



PLATYPUS – MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Harbour Trust) is a Commonwealth government agency responsible for vision planning and management of 8 sites around Sydney Harbour, including Platypus on Neutral Bay in North Sydney. The Harbour Trust has a long-term vision plan for these sites to ensure they are integrated into the life of the city and create a lasting legacy for the people of Sydney and Australia.

To inform its development of a Management Plan for Platypus the Harbour Trust sought extensive public feedback through an Open Day, paper and online surveys, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings, an extended Public Exhibition, a Drop-In Session and submissions.

On 8 December 2016 the Harbour Trust Board considered the Draft Management Plan for Platypus. The Harbour Trust carefully considered all submissions and approved the Management Plan with minor changes to address issues raised in submissions.

Based on the feedback received, the Harbour Trust has prepared and adopted a Plan that aims to:

- Create a waterfront urban park
- Protect, manage and interpret the site's heritage values
- Maximise public access to the site
- Revive the site with a mix of new uses that are compatible with the site's character and constraints
- Protect local environment and amenity

We Asked

KEY STATISTICS

The Harbour Trust sought community input through a variety of channels regarding the future of Platypus.



Plan Possibilities

WE ASKED

In May 2016, the Harbour Trust hosted a Planning Open Day at Platypus with three Information Sessions and 626 attendees. Members of the public were able to complete a survey to provide feedback which informed the preparation of the Draft Management Plan. Input was also sought from members of the Harbour Trust Community Advisory Committees.



Key questions included:

- What is most important for the Harbour Trust to protect, interpret or provide at Platypus?
- What are the most important areas for ongoing site management?
- What makes this site special to you?
- What activities/changes would you like/not like to see?
- In what ways should the site's heritage be conveyed?

YOU SAID

The Harbour Trust received 358 responses (comprising 348 responses to the paper and online survey and 10 other submissions).



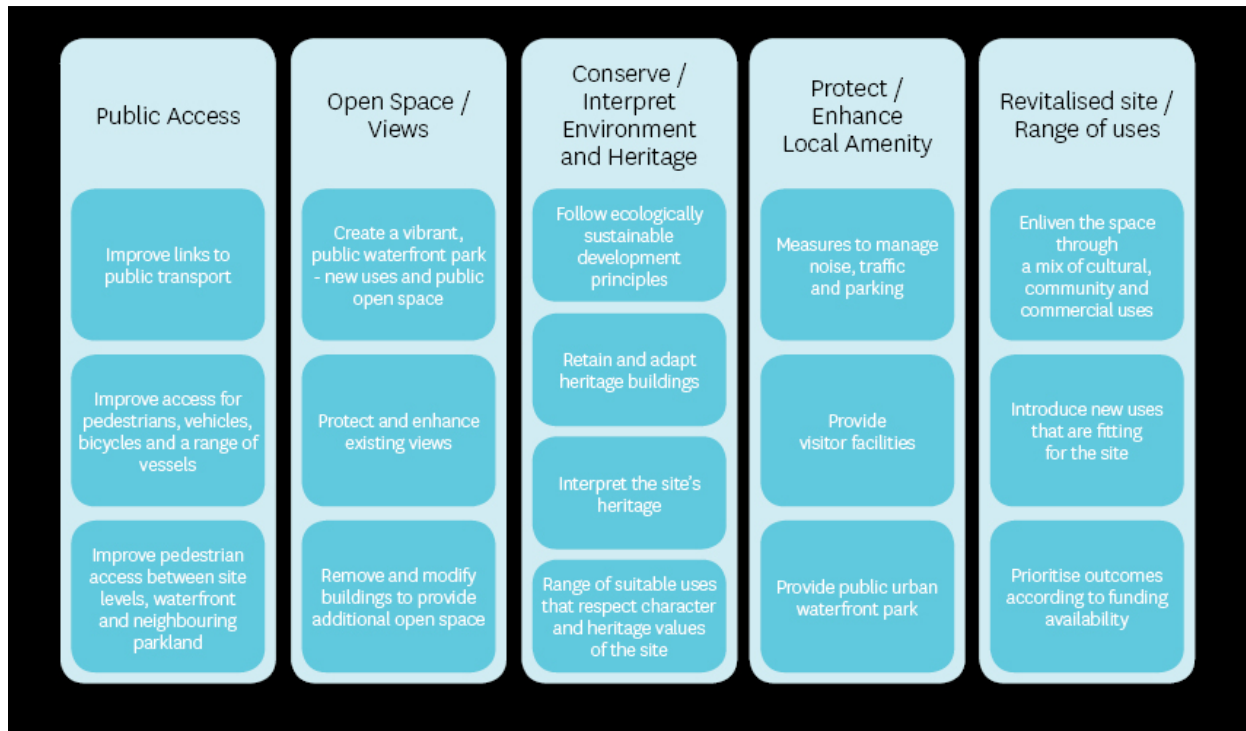
Plan Drafting

WE DID

Based on public feedback and in accordance with the Harbour Trust's Comprehensive Plan, a Draft Plan was prepared to provide for the following:



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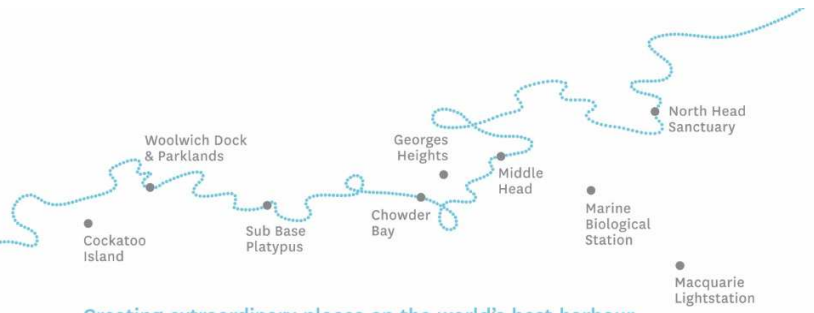
Plan Testing

WE ASKED

The Harbour Trust placed the Draft Plan on an extended 6-week Public Exhibition (from 12 August -23 September 2016). Input was also sought from members of the Harbour Trust Community Advisory Committees, key stakeholders, government organisations, local residents and the wider community.

YOU SAID

The Harbour Trust received 71 submissions and one petition (with 75 signatures) in response to the Public Exhibition of the Draft Plan. The top priorities and key concerns identified in the feedback included:

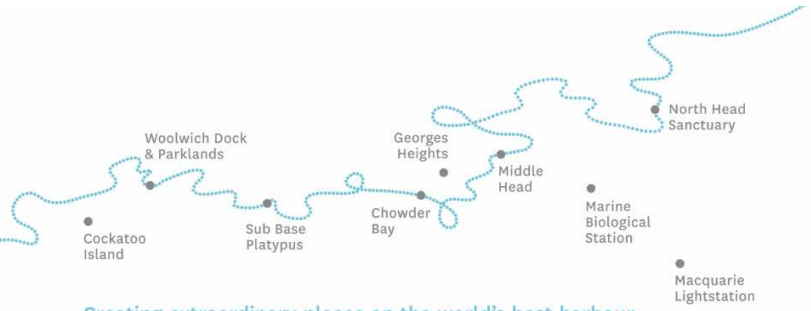


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WE DID

The Harbour Trust carefully considered all feedback received. Some minor changes were made to the Plan to address the issues raised by the public, as follows:



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Providing pedestrian access to the Northern, Eastern and Western sides of the RANTME Factory, and planting on the Southern side	To protect the privacy and amenity of neighbouring residents
Reducing car parking in front of the RANTME Factory to provide a more generously landscaped forecourt	To create a welcoming site entrance from High Street with a drop-off zone and limited parking
Confirmation that parking may be located inside the RANTME Factory	To minimise noise and visual impacts of parking
Providing safe pedestrian access through the upper car park, connecting to Kiara Close	To protect privacy and amenity of neighbouring residents
Full demolition of 3-storey Office Building	To create a landscaped plaza (rather than partial demolition with a rooftop garden)
Clarifying preferred lift location near the Coal Stores	To allow better connection across all site levels
Removing potential parking options above the Submarine School and below the RANTME Factory	To pursue more cost effective options

Plan Adoption

On 8 December 2016, the Harbour Trust Board considered and adopted the Management Plan with post-exhibition changes to address the issues raised in submissions.

Key Aims:

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The Platypus Management Plan can be viewed online at: www.harbourtrust.gov.au/planning-projects/strategic-plans

What's Next

The outcomes of the Plan will be delivered in stages by the Harbour Trust subject to funding availability. The Harbour Trust will continue to consult with the community and relevant stakeholders throughout the revitalisation of Platypus. For more information please visit: www.harbourtrust.gov.au.

The Harbour Trust welcomes your feedback. To sign-up for future Platypus Consultation Notifications, please contact us at: consultrust@harbourtrust.gov.au

Consultation Road Map

