

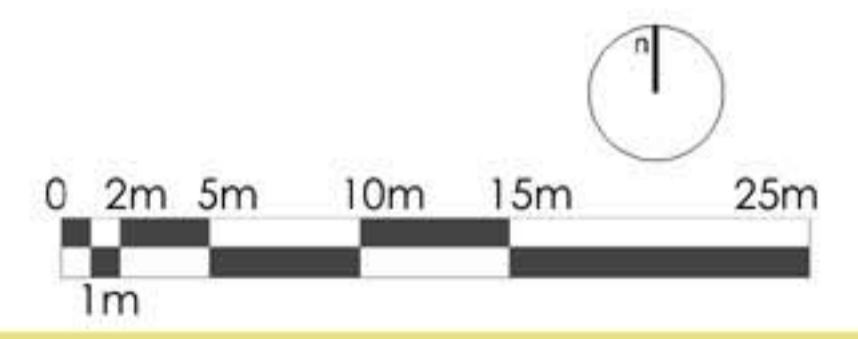


ELIZABETH BAY ROAD

AMOS LANE

- Narrowed roadway to reduce speed of passing traffic
- New parking bays
- Enlarged, raised pedestrian crossing
- New accessible entrance to carpark, with lifts & new stair
- Pavilion to upper level terrace with new community use beneath
- Upper level garden terrace
- Belvedere outlook to harbour views
- Stair access to upper level terrace garden
- Extensive lawns
- New trees
- Accessible path
- Rain water harvesting along path
- Edible garden - fruit tree orchard
- Edible gardens - community garden
- New ventilation for car park
- Existing trees

- Existing entry ramp to car park
- New planting to front of Police Station
- New foot path
- New parking bays
- New trees
- Road narrowed to reduce speed
- New parking bays
- Access from Amos Lane to park
- Exit from carpark at level of Amos Lane
- Access from Amos Lane to park



# LAWRENCE HARGRAVE RESERVE

## Key Design Directions

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**VISUAL ACCESSIBILITY**  
By lowering the level of the roof top landscape, the park can engage more successfully with the surrounding streetscape. Providing an inviting and safe environment.

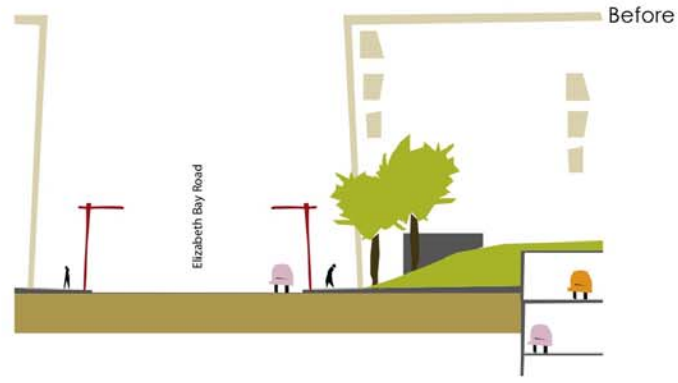
**ACTIVIATION**  
A series of landscape and building activities with the park, ensure the park is filled with life.

**COMMUNITY**  
Community Gardens provide a resource for local residents and an educational opportunity for children.

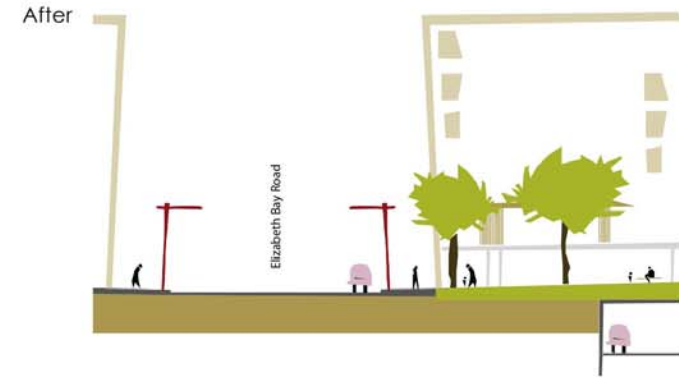
**LANDSCAPE**  
Extensive soft landscape provides a variety of opportunities, from dog walking to relaxing under the shade of a fruit tree.

**ACCESSIBILITY**  
The regrading of the park and inclusion of paths will ensure accessibility for all visitors.

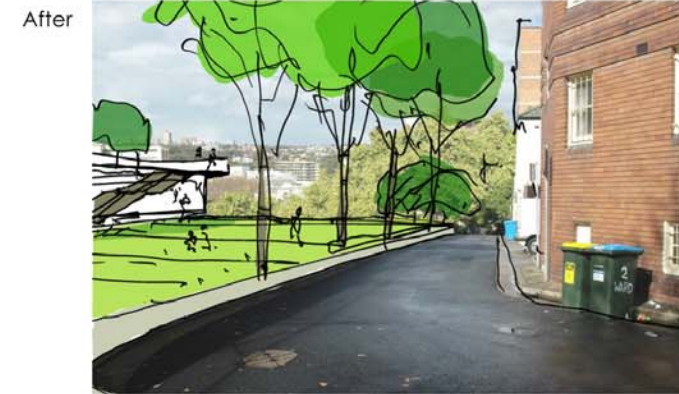
**ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN**  
A variety of interventions will be explored, including rain water harvesting in swales.



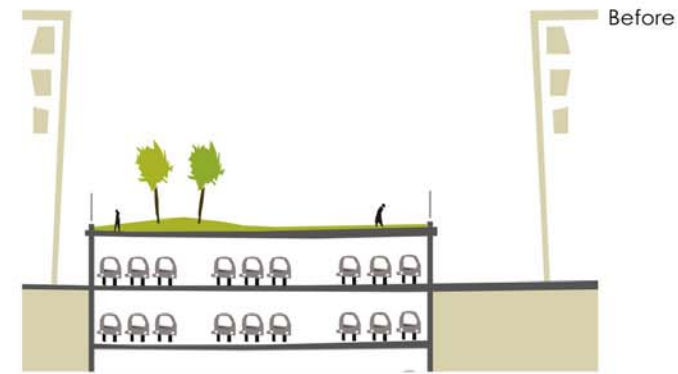
Pedestrian Access



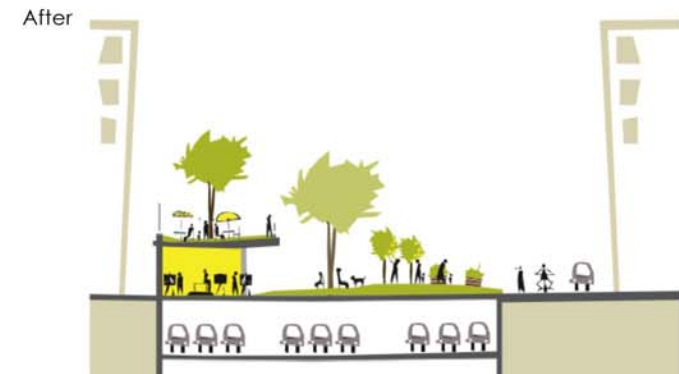
Visual Access



Permeability



Activity





PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF NEW LANDSCAPED CAR PARK



CURRENT AERIAL VIEW

## Lawrence Hargrave Reserve

Lawrence Hargrave Reserve sits off the curving junction of Ward Avenue with Elizabeth Bay Road. Removed from and above this arcing route, the park is like a blip in most people's consciousness. Hidden from view by a treed mound where a jumble of vents, lift overruns and fire stairs issue from the municipal car park below. It is a furtive space. Few know of this elevated green platform and its hidden prospect. Even fewer know of the association with aviator Lawrence Hargrave, inscribed on our first twenty dollar note, who lived and worked in the neighbouring Roslyn Gardens.

Also part of the 1841 subdivision of the Macleay Estate, Lawrence Hargrave Reserve was sited on part of the land holdings of Barncleuth House, which was renamed Kinneil. This grand villa was demolished in 1971, and the property was purchased by the City Council for Kings Cross Parking Station in 1974. At the time the placement of a garden on the roof of this multistorey car park was a bold intervention. Today with the increasing density of this residential neighbourhood, the dual parks, Fitzroy Gardens and Lawrence Hargrave Reserve, are critical local public spaces joined by the spine of the proposed Elizabeth Bay walkway.

Our task is to redefine these conjoined spaces making them more visible, easily accessible and with complementary characters. Hand in hand with the needed upgrade of the carpark's access, mechanical and ventilation systems, our initial idea is to remove the top floor of the carpark, making it more open to Amos Lane. This will bring the park level down to connect more effectively with Elizabeth Bay Road and Amos Lane.

Through this action the roof garden is enlarged, the fullness of the park is revealed and the sense of connection from ridge to harbour overlook is made apparent.

This process will allow the vents and projections to be rationalised and relocated to less obtrusive locations. We propose to retain the entry to the carpark on the existing ramp beside the Police Station and make a new exit to Amos Lane.

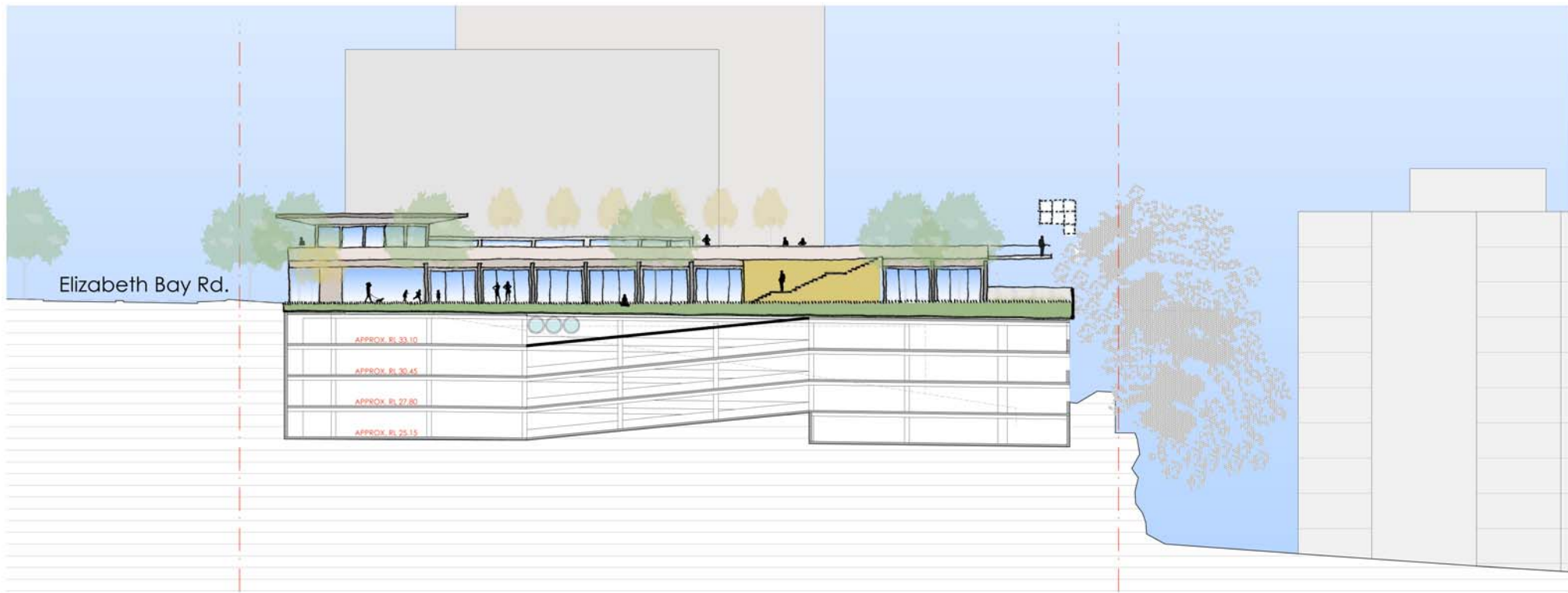
The key to the success of the park is in its use and connections. Lifts are relocated to the northern corner of the site, within a new building housing the carpark offices and ticketing. It offers clear views and on grade access to Fitzroy Gardens. This building has a new rooftop garden which matches the existing level of the carpark slab and continues the park. On this level we propose to position a café, in line with the blank façade of the adjoining apartments. East of this café pavilion, the roof garden and belvedere provides an overlook to Rushcutter's Bay. A range of new uses can be accommodated in this new building, from artist studios to community space. Your thoughts on appropriate long term uses are part of this consultation.

In the sunniest edge of the park a community garden formalises a garden replete with fruiting trees. It is an edible garden full of native and exotic foods. A cooperative garden where local residents and children can dirty their hands, help things grow and reap the rewards of harvest. The linked building can house areas for tools and provide a community space for gardening classes, propagation and cooking. Between these elements large swathes of lawn invite dogs and games not possible in Fitzroy Gardens.

Steps link this grassy space with the roof garden and wind down to the lowest point of Amos Lane. Rather than an isolated and confronting dead end, the park is opened to use by the local residents and is better connected to the surrounding streets and public spaces of East Sydney.



SECTION 5 THROUGH CAR PARK



SECTION 6 THROUGH CAR PARK