

WANGAL RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

About Wangal Reserve

Wangal Reserve is situated on a peninsula between Majors Bay and Fairmile Cove along the banks of the Parramatta River.

The land was acquired by the NSW Government in 1983 and designated as Crown Land to be used as recreational open space for community use. It was officially opened in 1983 to celebrate the centenary of the former Concord Municipal Council and is now managed under the care and control of City of Canada Bay.

The name Wangal Reserve was assigned to the Reserve in recognition of the Wangal clan of the Eora Nation, the original custodians of the Sydney area.

Why does Council need to develop a Plan of Management?

A Plan of Management is a formal document and is required for all public land that is classified as 'community land' under the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). A Plan of Management explains how the land will be managed over the long term.

What does a Plan of Management include?

In simple terms, a Plan of Management describes the key features of the land and how Council intends to manage and improve the land, as well as the intended uses that can occur.

The Plan of Management and associated Landscape Masterplan that are being prepared for Wangal Reserve and Punt Park will prioritise specific upgrade works that have been suggested by the community.

What improvements are proposed for Wangal Reserve?

An opportunity to undertake improvements to Wangal Reserve was one of the key projects suggested by the local community during consultation for the Breakfast Point Community Enhancement Plan that was approved by the Minister for Planning and Environment in July 2014.

The improvements for Wangal Reserve are expected to include:

- New and additional landscaping, with a focus on local indigenous plant species
- Enhancement of the existing facilities within the Reserve, including opportunities for children's play spaces by utilising the site's natural elements and
- Improved access and future connections along the foreshore

What is the process for undertaking improvements and how long will construction take?

The project team is currently seeking community comments to help prepare a draft Plan of Management that will be placed on public exhibition.

Subject to the Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan being adopted by Council, detailed plans will then be prepared to guide the design of the proposed upgrade works and improvements. It is expected that the majority of these works will commence in 2016.

How can I have my say?

Council is holding a drop in event on Saturday, 22 August 2015 so you can speak with a member of the project team, provide your feedback and tell us what's most important to you.

You can also provide your comments online via the 'Have Your Say' section of Council's website www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

Alternatively you can also contact Council via email council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 9911 6555 to speak with the Project Manager.