works to the outer reaches of the root network spans of some trees is a matter of real concern.	The trees are of upmost importance and will be treated as with any landscape works. The design takes their root zones into consideration and modifications have been made to accommodate them. During construction, an arborist will be called to site when roots are located and will work with contractors and designers to ensure their health.	No amendment
The provision of better accommodation for Park visitors will no doubt assist use of the Park and its neighbouring picnic/refreshment facilities. The consequences in terms of garbage generation are already obvious in the shortfall of disposal points in the Park, and the all-too-frequent situation in which bins overflow well before Council's staff can – or can reasonably be expected to – empty them. I see no recognition of the garbage issue in the proposals. It should be dealt with: it is an essential concomitant of the whole scheme.	Noted. As this is a concept plan, the quantity and location of all of the garbage facilities is not included. This will be included in the detailed design drawings.	To be included at detailed design stage.
The appearance in recent times of what might be termed 'pop-up' ice-cream, coffee, SUP stalls and the like at and around the Military Road turning circle raises various issues concerning their management and authorisation by Council, including issues of obstruction of the public footpath/promenade. In the present context, I simply emphasise my view that the creation of a 'public' plaza of the kind nominally proposed in this case should not be taken as an endorsement of the proliferation of such activities.	Noted. Council is not providing infrastructure for commercial operators. The existing situation is outside the role of the project and will be passed on to Council's Compliance department.	No amendment
The frequency of 'market' events in Robertson Park has stepped up in recent times, and may well accelerate with the upgrades now proposed. While comment on the impact of those 'market' events is better left to those who experience them more closely, I would appreciate a more vigilant attitude by Council to the placing and prompt removal of their advertising posters in the neighbourhood. Perhaps more cogently, and in view of the Council assertions about improvements in public seating, picnicking and recreation in the documentation, I would be disappointed indeed if the Military Road upgrade should prove in practice to be simply an extension of the commercial activities at the adjoining hotel and wharf, and if the Dunbar House upgrade should prove in practice to be simply a convenient if not formal extension of the commercial activities presently undertaken there. The Park is and should remain a public waterfront open space rather than a business zone.	Noted. Council is not providing infrastructure for commercial operators.	No amendment

**Annexure 2 - Military Road, Watsons Bay - Summary of submissions received during public exhibition**

Military Road. The works planned for Military Road will ensure the safety of both locals and tourists. At present, it is difficult to see if traffic is proceeding down Military Road when standing at the entrance to Robertson Park heading towards the wharf. The proposed works will improve the safety of the area; provide a continuous pedestrian promenade along the length of the beach front; provide more seating and shade for residents and tourists; and improve the aspect of Watson's Bay from the Harbour.	Noted	No amendment
A couple of public coin operated electric BBQ's would be a welcome addition to Robertson Park. People are increasingly bringing their own which smoke and are a fire hazard.	Council does not provide BBQ facilities in any of it's parks or reserves.	No amendment
The ferry wharf needs an upgrade with disabled and pram access a priority, as is it is one of the worse and most dangerous wharfs in Sydney.	Noted, however the wharf is owned by Roads and Maritime Services.	No amendment
Concern expressed over the benefit of the proposal to the Watsons Bay Hotel as it will improve their access and provide seating for drinkers to linger for hours off premise even more than they do now. The WBH were providing free beers to patrons who signed a petition to support this proposal.	The primary objective of the proposal is to improve the safety.	No amendment
Waste of tax paying dollars which would be better spent on promoting the history of Watsons Bay. The Doyle Family donated the plaque under the fig tree paying respect to the local fishermen from the area and it has not been included in the proposal. Precedent for works in Manly promoting history. Promote history rather than alcohol consumption.	The concept of an entry plaza as you get off the Watsons Bay Wharf was derived from the Manly Ferry Wharf. This is a concept design for consultation and does not provide specific details on the proposal, however the plaque will remain under the fig tree. Additionally, there will be interpretative panels (no. 2 on the plan) which will include heritage information.	The existing plaque beneath the fig tree in the current roundabout will remain or be reinstated in it's current location.
Asks if any of the open space would be available to commercial operators such as Doyles, WBH or Cambridge Markets. Is this major work necessary or is there a hidden agenda?	The primary objective of the proposal is to improve the safety. Council cannot continue to ignore the existing situation where pedestrians are forced on to the roadway to get around the ferry or Doyles Take Away queues. The use of the space is outside the scope of this project.	No amendment
Relocating the turning circle will make receiving deliveries more difficult and dangerous. Council's garbage trucks will also need access during the day exposing further safety and logistic problems.	As discussed with the stakeholders, deliveries can continue and Council will work with the effected businesses on this. The proposal has incorporated the needs of Council's Waste Management Services. The proposal make deliveries easier and safer as it will reduce the number of vehicles they need to contend with whilst making deliveries.	No amendment
Biggest issue is the corner of Military Rd and Cliff St as there is no parking signs or markings resulting in cars parking illegally on the corner and across the pram ramp. Suggests a raised pedestrian crossing could be included in this development. Proper marked spaces for vehicles and signage would help also.	Council's parking rangers undertake regular patrols of the area and issue penalty infringement notices to vehicles parked too close to the corner. A pedestrian crossing at the top of Military Rd is out of the scope for this proposal.	No amendment

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Concerned as to how SUP instructors/operators and clients would have access to the beach during the works; but also how the new pedestrian plaza would be configured to allow WATSSUP to transport our equipment to and from the beach via the pedestrian access/plaza. Would like Council to ensure that they can operate and work with the construction phase as well as the final works so that our ability to operate is not detrimentally affected.	WATSSUP hold a Commercial Fitness Trainer Permit which allows them to meet their clients on the beach nominated by them. The location WATSSUP are to operate from is stipulated as Watsons Bay Beach, not the road. Under Woollahra's <i>Local Environmental Plan 2014</i> commercial operators are not permitted to trade on a public road. Watsons Bay Beach has another entry off Cliff St which will remain open and unchanged throughout and beyond the construction period. Should a location no longer be appropriate to undertake activities, Commercial Fitness Trainer permit holders may select another more convenient location to operate from. This would be subject to Council's staff reviewing the suitability of the new location from a community perspective. The challenge of parking and transportation of equipment is not unique to this situation and is experienced by all SUP operators who hold a Commercial Fitness Trainer Permit.	No amendment
<p>Welcome the proposal to transform the existing roundabout into a pedestrian plaza as they have witnessed a number of close calls of wondering tourists over the road and frustrated drivers attempting to navigate out of Military Rd. The proposed loss of the parking spots and relocation of the new turning circle would mean that their van could not be parked close enough to the beach access for the purpose of transporting our boards on a daily basis as well as their clients easily locating us to register for their bookings and store their belongings.</p> <p>They request a more detailed plan of the stage works such as the start of work and completion dates as well as a working cooperation with Council &amp; the construction team during the stage works so that they can ensure we have access to Military Road and as close as possible to the beach. In particular we would require knowledge of any Military Road and footpath closures during the stage works, as well as ability to park our van at close proximity to the northern beach of Watsons Bay during the entire construction works period. Request an authorised parking space for their van.</p>	<p>Council does not provide parking spaces for commercial operators. WATSSUP hold a Commercial Fitness Trainer Permit which allows them to meet their clients on the beach nominated by them. The location WATSSUP are to operate from is stipulated as Watsons Bay Beach, not the road. Under Woollahra's <i>Local Environmental Plan 2014</i> commercial operators are not permitted to trade on a public road. Watsons Bay Beach has another entry off Cliff St which will remain open and unchanged throughout and beyond the construction period. Should a location no longer be appropriate to undertake activities, Commercial Fitness Trainer permit holders may select another more convenient location to operate from. This would be subject to Council's staff reviewing the suitability of the new location from a community perspective. The challenge of parking and transportation of equipment is not unique to this situation and is experienced by all SUP operators who hold a Commercial Fitness Trainer Permit.</p>	No amendment
A semi-permanent kiosk on the promenade whereby we may be able to meet and greet our clients for their booked sessions, leave boards near the kiosk for easy & safe access to the beach each operational day. An additional option could be to incorporate a Council designated storage unit as part of the street furniture and structures on the plaza whereby we could operate a kiosk and use as a storage facility for our boards. If a solution cannot be found on the plaza, we would require at the very least a designated and Council authorised parking space at the closest point of accessing the northern beach.	Council will not be providing infrastructure for commercial operators on public open space. Council does not provide parking spaces for commercial operators.	No amendment

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Proposal will be a positive and will make the area safer for all who frequent. Making the roadway into a walking space will be a huge contribution to the Park.	Noted	No amendment
The area has become a main attraction for tourists in the Eastern Suburbs but also a major gathering spot for local families and communities. Loves the concept of having Military Rd traffic free, allowing for more safety for our children as well as for the significant amount of visitors taking the ferry on a daily basis. Such an improvement would help reduce unnecessary noise and pollution.	Noted	
This area would be much more suited to a traffic free zone with space for people and families to walk around without the dangers of vehicles. Supports the proposal.	Noted	
The road way being turned into a traffic free walkway will improve the safety of all those who use the Park, the Beach and access the ferry terminals. Hopes the proposal will go ahead as it will greatly contribute to the area.	Noted	
Expressed support for the renovations to the local area. Neighbourhood will benefit from this proposal. Increased safety for all.	Noted	No amendment
Would like to see the whole area including the Park renovated into a more fresh and family friendly environment. Improved safety for all, better area for kids to play. Would love to see the proposed works be placed into action.	Noted	No amendment
Proposal will allow for a better outlook within the community. Strongly supports the works being completed.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the proposal, feels the area is important to the community as a great meeting place as well as a popular tourist location. Upgrade to the area will make it safer for local children, residents and anyone using the ferry services. Loves that the roadway will be a walking space and traffic free.	Noted	No amendment
As a local resident and user of the Watsons Bay area, this could considerably upgrade the area for a number of beneficial reasons to the community and tourists that come to visit and enjoy the area. The area will become cleaner, more enjoyable and provide an escape for families on the weekends. It will allow nearby businesses to take advantage of the increased traffic it will bring.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the planned upgrade to Military Rd, near the Ferry Terminal. It is a fantastic idea. The volume of cars that utilise the turning circle creates a safety hazard for pedestrians using Robertson Park and the Ferry terminal. Removal of traffic from this road will completely rectify this issue, improving safety for all.	Noted	No amendment

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Great initiative, increasing the pedestrian area of the street will give a greater sense of community space around what is already a very busy entertainment hub and tourist destination of Sydney. It would be nice to see the space be very pro community orientated with more seating and picnic table areas as well as possibly placing a bike shelter for the busy ferry and bus terminals close by. A bike shelter would encourage residents to other modes of transport.	The plan includes an increase in seating. Council will reinstate the bike racks in this location. A bike shelter would not be appropriate in this location as there are already bike racks in place.	No amendment
Supports the proposal. It will have a positive impact on all who frequent the area as well as making it safer. Love that the roadway will be a walking space and traffic free.	Noted	No amendment
The area proposed to be upgraded currently looks very tired, Watsons Bay could use a revamp for both the local community and incoming tourists that hold high expectations of our community. Would be great to see some change that would spike the visual appeal within the area.	Noted	No amendment
Making the roadway into a walking space will be a huge contribution to the community. This development will have a progressive impact on all who frequent the area as well as making it safer. Supports the proposal turning into a reality.	Noted	No amendment
Street is currently being underutilised, turning it into a pedestrian walkway could provide a great benefit for social gatherings and to the many tourists who visit. Many tourist and community suburbs have implemented these type of car free pedestrian walkways with great results for both locals and tourists alike.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the proposal. It will have a positive impact on all who frequent the area as well as making it safer. Love that the roadway will be a walking space and traffic free.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the proposal. It will have a great impact from an economic, environmental and tourist point of view. Making the roadway into a walking space will also be a huge contribution to the social community as well as safer for the kids to play around.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the plans. The notion of having a traffic free zone is a perfect situation as the area has lots of kids of all ages and a safer community by any means is better for all. The ability for tourists to now come off the ferry and enjoy the spectacular scenery from the outset is perfect for local business.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the proposal. Believes that it holds a great opportunity for the community of Watsons Bay due to the increase of tourism. Watsons Bay is already a tourism hotspot, the proposal would provide a safety component to tourists as well as local residents to socialise. Believes the construction will enhance revenue for businesses and therefore more support for the local community creating a better rapport between local residents and tourists.	Noted	No amendment

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The proposal will be extremely beneficial to the local community and tourists. High numbers of tourists and families in Watsons Bay has resulted in consistent and heavy foot traffic. Proposal will provide a better experience due to the increase in safety in the area. Believes the roundabout is impractical and all around a danger to young families as well as everyday citizens.	Noted	No amendment
The area currently looks very tired, Watsons Bay could use a revamp for both the local community and incoming tourists. Supports the proposal.	Noted	No amendment
Turning the end of Military Rd into a walk way is a very innovative and prosperous idea. Think this renovation plan would improve safety and quietness.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the proposal. Believes the works will improve the overall structure and community that is Watsons Bay. The proposal to make the end of Military Rd a walk only zone with no traffic will provide easier access for tourists and families whilst making the area a much more safer place for young children.	Noted	No amendment
As a local resident and user of the Watsons Bay area, this could considerably upgrade the area for a number of beneficial reasons to the community and tourists that come to visit and enjoy the area. The area will become cleaner, more enjoyable and provide an escape for families on the weekends. It will allow nearby businesses to take advantage of the increased traffic it will bring.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the proposal. Upgrading the area will make it safer for the children, nicer for the residents and anyone benefiting from ferry services and hospitality facilities.	Noted	No amendment
As a resident who uses the ferry wharf, this proposal will make the area safer for the local children and ferry users. It would make the atmosphere much better and increase the community spirit in the area.	Noted	No amendment
Fantastic idea to remove cars and allow pedestrians a greater freedom of movement. It is packed in this location during the summer months and half the time people end up walking in the road. There is currently no space and no real foot path park side up the road.	Noted	No amendment
Supports the renovation proposal. Robertson Park is part of the central hub of the community. Families and friends gather and love spending time relaxing and socializing in the park or sharing a coffee/beer in the area. The roadway being turning into a safe walking space which will be traffic free is a fantastic idea.	Noted	No amendment

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Supports the plan. Uses the ferry wharf daily, frequently witnesses vehicles almost colliding with pedestrians. This particularly occurs more with the tourists who visit the area as they are often taking in the beautiful scenery or looking at maps to see where they are heading. The expansion of the pedestrian access will greatly increase the safety of all of these people.	Noted	No amendment
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**Item No:** D5 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK YOUTH RECREATION FACILITY**  
**Author:** Jan Bond, Planning Project Officer  
**Approvers:** Caitlin Moffat, Team Leader Open Space & Rec Planning  
Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services  
**File No:** 18/8605  
**Reason for Report:** Follow up Notice of Motion

**Recommendation:**

- A. That a concept plan be prepared for a Youth Recreation Facility at the location identified as Option 3 in this report.
- B. That the proposal for a Youth Recreation Facility based on the draft concept plan be placed on public exhibition for comment.
- C. A further report on the public exhibition be presented to Council.

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**Background:**

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 16 October 2017 a Notice of Motion regarding a Youth Facility at Rushcutters Bay was adopted. It resolved:

*THAT Council:*

- 1. *Notes its decision of 1 May 2017 regarding Youth Facilities at Rushcutters Bay and progress to date towards providing facilities through collaboration with Centennial Park.*
- 2. *Requests staff to prepare a report, based on the needs analysis and survey data contained in the CONVIC report presented to Community & Environment Committee on 10 April 2017, to provide options to council to progress the provision of facilities for Woollahra's young people aged 8-14 years old, with respect to the following:*
  - a. *Identify multiple further options within Rushcutters Bay Park, including the south-western portion of the park adjacent to New South Head Road, to locate youth facilities, including for scooters and skaters;*
  - b. *ensure all identified locations require the removal of no established trees nor the removal of excessive green open space;*
  - c. *ensure all identified locations have capacity for soft landscaping around the siting of youth facilities; and*
  - d. *provide options to council to progress a proposal once a suitable location is selected.*

This report takes into consideration a number of options for the location of a possible youth recreation facility. It provides direction for a concept that will be subject to public exhibition and a Review of Environmental Factors. This report does not seek approval to proceed with the project. A decision regarding proceeding with the project will be the subject of a further report, following the public exhibition process.

To progress the provision of a youth recreation facility for young people aged 8-14 years Council Officers and CONVIC undertook a site visit to the park on 5 December 2017 to identify further options for the location of a youth recreation facility in Rushcutters Bay Park. The *Site Location Report* (Annexure 1) was prepared by CONVIC based on the needs analysis and survey data previously undertaken by CONVIC.

The online survey captured 1163 responses with the majority of people surveyed outside of the targeted 11-15 year demographic with 748 aged over 36 years and only 64 aged 11-15 years. The summary report showed:

- 73% of the survey respondents live within the Woollahra LGA, with Darling Point, Paddington and Rushcutters Bay as the three main areas of participation;
- The online survey found that 53% of respondents felt a youth recreation facility was important;
- 62% of the respondents agree that a youth recreation facility is needed within the LGA although many suggested that the proposed location was not appropriate and would be more ideally located towards New South Head Rd;
- 60% of the respondents said they would use the facility either as active users, as parents/guardians or as spectators; and
- 54% of the respondents (at the consultation/information day) were engaged in active sports, with 27% skaters and 31% basketballers.

Design comments included:

- The location was not appropriate and would be more ideally located towards New South Head Road.
- Basketball half-court was very popular.
- Landscape features, particularly the rain gardens and water sensitive design were popular.

The key issues raised from the proposal included:

- noise;
- anti-social behaviour; and
- loss of trees and green open space.

\*It is noted that exhibited proposal did not include removal of trees

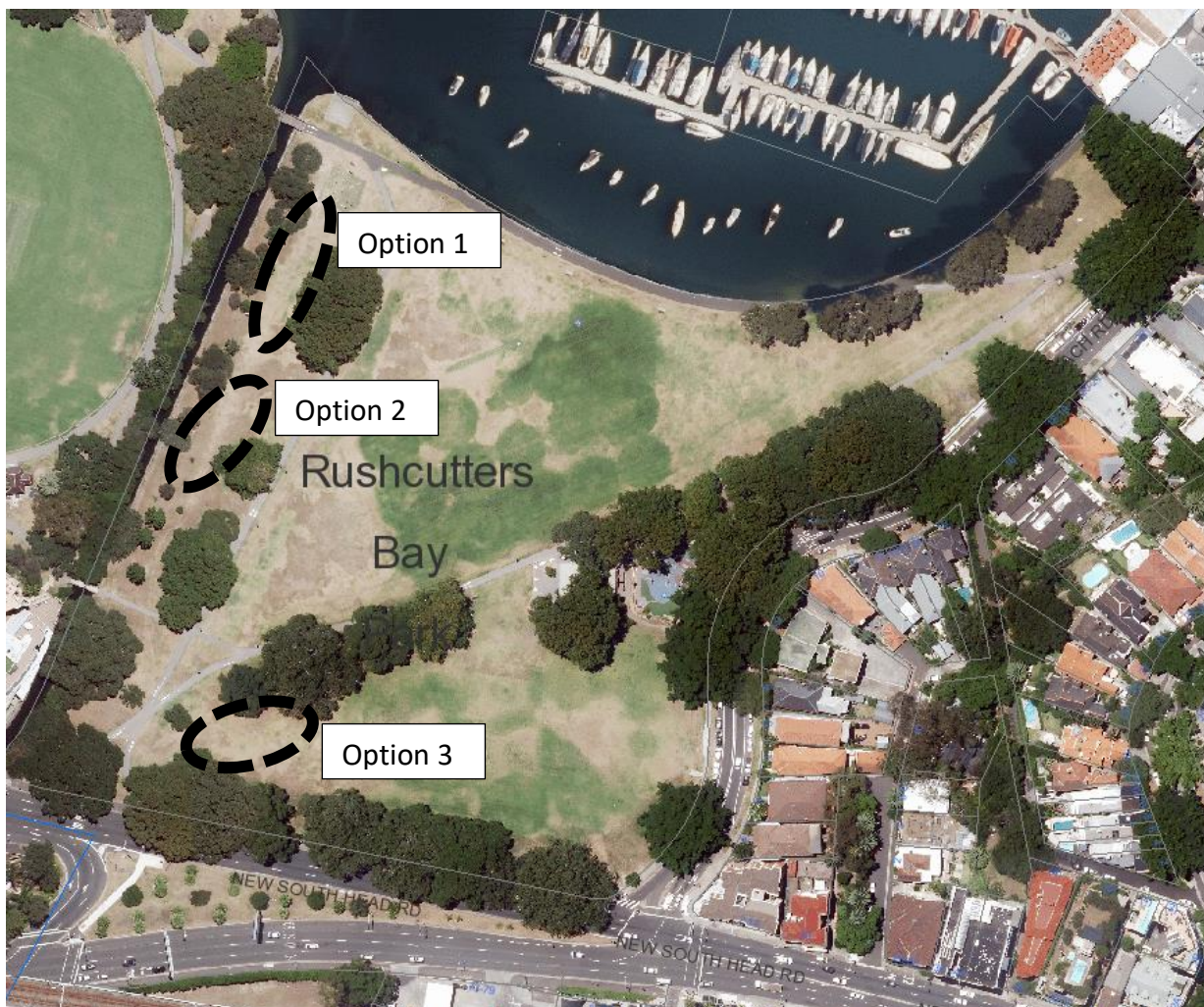
The key issues have been taken into consideration when identifying location options within Rushcutters Bay Park.

### **Site Location Options in Rushcutters Bay Park**

In response to the community feedback expressed in the summary report and the subsequent site visit undertaken by Council Officers and CONVIC, three location options were identified in Rushcutters Bay Park as having the potential to accommodate a youth recreation facility, including facilities for scooters and skaters. All of the three location options share the following attributes:

- No removal of mature, established trees;
- Capacity for soft landscaping around the site;
- Adjacent to the parks internal paths for direct access to site and clear lines of sight for provision of passive surveillance by other park users, park rangers and local police patrol;
- Level topography;

- Open location with some natural shade available nearby from trees;
- At distance from central active area, and main sportsfield, café and the fenced toddler playground that provides play equipment for children between the age range of 3 – 7 years;
- Within walking distance of different modes of public transport providing access for young people who do not drive; and
- Located on the western portion of the park, between 190 - 200 metres away from residents on New Beach Road and New South Head Road.



### **Option 1**

Location: North-western corner of park; accessed by the foreshore path and the parks internal north-south path.

Option 1 is the original location shown in the draft concepts that were previously on public exhibition. The site was adjacent the fitness station and initially assessed to be underutilised space. The site is close to the Reg Bartley Oval (CoS) reached via an access bridge over Rushcutters creek/canal, adjacent to the newly upgraded personal fitness equipment on the Woollahra managed side of the park and close to the continuation of the Rushcutters Bay foreshore path. As part of the initial investigation report undertaken by CONVIC, Rushcutters Bay Park was considered the most suitable location with Option 1 recommended as a design opportunity for an active youth multi-use recreation facility. Passive surveillance is good, as the site is alongside an existing, very popular

fitness station and a busy pedestrian path intersection linking to the destination point of Rushcutters Bay.

***Specific to site***

- Requires no removal of established trees; the site has good capacity for additional soft landscape treatment.
- Next to existing and recently upgraded fitness stations creating a more integrated and open facility.
- Sight lines into and out of the facility from three sides
- Furthest location from residences within Rushcutters Bay Park. It is approximately 100m from the closest residences on the City of Sydney side of the canal;
- During the Public Exhibition period, community response identified the area as a popular location for casual recreation such as picnics, walking dogs, sun bathing and reading with any proposed infrastructure likely to reduce green space;
- Populated by local birdlife such as gulls, ibis, sulphur-crested cockatoos, pigeons and other common birds found in urban open space;
- The site is 170 metres from New South Head Road, traffic lights for pedestrian crossing and access to bus and train public transport; it is the furthest option for scooters and skaters to ride; and
- Concept design previously developed and paid for.

**Option 2**

Location: South-western mid-section of park; accessed by the parks internal north-south path.

Option 2 is located south of the harbour foreshore towards the Vibe Hotel Rushcutters and New South Head Road. New South Head Road is subject to heavy traffic conditions most hours of the day. Option 2 is adjacent to the north-south internal park path in a flat open area with ample space to accommodate the youth facility between the north-south path and Rushcutters creek/canal. Passive surveillance is fair as park users tend to move quickly along the path past the site to reach the destination point of the harbour foreshore.

***Specific to site***

- Requires no removal of established trees; existing large, low-hanging branches from nearby trees will require pruning and thereafter regular maintenance; the site has capacity for additional soft landscape treatment, although roots from nearby trees may compete for water and nutrients, which may compromise plant establishment and future vigour; leaf fall on the youth facility may be an issue for skate and scooter wheels.
- Closer proximity to traffic noise from New South Head Road than Option 1 may allay concern by members of the community to the perceived noise associated with some elements of the youth facility.
- Sight lines into and out of the facility from three sides
- Located in a section of the park that is not overly used.
- The site is 40 metres from New South Head Road, traffic lights for pedestrian crossing and access to bus and train public transport; it is located close to the north-south path and entry point from New South Head Road; it is a closer option for scooters and skaters to ride.
- Would require a budget for redesign in the new location for public exhibition.

### **Option 3**

Location: South-western corner of park; accessed by the north-south path and east-west path.

Option 3 is located well away from the foreshore area of Rushcutters Bay, the main sportsfield and approximately 30 metres from the soccer field. The site is the furthest east of the three options and away from Rushcutters creek/canal and the Vibe Hotel Rushcutters. The site is immediately bounded by New South Head Road and is below the road level. The southern access bridge over the canal connects Rushcutters Bay Park, Woollahra with the CoS's active recreation spaces of the Reg Bartley Oval and the Rushcutters Tennis Centre. Passive surveillance is good as the site is close to the main park entry, at an intersection of internal paths, adjacent to the path leading to the café/children's playground and directly overlooked by a section of New South Head Road, which is above the site on a natural embankment.

#### ***Specific to site***

- Requires no removal of established trees; no canopy pruning is required; an open grassed area with some natural shade is available and there is good capacity for additional landscape treatment.
- The sound from continuous heavy traffic along New South Head Road mitigates any noise actual or perceived from a proposed youth recreation facilities.
- Sight lines into and out of the facility from all sides;
- Passive surveillance from New South Head Rd and the main arterial path through the Park;
- Located in a section of the park that is underutilised.
- The site is 20 metres from New South Head Road, traffic lights for pedestrian crossing and access to bus and train public transport; it is the closest option for scooters and skaters to ride.
- The site is away from the foreshore with any potential views of the harbour foreshore disrupted or blocked by an existing row of mature trees immediately north of the site; and
  - Would require a budget for redesign in the new location for public exhibition.

#### **Proposal:**

The recommended proposed location for a youth recreation facility is Option 3. The site is furthest from the foreshore, closest to the road and in a section of the park that is not well-used. The area is marginally less than either Option 1 or 2 with any proposed redesign needing to be scaled accordingly.

It is proposed to develop a concept in a similar style to the previously exhibited scheme but with modifications to reflect the new location.

Based on current Sydney market rates the proposed youth recreation facility at Option 3 is estimated to cost \$1,100,000 for the redesign, detailed drawings and construction.

Council, initially allocated \$700,000 to this project in the 2016/2017 Capital Works budget, with \$350,000 drawn from the Open Space and Community Facilities Reserve and \$350,000 from the Section 94A Reserve. At that time, there was also an expectation of additional funds from other sources. After costs for preceding draft concepts, reports and public exhibition, \$638,000 remains in the budget. If this proposal to proceed to exhibit a new concept is endorsed, staff will re-commence discussions regarding other sources of funding and will give consideration to inclusion of additional funds in the draft 2018/19 capital works budget.

**Conclusion:**

In reviewing all options for the location of a youth recreation facility, which includes facilities for scooters and skaters, within Rushcutters Bay Park it is recommended that Council proceed with a concept design for the location titled Option 3.

It is recommended that Council staff proceed with a draft concept designs for public exhibition and a Review of Environmental Factors based on the location titled Option 3.

**Annexures**

1. Rushcutters Bay Youth & Skate Facility - Site Location Analysis - Convic - FINAL [↓](#)

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SITE LOCATION REPORT

JANUARY 2018 - REVISION 01

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Convic Pty Ltd. would like to acknowledge the contributions of all those who participated in the development of the Paddington Skate Facility, including Woollahra Municipal Council staff, in particular Paul Fraser, Open Space and Recreation Planner (Team Leader) and residents, community groups and other stakeholders who responded to the various opportunities for input and/or who provided advice and information where required.

Base maps, and aerial photographs have been provided by Google Maps and Intra Maps and used by Convic to present recommended locations.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Repeated terms and organisational acronyms used throughout the Strategy have been defined for clarity as follows:



**WMC** - Woollahra Municipal Council

**LGA** - Local Government Area

**CPTED** - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



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The objective of this report is to identify and analyze possible locations for the Rushcutters Bay Youth and Skate Facility within Rushcutters Bay Park, to enable a sustainable and equitable response to current community demand, concerns and future community needs. Based on the current conceptual design it will outline benefits and constraints for three possible locations visited within the park and give a summary of each. Taking into account the current and previous community feedback and physical attributes of each we aim to provide guidance for which location is most suitable for this facility and conciliates the needs of the local community.

METHODOLOGY

To achieve the project objective the following methodology will be utilised:

DESK TOP STUDY

Firstly, a desk top study is carried out to establish the current community and predicted growth of WMC community needs to determine the spread and concentration of youth in the city.

An analysis of current youth focused facilities and programs will begin to highlight any provision gaps and where potential new facilities can integrate into existing services provided. This will also include assessment of current skate facilities in adjacent councils to WMC.

Analysis of public open space will start to build a selection of appropriate sites that are located and equipped to integrate a potential new facility.

Assessment of transport links to ensure sites have good connection and accessibility.

SITE VISIT AND ANALYSIS

A site visit with Paul Fraser and Caitlin Moffat was carried out to establish the possible areas for development within the park and better understand some of the current concerns from local residents and other park users.

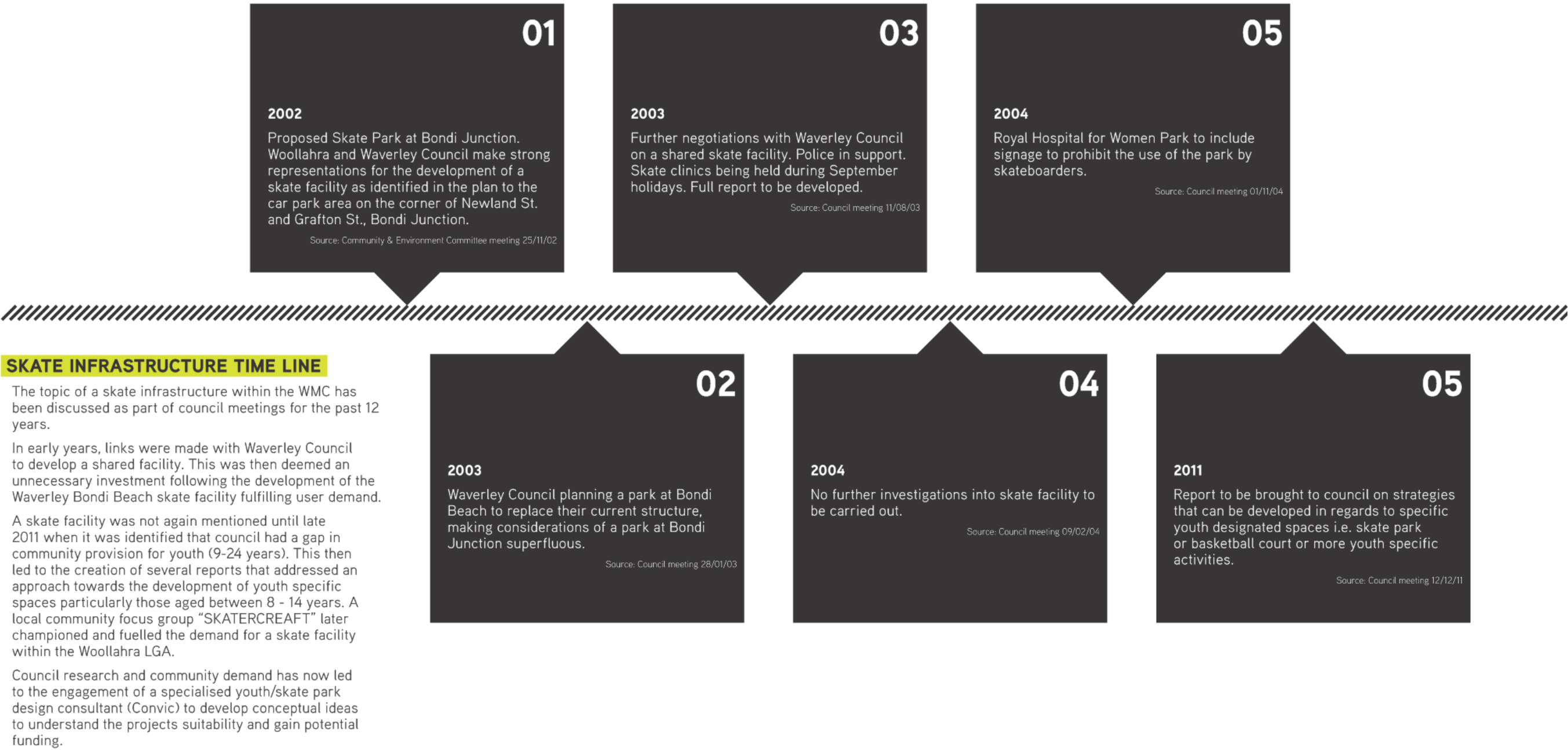
A walk around at each of the three locations will help identify the constraints and benefits for each and allow us to analyze each thoroughly

CONCLUSION

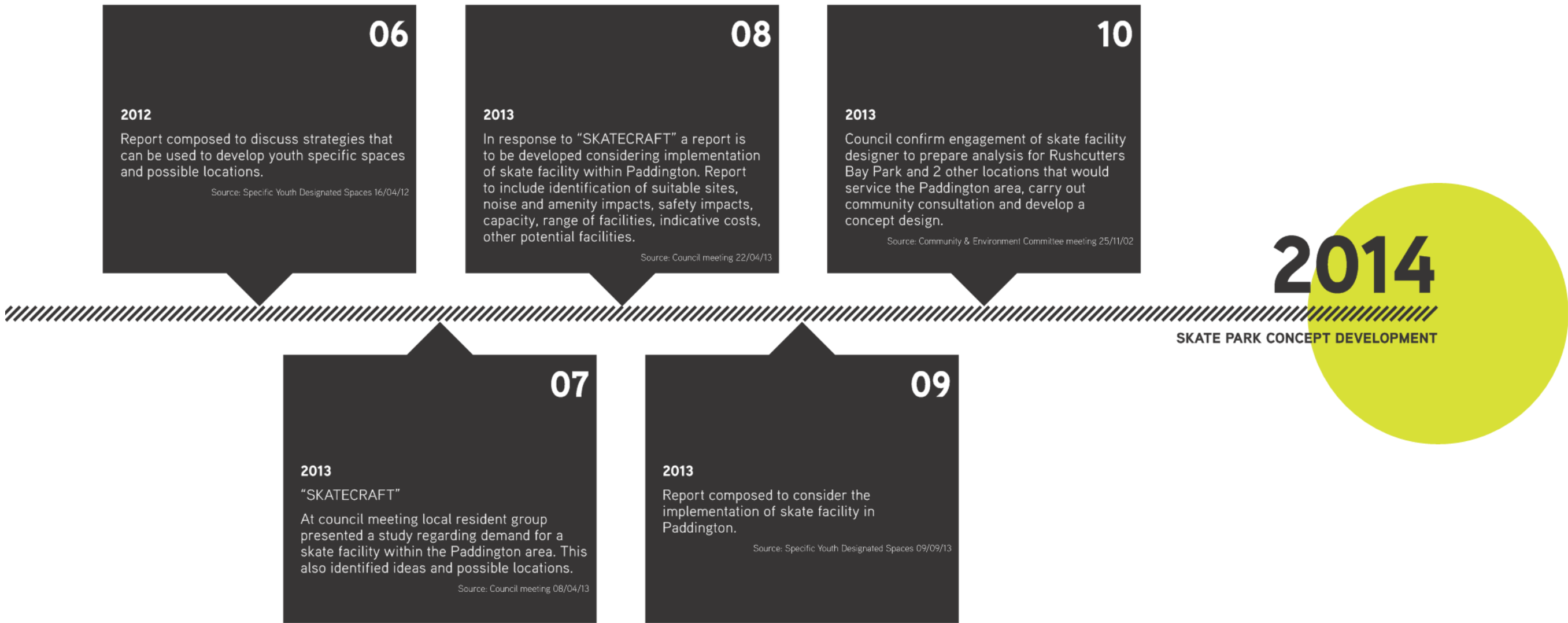
All the above analysis will be used to inform this report based on the placement of the current conceptual design.

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DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

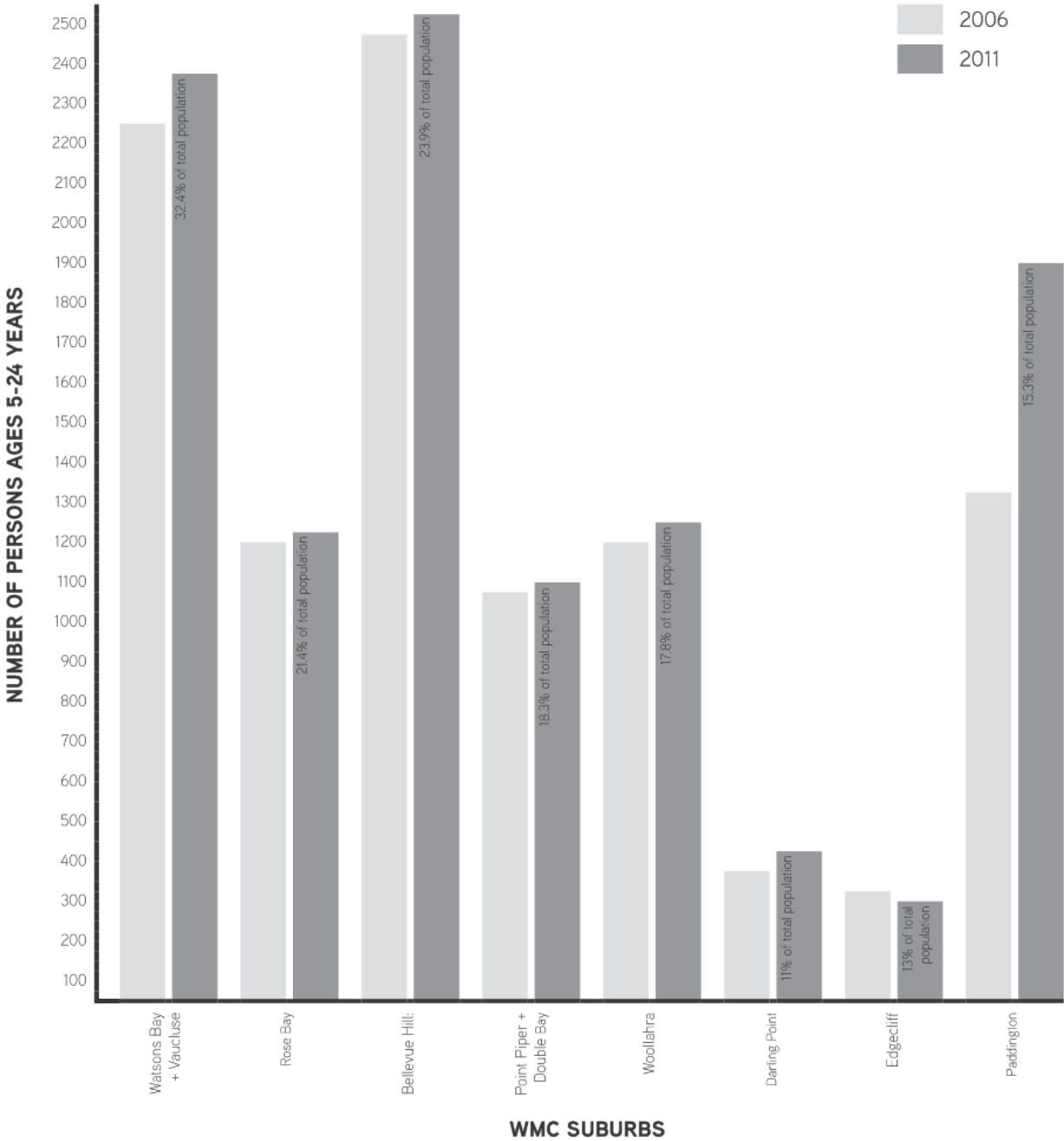
POPULATION ANALYSIS

It has been identified that there is a demand for skate infrastructure within the WMC. To help inform current demand and future needs it is important to analyse the demographic trends of the community. This will aid to appropriately locate facilities in areas with demand, particularly with regards to the target age group 5-24.

Whilst this is a wide spread of ages, it is considered appropriate in light of ABS age ranges for skate participation and further support based on previous experience with skate facility user groups. This age spread ensures the majority of facility users are covered in the analysis, going beyond the projects focus age group of 8 - 14 years.

Based on data collected from the 2011 ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) Census, Woollahra LGA has an overall population of 57,677 and a land area of 1,228 hectares, giving a 46.98 persons per hectare population density. This is broken down into 8 key areas:

- 1. Watsons Bay + Vaucluse: 22.29 persons per hectare
- 2. Rose Bay: 28.07 persons per hectare
- 3. Bellevue Hill: 44.41 persons per hectare
- 4. Point Piper + Double Bay: 50.79 persons per hectare
- 5. Woollahra: 56.48 persons per hectare
- 6. Darling Point: 56.57 persons per hectare
- 7. Edgecliff: 72.68 persons per hectare
- 8. Paddington: 81.27 persons per hectare



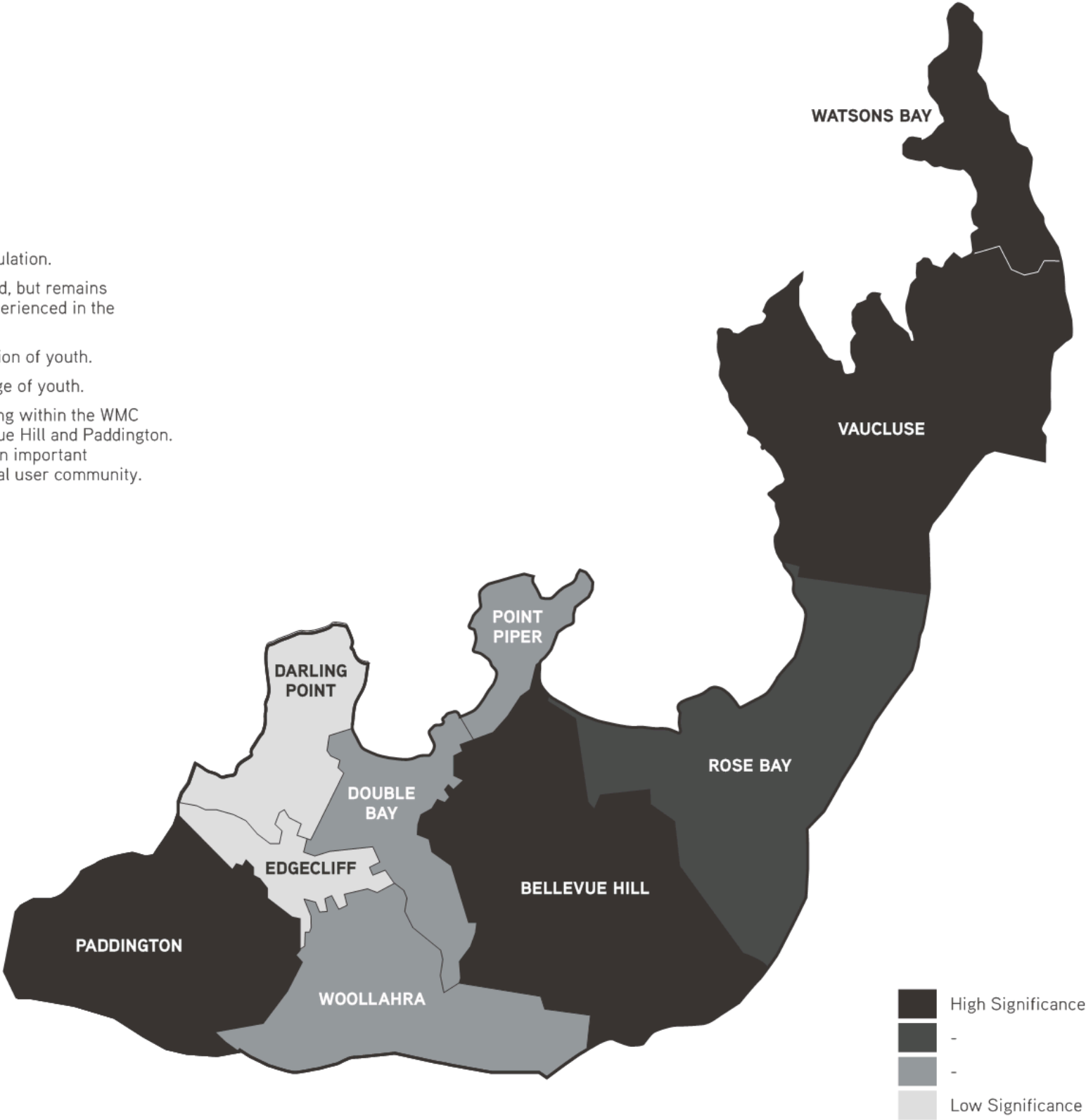
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DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

- The main themes to be noted from the analysis of the ABS is that:
- 10,617 persons fall into the 5-24 age group, making up 20.3% of WMCs total population.
  - From 2006 to 2011 the proportion of youth within the WMC has slightly increased, but remains reasonably stable. The most dramatic increase in youth population has been experienced in the Paddington area.
  - Watsons Bay + Vaucluse, Bellevue Hill, and Paddington have the highest population of youth.
  - Watsons Bay + Vaucluse, Rose Bay, and Bellevue Hill have the highest percentage of youth.

The current demographic profile demonstrates a strong percentage of 5-24 year old living within the WMC boundaries. This is concentrated in three clear areas Vaucluse and Watsons Bay, Bellevue Hill and Paddington. Paddington shows the highest growth in the youth population. This distribution will be an important consideration when establishing the correct facility typology within a well populated local user community.



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# OPEN SPACE PROVISION

## CURRENT OPEN SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE

WMC has a range of public open space provision. These range from numerous foreshore parks to playgrounds, bushland reserves and historic gardens,

The open space sites in the WMC are divided in the following, 3% regional parks, 24% district parks and 73% local parks. This highlights there are minimal regional scale parks that can integrate a central hub skate facility. A large proportion of smaller local parks do, however, offer opportunities for several small facilities distributed throughout the WMC.

## OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT

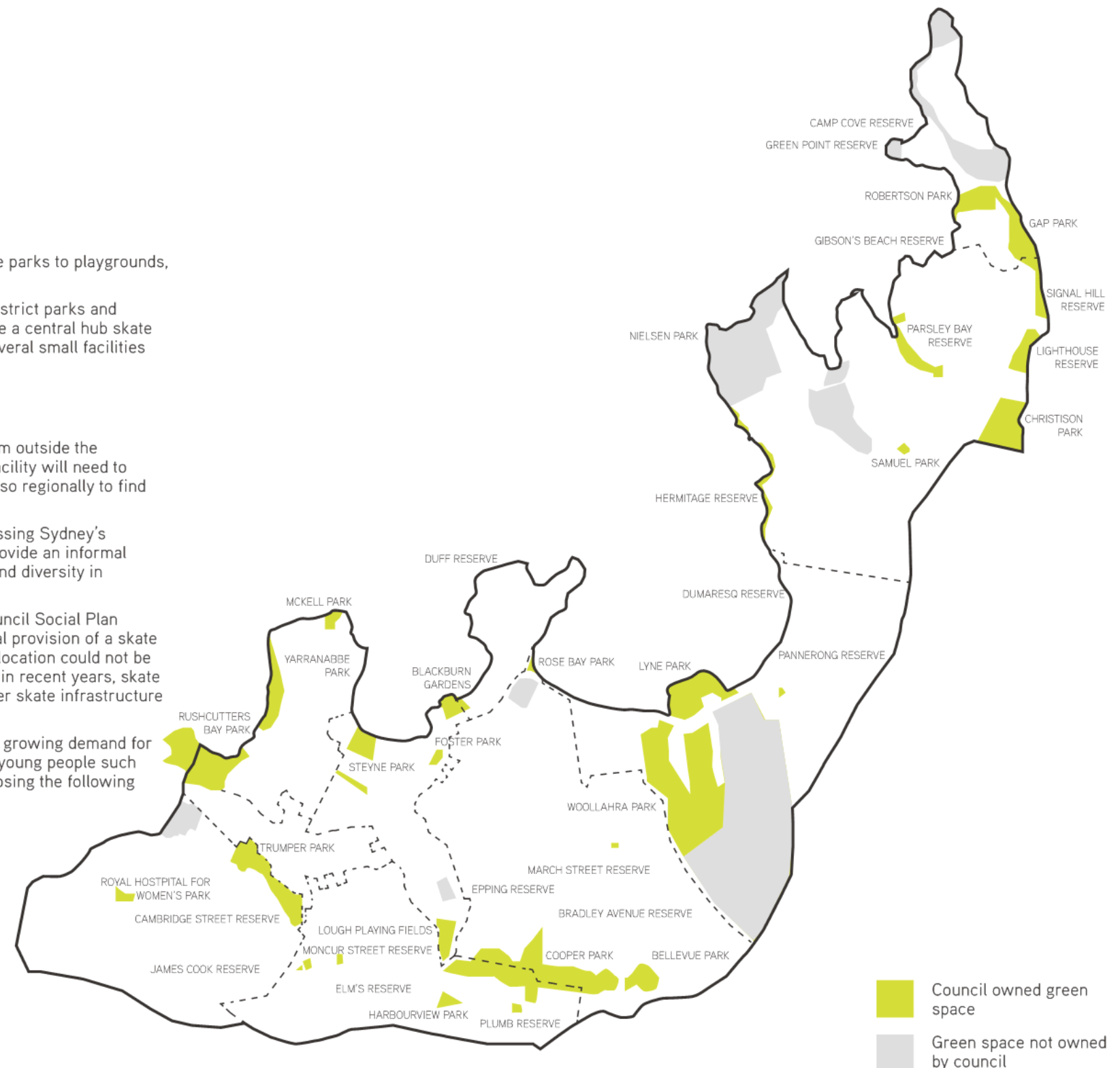
The Open Space Audit, 2000, identifies that demand for access to Woollahra's parks from outside the immediate area needs to be considered. The development of a skate facility and youth facility will need to consider identified demand both inside and outside WMC. Users will travel locally, but also regionally to find different skate experiences, with significant parks also attracting international users.

There is a 'high (and growing) demand for informal use of parks' within the WMC (Assessing Sydney's Recreation Demand and Opportunities). Skate facilities provide a great opportunity to provide an informal environment for unstructured recreation. This also helps to deliver a greater flexibility and diversity in provision of recreation pursuits and opportunities.

Sites have previously been assessed for the placement of a skate and youth facility (Council Social Plan 2002-2005), however in the review of WMC's Management Plan 2004-2007 the potential provision of a skate park and youth facility was withdrawn as a possible project on the basis that a suitable location could not be identified and adequate other facilities existed adjacent to the Woollahra LGA. However, in recent years, skate trends have changed with the development of 'incidental skate spots' allowing for smaller skate infrastructure that can be more easily located and responsive to users and sites.

The Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy (2006) identifies there is evidence of growing demand for programs, services and facilities for young people and suggest to incorporate areas for young people such as hang out spaces, basketball half court, tennis rebound wall and skate elements, proposing the following possible sites:

- Cooper Park,
- Lyne Park and
- Trumper Park.
- WMC is currently updating The Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy.



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YOUTH PROVISION

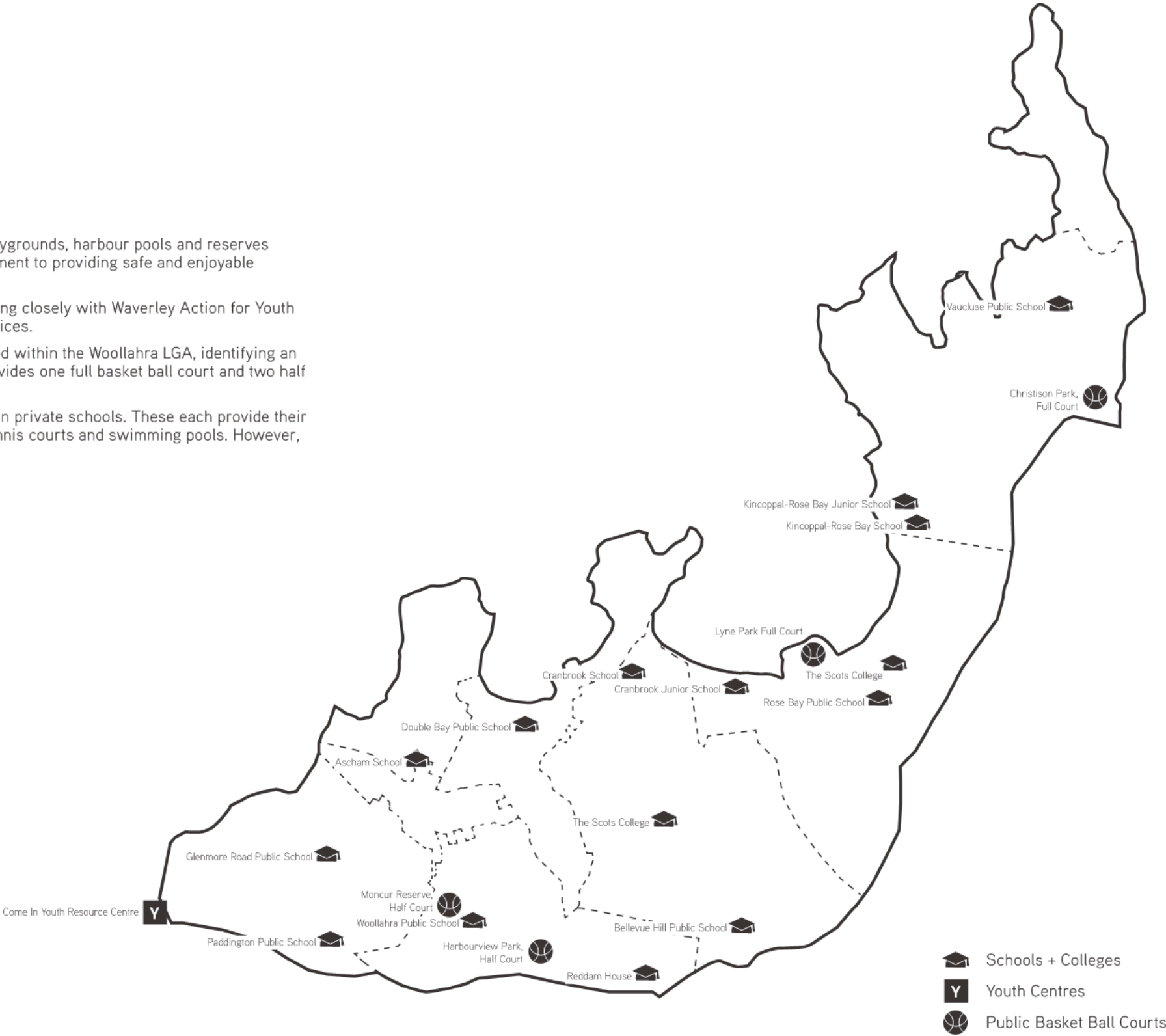
CURRENT YOUTH SPACE

WMC currently has a range of parks, foreshore beaches, pools, playgrounds, harbour pools and reserves for community recreational purposes, indicating Council's commitment to providing safe and enjoyable recreational infrastructure for a variety of groups and ages.

With regards to direct Youth provision the council have been working closely with Waverley Action for Youth Services (WAYS) who provide a range of youth programs and services.

Current specific public outdoor youth designated spaces are limited within the Woollahra LGA, identifying an increased need for youth specific spaces. At present the WMC provides one full basket ball court and two half courts, one of which is in very poor condition.

Approximately 90% of Woollahra secondary students are enrolled in private schools. These each provide their own well equipped youth facilities, including basket ball courts, tennis courts and swimming pools. However, these are not accessible for public use.





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SKATE PROVISION

EXISTING SKATE INFRASTRUCTURE

The WMC currently has no skate facilities and a small amount of public outdoor youth provision.

Within WMC's bordering LGA's, City of Sydney, Waverley Council, and Randwick City Council there are seven skate facilities - x4 in City of Sydney, x2 in Randwick and x1 in Waverley. These should be considered in the development of new skate infrastructure so as to offer a well distributed and varied typology of skate facilities across the WMC and wider Sydney area.

1. FERNSIDE SKATEPARK, WATERLOO.

Council: City of Sydney

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 4.3km

Style: Street park consisting of ledges, grind rails, banks, manual pads and mini ramp.

Further comments: One of the larger and more prominent skate parks in the wider Sydney area. When built it was considered cutting edge in its style. It is used heavily and is at maximum user capacity most days. Current user habits suggest this park is insufficient in size and typology to cater for the user demand in the Sydney area. Although currently considered a hub for the Sydney area, it lacks certain key credentials to meet the hub criteria (criteria explained in section 3 of this report).

2. RUSSELL CROWE PLAZA, REDFERN.

Council: City of Sydney

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 3.7km

Style: Street/plaza park consisting of ledge, bank, and manual pad.

Further comments: A small skate space adjoining a half basketball court. The park has an artistic overlay, however poor skate design limits user skate opportunities. Construction quality is poor affecting function and condition. The park is ideal for a skate warm up and would be considered a incidental skate spot.

3. SURRY HILLS BOWL.

Council: City of Sydney

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 2.1km

Style: Small Bowl and ledge.

Further comments: Located within a playground this small bowl offers a good place for beginner users. This would be considered an incidental skate spot with respects to size, location and overall amenity.

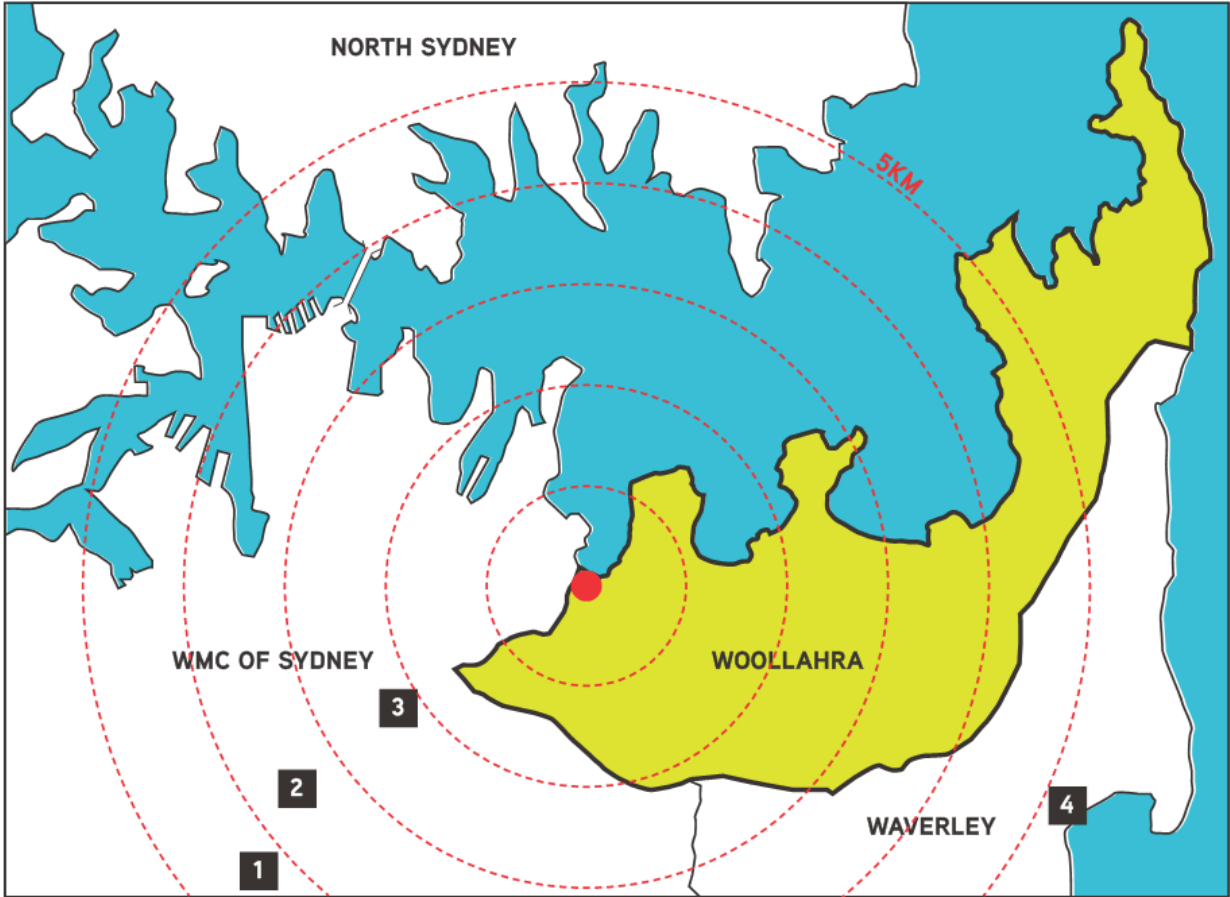
3. BONDI SKATE PARK.

Council: Waverley Council

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 5.1km

Style: Mixed transition and street park, consisting of large vert pool bowl, unique transitions, with perimeter street section.

Further comments: The impressive location and competition level bowl make Bondi one of the most iconic facilities in Sydney. The design does not align with current best practice skate trends with the design of the street area reducing the parks functionality. However it is hugely popular and well positioned.



Rushcutters Bay has been used as a reference location due to its site prominence within the WMC.

Current Skate Infrastructure in surrounding LGA's.

REFERENCE IMAGES OPPOSITE	1	2
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1. Fernside Skatepark, Waterloo 2. Russell Crowe Plaza, Redfern. 3. Surry Hills Bowl 4. Bondi Skate Park		



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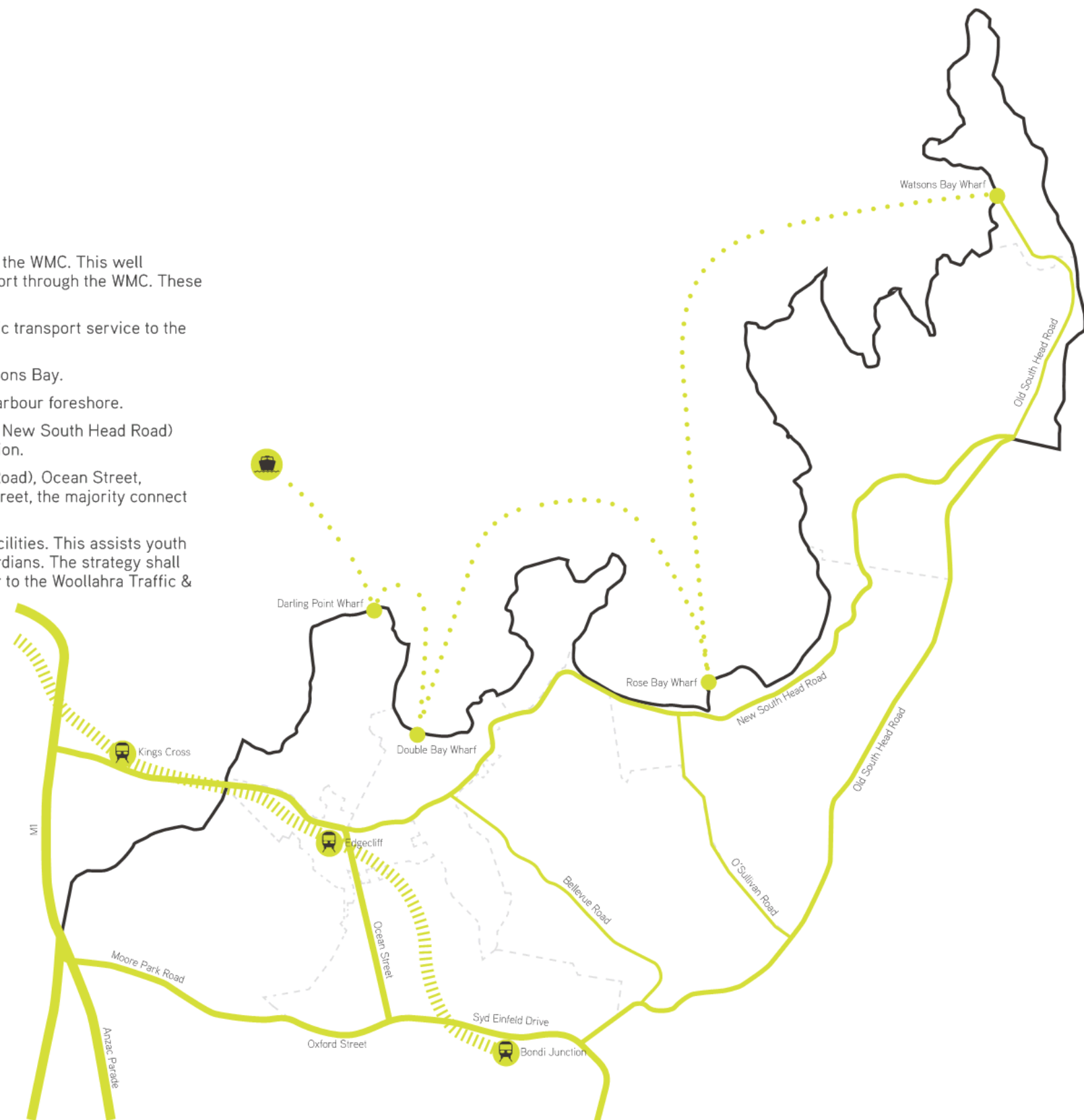
## TRANSPORT PROVISION

### EXISTING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Woollahra has a range of public transport and road networks covering the extent of the WMC. This well integrated transport network provides an accessible and efficient method of transport through the WMC. These transport features include:

- A direct train line from Sydney Centre to Bondi Junction providing regular public transport service to the eastern suburbs.
- A comprehensive public bus network servicing all areas of the WMC up to Watsons Bay.
- A linked public ferry network connecting the eastern suburbs on the Sydney Harbour foreshore.
- Arterial Roads, such as New South Head Road, Old South Head Road (South of New South Head Road) and Oxford Street (West of Ocean Street) connecting in a North-Easterly direction.
- Sub-Arterial Roads, such as Old South Head Road (North of New South Head Road), Ocean Street, Boundary Street / Barcom Avenue, O'Sullivan Road, Ocean Avenue / William Street, the majority connect the WMC North to South.

Public transport is particularly important when considering the location of skate facilities. This assists youth who are not yet old enough to drive, but independent enough to travel with out guardians. The strategy shall consider and aim to align with the current and future transport infrastructure (refer to the Woollahra Traffic & Transport Study, Feb. 2000)



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## ON SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

To understand the opportunities and constraints of preferred selected sites in further detail, each will be assessed using the following criteria:

#### 1. PHYSICAL SITE CONDITIONS & TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

This first broad criterion is based on the physicality of the various site options and whether they can accommodate a facility of the required scale and type required by the LGA. It also considers technical implications such as drainage and soil conditions. Questions asked at each site include;

- Is the proposed site capable to cater for the various different applicable facility types defined previously?
- Is the proposed site free of existing land use implications, covenants, easements, service access requirements and/or underground/overhead power lines, water and gas?
- What are the implications of geotechnical conditions, ground water, drainage?
- What are the physical terrain implications of the site?

#### 2. ACCESS/TRANSPORT

This second criterion looks at how easily accessible the site is for users, parents and those viewing the skate park. Questions asked of each site on this criterion include;

- Is there access to public transport at the proposed site?
- Are there pedestrian/footpath connections from transport nodes to the proposed site?
- Is there a safe drop off area or adequate car parking if applicable?

#### 3. NATURAL + PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE, SECURITY AND SAFETY

Given we are looking at creating a public recreation facility with the main users being below the age of 15 it is critical to ensure the facility is visually open, safe and easily accessed in the case of an emergency. Questions asked for this criterion include;

- Is the site visually prominent with good public and passive surveillance for safety and for the promotion of the facility and skate activity?
- Is the site a short distance from police response calls and does it provide ease of police access on scheduled routes?
- Can the site provide adequate emergency vehicle access (fire and ambulance)?
- Can vehicular access be restricted at the proposed site to prevent skating at night by car light if applicable?
- Can the proposed site provide safe entry to and from the site and safe setbacks from busy roads and intersections?

## ON SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### 4. PROXIMITY TO AMENITIES (WATER, TOILETS, SHADE, FOOD & DRINK)

An active public recreation facility such as a skate park should have appropriate ancillary amenities as outlined in the previous sections. This includes shade for viewing and resting, drink fountains and nearby toilets.

Questions therefore asked for this criterion are;

- Are associated amenities such as public telephone, toilets, water, shelter and shade existing and available or cost effective to install at the site?
- Is the site close to shops selling food and drink.

### 5. IMPACT ON EXISTING FACILITIES, ADJOINING USES AND USERS

To assess the suitability of a site, one of the main considerations is how much impact will a new facility have on the existing users and use of the space. This can be a contentious community issue and so the following questions have been asked for this criterion;

- Can the site facilitate minimal loss of green space?
- Can the site facilitate minimal impact on ecological systems e.g. wetlands, foreshore and bushland?
- Can the site facilitate minimal loss of mature or significant trees?
- Can the site facilitate minimal impact on pedestrian or road network and access including existing desire lines?
- Will the location of a youth facility on the site not substantially displace existing recreational or other site users?
- Are there any existing heritage items or indigenous people's claims for land title or cultural significance at the site?
- Is there a history of 'anti-social' activity of behavior at the site?

### 6. DISTANCE FROM HOUSING & INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE

Another major consideration for any new public recreation is the potential impact of noise and light to nearby housing. It is important that the new skate and youth facility is placed to minimise impact to surrounding residential areas. We have undertaken acoustic assessments of a number of existing skate parks to ascertain an appropriate distance from residential areas and as a guide 50m is considered an acceptable distance for a purpose built skate park. Please note that this is subject to a more detailed acoustic analysis and investigation.

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### 7. MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is important to ensure the park can be cleaned easily and regularly. Questions therefore asked for this criterion are;

- How readily accessible is the site to regular cleaning for existing council cleaning and maintenance team?

### 8. CONTEXT & AMENITY

The criteria is most applicable to the socialisation that occurs at skate parks and youth facilities and the importance of providing facilities that are where young people want to be and provide important amenity (sun protection, wind etc.) The following questions will be asked for each of the sites regarding context and amenity;

- Is the site location where young people want to be or adjacent to where they currently congregate?
- Is the site in close proximity to existing shopping centres, sports or recreation facilities or interested schools?
- Is the site within or adjacent to a major community hub or central area?

### 9. CONSISTENCY WITH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Sites for consideration need to conform to local planning schemes, embody strategic planning and reflect the current land use zones. Therefore for this criterion the following questions needs to be asked;

- Is the location consistent with the strategic land use, masterplanning, planning schemes and zoning?

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FOCUS AREAS

RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK

SITE DESCRIPTION:

- Located on Sydney Harbours Iconic Rushcutters Bay.
- Close proximity of major transport interchanges such as the key transport junction of Edgecliff Train and King Cross Station, regular bus services (inc. 323, 324, 325, 326, 327), a 20 minute walk from Darling Point Ferry Harbour and sits adjacent to the major New South Head Road,
- Relatively flat site in terms of topography, with maximum passive and natural surveillance opportunities; and
- Public recreation is a core value of the park, with space for both formal and impromptu programs such as sports such as cricket, rugby union, soccer, informal gatherings, picnics, sun bathing, jogging and exercising.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT:

- The Rushcutters Bay Park, Yarranabbe Park and Plantation Reserve Plan of Management 2005 identifies the need to increase opportunities for play in the park. A skate and youth facility can provide additional social and recreation need, complimenting the parks existing range of community programs
- The site is in close proximity to current high density housing with proposals for further housing planned locally; and
- Identified as an ideal site by community group “SKATERCREAFT” and also by council within the “Specific Youth Designated Space” report.

COMMUNITY VALUE:

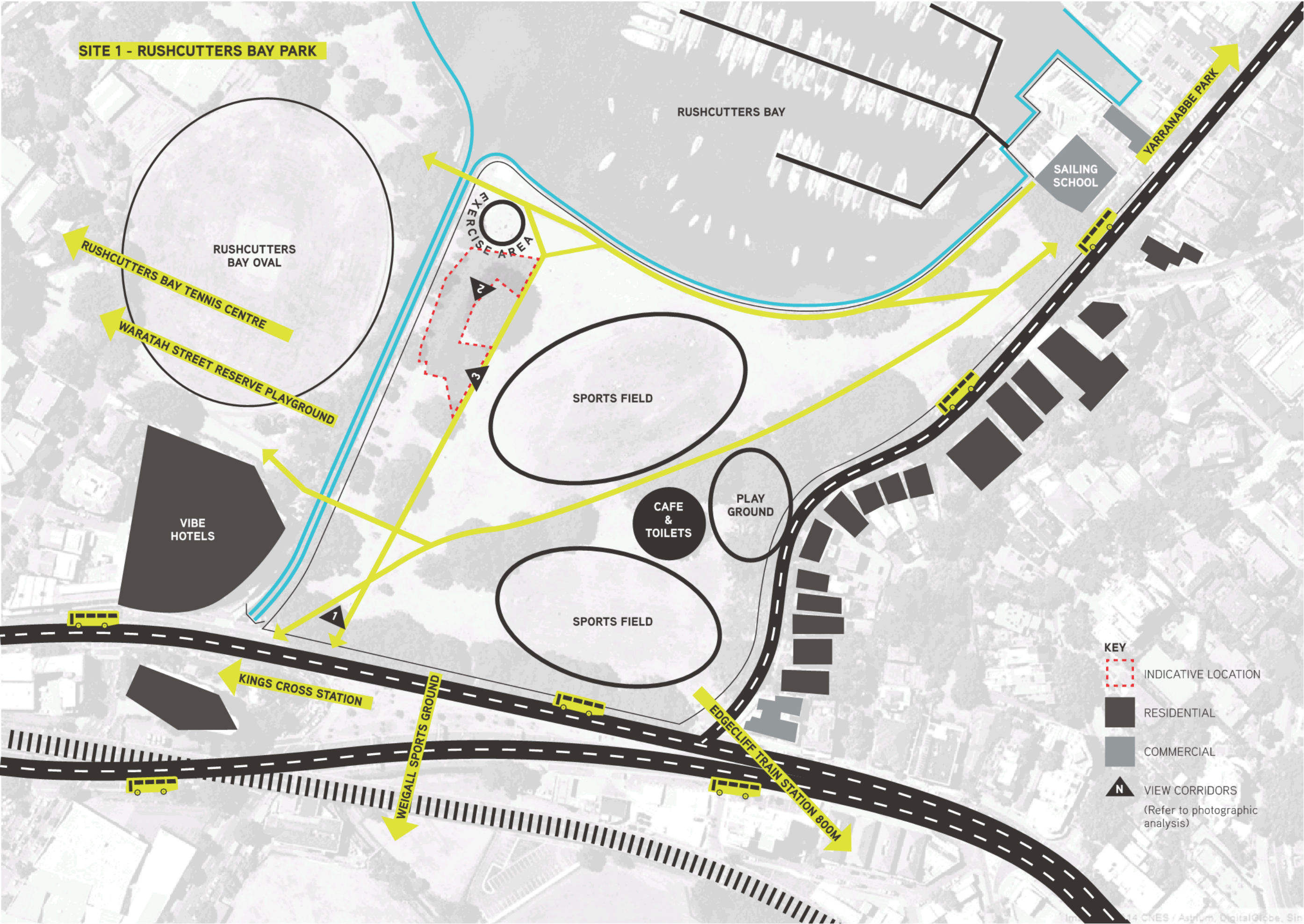
- This location would provide a facility within the heart of Woollahra’s major public space. It is easily accessible, in particular with regards to public transport opportunities. It is currently serviced by an on site cafe. Creating a truly activated community hub and possible youth inclusive spaces.
- The development of a youth focused Hub facility in Woollahra would create a major draw card for both local and regional users and the broader community in one of the most accessible sites within the WMC.
- The facility could provide another venue for existing community events but also create a new central community cultural and civic precinct.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES:

- To create an integrated and visually iconic facility, with spaces for a range of youth focused recreation including skate and BMX as well as performance and events, together with skate, bmx and scooter functionality, the site favours a plaza style facility.
- To create a facility that encapsulates the value and talents of the youth and older children of Woollahra within a central civic heart.
- Provide facilities for all including spectator viewing, encouraging family gathering and parent engagement. Including park amenity such as picnic tables and seating, that aligns with and accentuates current park programs.









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PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

SITE 1 - RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK

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Refer to previous plan for locations  
View 1 - North towards Rushcutters Bay  
View 2 - South towards New South Head Rd.  
View 3 - West towards Sydney City





# SITE ANALYSIS

## BENEFITS

- Flat open site large enough to cater for the design requirements from the user group.
- Alongside existing footpaths allowing for easy connections.
- Clear lines of sight from three sides of the site.
- Nearby natural shade from trees.
- Current design concept works around existing trees.
- Situated next to existing exercise area giving options to create a more integrated and open facility.
- Located in a fairly vacant part of the park i.e not a popular picnic spot.
- All existing seating faces away from the site and it does not interfere with views from within the park.
- Regular police patrols (often on bicycles) run through the park next to this site.

## CONSTRAINTS

- Location can be popular at times with some local birds.
- Opposite a popular and open area for dog walkers, sun bathers and picnic makers.
- Site disrupts views from apartments around the Vibe hotel to the harbour side.
- This area of the park is very quiet and away from surrounding noisy roads.

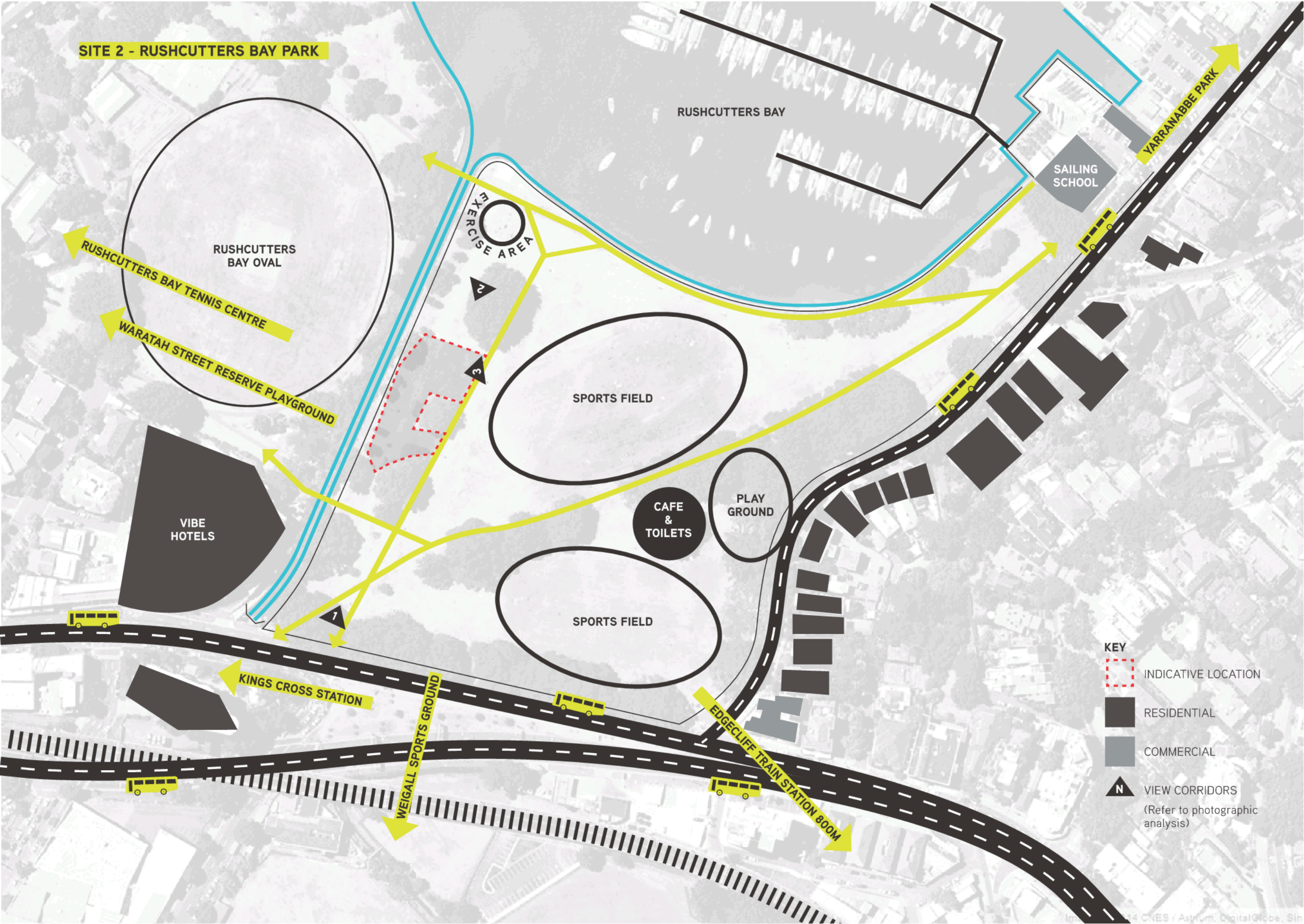
## SUMMARY

This site has a lot of positives going for it when assessed by Convic’s usual assessment criteria. It seems to make use of an otherwise fairly unused part of the site and a concept has already been designed that is popular with the local user group. However it has received a lot of criticism since being released into the public realm, particularly online and from older local residents. Many comments were focused around anti-social behaviour or the general apprehension of attracting youth to this park. With such open sight lines, nearby cafes and other existing facilities on site plus regular police patrols and the heavy involvement of youth and children in the process so far this is not likely to become a problem.

Other comments raised concerns that the facility would be loud, impede on views to the harbour side (particularly from apartments around the Vibe hotel) and would bring concrete into a green area. This area of the park is quiet in comparison to other spaces further away from the harbour side and being so close to the harbour side it does impede some of the views on to it. A solution to this could be to tone down some of the colours suggested for the facility, perhaps include green concrete and add more plants to the landscape design.









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PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

SITE 2 - RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK

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Refer to previous plan for locations  
View 1 - North towards Rushcutters Bay  
View 2 - South towards New South Head Rd.  
View 3 - West towards Sydney City





# SITE ANALYSIS

## BENEFITS

- Flat open site large enough to cater for the design requirements from the user group.
- Alongside existing footpaths allowing for easy connections on two sides.
- Clear lines of sight from three sides of the site.
- Nearby natural shade from trees.
- Away from the harbour side so does not impact greatly on views out to it.
- Closer to the New South Head road and the train line than site option one so in a location with more existing background noise.
- Located in a fairly vacant part of the park i.e not a popular picnic spot.
- All existing seating faces away from the site and it does not interfere with views from within the park.

## CONSTRAINTS

- Location can be popular at times with some local birds.
- Adjacent trees have large overhanging branches.
- This area of the park is still fairly quiet although closer to surrounding noisy roads.
- Unable to link/ share facilities with existing exercise equipment
- Would require re design although can retain the existing concepts design principles and strategies.

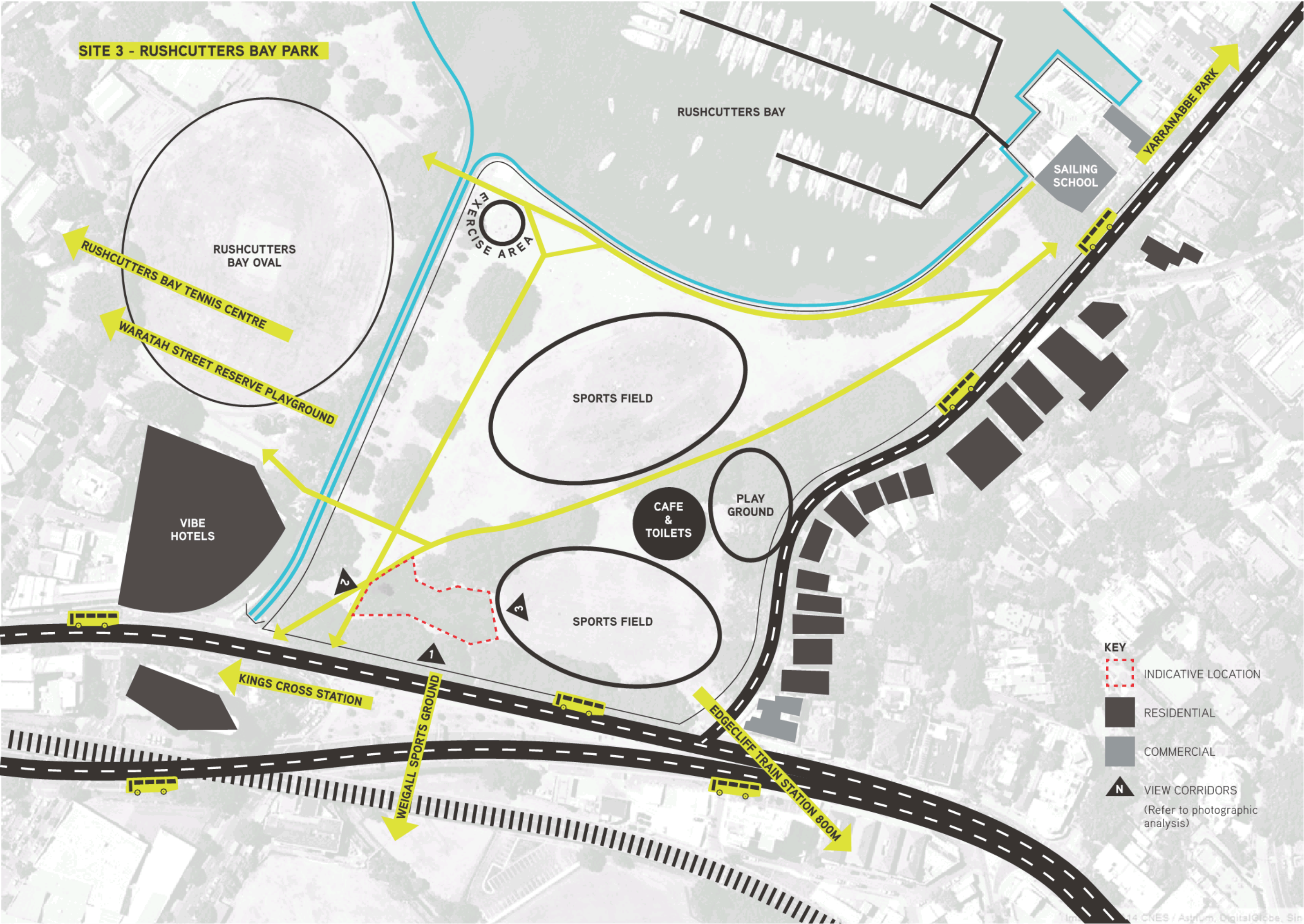
## SUMMARY

Located just 35m south of site option 1 this site shares a lot of the same benefits and constraints. The main differences between them are that it's located further from the harbour side and closer to the road and train lines. This will help combat some of the negative comments previously received about noise and location. This location won't or won't impede as much on views into the harbour side, will not create as much notable noise in comparison to the surroundings and doesn't sit alongside the large central grassed park area which is most popular with dog walkers and people looking to picnic.

The location is less open than site option 1 and some of the surrounding trees here have much lower lying branches. This will mean some considerable re design and likely mean a reduction in the size of the facility. However it will still be able to conform to the same design principles, cater for the user's requirements and as it still runs alongside the waterway be able to include the water harvesting. A more isolated and physically restricted site than the more northerly situated site option 1 but is in a less popular, more noisy and un-overlooked area of the park.









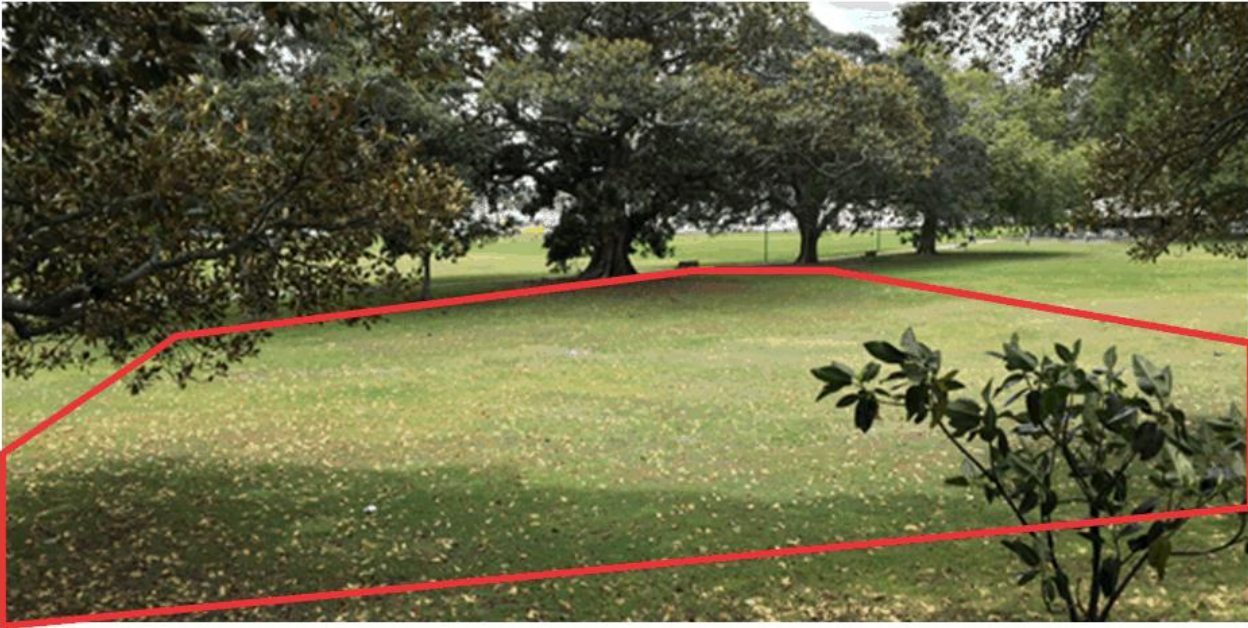
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PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

SITE 3 - RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK

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Refer to previous plan for locations  
View 1 - North towards Rushcutters Bay  
View 2 - East toward the Sports Field.  
View 3 - West towards Sydney City





SITE ANALYSIS

BENEFITS

- A large flat open site with a natural embankment to the south.
- Close to existing footpaths allowing for easy connections and passive surveillance including cars from the New South Head Road.
- Clear lines of sight from all sides including good views from people outside the parks café.
- Nearby natural shade from surrounding trees.
- No prominent use for this area of the park.
- Is a large enough area as to not impact on any existing trees.
- High levels of existing background noise.
- Existing seating faces away toward the harbour side.
- Away from the popular harbour side and associated views.

CONSTRAINTS

- Some lower lying tree branches toward the most SW corner of the site
- Closer in proximity to the Vibe hotel area.
- Can be over looked from some residential properties on New Beach road.
- Next to a soccer sports field area.
- Will require some substainsial redesign and investigation into whether the water harvesting design strategy would work.

SUMMARY

Site option 3 is the least activated area of the park and not as popular with regular park users. It is currently unpopular with regular park users due to its distance from the harbour side and water’s edge and closeness to the adjacent busy road and railway line. New South Head road and the railway line that runs above it create noise levels that are considerably higher than those in other areas of the park. This means the skate and youth facility would make far less of an impact on existing noise levels that was a concern expressed by local residents during community consultation.

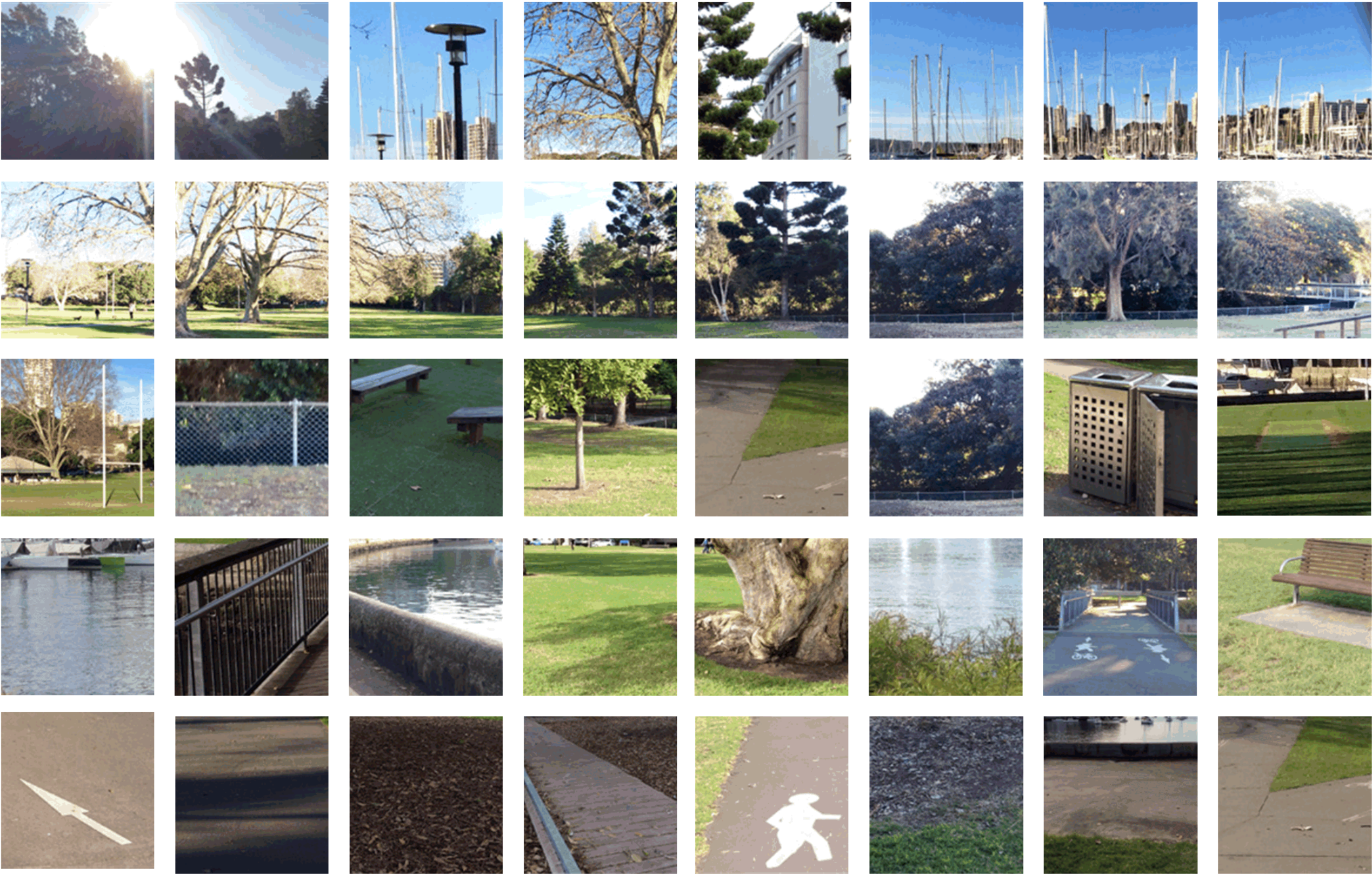
This location is the furthest distance possible from the popular harbour side destination and does not impede on any residential views or views of the harbour from site. The site is large enough to cater for the requirements of the user group but would need a high level of re design from the current concept in order to make best use of the space. The site location benefits from good passive surveillance both from within the park and from the road and pavement to the south. People walking or driving past the park will be able to look down into it. There are clear views from the surround footpaths and also the café and toilets. Parents using the café would have shared views on to the playground, skate park and youth facility so carers of children of differing ages and interests would be ideally situated to observe both.

The proximity to the sports field would need to be considered within re design but as this site will require high levels of re design it can be easily catered for. This will also create an opportunity to enhance the landscaping plan, introduce green concrete (if it’s a popular idea), include a feature that makes note of the sites history and further consider how the design itself and features within it can help reflect and absorb some of the associated noise. This should show acknowledgment of concerns raised around the facility and how the design can help mitigate these concerns.



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**Item No:** D6 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **WOOLLAHRA LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES - 6 FEBRUARY 2018**  
**Author:** Aurelio Lindaya, Manager Engineering Services  
**Approver:** Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services  
**File No:** 18/17796  
**Reason for Report:** For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee

**Recommendation:**

That the Recommendations Y1-Y3 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 6 February 2018 be adopted.

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**Annexures**

1. Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes - 6 February 2018 [↓](#)



## Woollahra Local Traffic Committee



# Minutes

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## **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes**

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## Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room (Committee Room), 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on 6 February 2018 at 10.00am.

### 1. Attendance

#### Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Aurelio Lindaya	(Woollahra Municipal Council) (Chair)
	Mr Ben Borger	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Sgt Luke Barrett	(Eastern Suburbs Police)

Staff:	Mr Mark Keulen	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Stacey Bulloch	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Caitlin Moffat	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Suzy Rich	(Woollahra Municipal Council)

Apologies:	Mr Alex Greenwich MP	(Member for Sydney)
	Ms Rose Russo	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
	Mr Eric Graham	(Transport NSW – State Transit)

Observer:	Snr Const Alex Birchansky	(Eastern Suburbs Police)
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**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of Meeting No.11/17 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 5 December 2017 were confirmed by Ben Borger and Mark Keulen.

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**3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Nil

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**4. Woollahra Local Traffic Committee recommendations not adopted or amended by Woollahra Council Community & Environment Committee**

Nil

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**5. Extraordinary Meetings**

Nil

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**6. Late Correspondence**

- Alex Greenwich MP did not attend the meeting. None of the items on the Agenda are within his electorate.
  - Eric Graham did not attend the meeting. A copy of his comments has been distributed to the other committee members via email.
  - Rose Russo (Representative for Gabrielle Upton MP) did not attend the meeting. A copy of their votes has been distributed to the other committee members at the meeting.
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**Items to be Recommended to the Community & Environment Committee by the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee for Consideration**

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**Item No:** Y1  
**Subject:** **BERESFORD ROAD, ROSE BAY - MOTOR BIKE PARKING**  
**Author:** Frank Rotta, Traffic & Transport Engineer  
**Approvers:** Mark Keulen, Team Leader Traffic & Transport  
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager Engineering Services  
**File No:** 18/9579  
**Reason for Report:** Request by resident for Motor Bikes Only parking restrictions.  
**Recommendation:**

That 2.8 metres of “Motor Bikes Only” parking be installed on the eastern side of Beresford Road in the section of upright kerb centrally between the driveways of Nos 1 & 1A Beresford Road, Rose Bay.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

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**Item No:** Y2  
**Subject:** **MILITARY ROAD, WATSONS BAY - PEDESTRIAN AND STREETSCAPE UPGRADES**  
**Author:** Mark Keulen, Team Leader Traffic & Transport  
**Approver:** Aurelio Lindaya, Manager Engineering Services  
**File No:** 18/13874  
**Reason for Report:** To consider turning circle and parking changes associated with the proposed pedestrian plaza upgrade at the end of Military Road.  
**Recommendation:**

- A. That Council apply to the RMS for the existing roundabout area at the end of Military Road, Watsons Bay to become a Shared Zone that is at-grade with adjoining pathways and in a different material, colour and texture to the roadway. This area will be accessible to authorised Council vehicles and other Council approved vehicles that require essential access during non-peak periods with bollards in place to restrict access to these times.
- B. That should the proposal be approved by the RMS, Council implement a Shared Zone at the existing roundabout area at the end of Military Road, Watsons Bay, as shown in **Annexure 1**.
- C. That the following changes to parking restrictions in Military Road, Watsons Bay be approved, as shown in **Annexure 1**:
  - i. Maintain the “No Stopping Sat-Sun and Public Holidays/No Parking At Other Times” restrictions currently in the existing roundabout in the new turning circle.
  - ii. Relocation of the existing Accessible Parking space on the southern side to the northern side of Military Road, resulting in the removal of one (1) unrestricted parking space.
  - iii. Relocation of the existing 10 metres of “Loading Zone 8am-12pm/No Stopping At Other Times” restrictions to 34.5 metres east, resulting in the removal of two (2) unrestricted parking spaces.



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**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

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**Item No:** Y3  
**Subject:** **OLD SOUTH HEAD ROAD, VAUCLUSE - INSTALLATION OF NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS**  
**Author:** Qian Liu, Traffic & Transport Engineer  
**Approvers:** Mark Keulen, Team Leader Traffic & Transport  
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager Engineering Services  
**File No:** 18/13927  
**Reason for Report:** To seek approval for proposed No Stopping restrictions to improve vehicular access.

**Recommendation:**

That an 18.5 metre long No Stopping zone be installed along the western kerb of the slip lane in Old South Head Road, Vacluse (north of the driveway to Christison Park) extending from the start of the slip lane up to the angled parking spaces, as shown in Figure 1.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.16am.

**Aurelio Lindaya**  
**Chair**



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