Victoria Park Improvements

- Lake water re-circulation system
- Wetland reed beds
- Loop paths (subject to future funding)
- New path alignments
- Improved lighting
- Paths removed and grass reinstated
- Upgrade to Cleveland Street entry
- Upgrade and accessibility improvements to the southern City Road entry
- Netball rings & future active play area (basketball hoops & table tennis tables)
12. Sydney Park

Background

Sydney Park is the City’s biggest park at 44 hectares. Although the park is just over 20 years old, much has been achieved to transform an industrial history of clay extraction and waste disposal into established parkland to serve the growing communities of the southern districts of the City. With development continuing in the southern districts, there is a growing community need to provide safe and convenient access to this park.

Completed works include revitalising the parks wetland system as part of a water reuse scheme, regions, inclusive playground, pathways, lighting, kiosk and toilet amenities and development of sporting precinct at Alan Davidson Oval with amenities building, turf wicket, lighting, outdoor gym equipment and circuit pathway.

Strategic Directions

- More Open Space for a Growing Population ✓
- Better Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities ✓
- Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities ✓
- Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All ✓
- Linking the Network ✓
- Involving the Community ✓
- Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable ✓
- Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities ✓
- Beyond the Boundary ✓

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- New and improved bike track for children next to the Sydney Park Cycling Centre (completed)
- Extra public toilets and picnic and barbecue facilities with seating for families.
- City Farm.
- Ongoing development of urban ecology priority areas.

Future Considerations

- Restoration and adaptive reuse of brick kiln precinct
- Skate and court facilities
- Opportunities to consider include acquisition of cement works provides the opportunity to develop active sporting precinct extending along level Euston Road frontage of the Park.

- Opportunity to develop existing level Euston Road area for active sport including multi use courts that allows netball use, synthetic pitches to allow training and mini field sports such as oz tag and mini soccer.
- Provide connections to Alexandra Canal corridor.
- Removal of depot buildings and premises along Euston Road to improve active park frontage and increase available park area.
- Quality and viability of any available open space arising from the Westconnex development needs to be assessed given the potential noise and air quality impacts.

Environmental performance to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

Project Status

- Sydney Park cares precinct works: 2017
- City Farm: 2016/17

References

Sydney Park Plan of Management 2014
13. Harold Park

Background
The Former Harold Park Paceway and Former Rozelle Tram Depot Site is a significant urban renewal site within the Council area. The City prepared new planning controls and a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) to enable the development of the site that includes numerous public benefits including 3.8 hectares of public open space.

Strategic Directions

More Open Space for a Growing Population

Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities

Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities

Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All

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10 Year Capital Works Program

The new park provides a green connection from Wigram Road and the Crescent through to the existing Glebe Foreshore parks.

The design focuses on creating a park that celebrates local flora and fauna and the cliff face, a key character of the Harold Park site and provide a range of spaces for recreation and play, gatherings and picnics and a large open village green.

Key features include:

- Spaces for casual ball sports
- Open spaces and habitat areas linked by the existing cliff line
- Open turf area casual active recreation
- Stormwater harvesting and treatment
- Cycling and walking paths connecting neighbourhoods and parklands
- Playgrounds, picnic areas and open grass spaces
- Historical interpretations and public art
- Lighting and park furniture
- Habitat creation
- Infrastructure necessary for temporary events

Environmental performance to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

Project Status
- Project completion 2016/17

References
Johnstons Creek Parklands Masterplan 2013
In August 2013 Council adopted the Johnstons Creek Parklands Master Plan. The plan proposes the removal of the majority of warehouse buildings along The Crescent to create an additional 6,000m² of open space provision.

The proposed scope will deliver new green open space and constitutes a significant step towards realising the long term Master Plan.

The following scope of works is proposed as the first stage of implementing the Johnstons Creek Parklands Master Plan:

- Open up The Crescent Lands to create new green open space;
- Opening up the arches under the viaduct to connect the new open space to Federal Park;
- A new skate space on the northern end of The Crescent between the viaduct and Federal Park;
- Upgrade of Federal Park Playground;
- A new village green for junior sports near The Crescent;
- Habitat creation;
- Environmental performance to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities

- Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation facilities
- Access to Recreation in the City
- Inclusive and Accessible for All
- Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable
- Recreation will be Inclusive and Accessible for All
- Linking the Network
- Involving the Community
- Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable

Project Status

Project Completion 2017

References

Johnstons Creek Parklands Masterplan 2013

14. Johnstons Creek Parklands - The Crescent Lands
## 15. Hyde Park

### Background

Hyde Park is Australia’s oldest park and was gazetted in 1810. The City has prepared a comprehensive Plan of Management and Masterplan for the park that includes a Tree Management Plan as part of its program of works to establish a vision for Hyde Park and to ensure its long term sustainability for future generations.

Throughout the year the park is intensely used by some 3 million local, interstate and international visitors and is the location for a number of significant events. It is the jewel in the crown for the City’s network of parks.

### Strategic Directions

| More Open Space for a Growing Population | ✓ | New program of works to improve and maintain Hyde Park  |
| Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities | ✓ | • Central avenue and Archibald Fountain tree replacement  |
| Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ | • Upgrade key entries into the park  |
| Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All | ✓ | • Upgrade of secondary paths  |
| Linking the Network | ✓ | • Restoration of historic walls  |
| Involving the Community | ✓ | • Upgrade with energy efficient lighting and negotiate asset transfer with Ausgrid  |
| Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable | ✓ | • Installation of permanent infrastructure for events  |
| Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ | • Upgrade and refurbishment of pool of reflection  |
| Beyond the Boundary | ✓ | • Upgrade of planting and general landscape improvements  |
|  |  | • General and disabled accessibility improvements  |
|  |  | • Integration of the Water Reuse Project  |
|  |  | • Interpretation and signage  |
|  |  | • St James Cafe amenity upgrade  |

### Events Infrastructure

- This will include permanent infrastructure for events within the park including new water, power and sewer supply points in Hyde Park North and Hyde Park South.
- This will also include rationalising of existing lighting for event mode including new mast type lighting to grass areas in Hyde Park North, replacing the excess of existing light poles.

### Other Works

- Museum Station access upgrade
- War Memorial Upgrade (by others)
- Environmental performance initiatives to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

### Project Status

- Works currently underway. Final project completion 2019

### References

- Hyde Park Plan of Management and Master Plan 2006
In consultation with the RTA, investigate opportunities to provide a direct pedestrian road crossing to The Domain.

Provide formal paved setting to William Bede Dalley Statue.

Provide a formal paved seating area and border garden beds to the Fort Macquarie Gun.

Simplify, realign and widen paths. Upgrade paving and kerbs.

In consultation with the RTA, investigate opportunities to realign pedestrian crossing to provide a more direct link to St. Mary’s Cathedral and Cook and Phillip Park. Realign College St entrance and develop entry statement to match.

Review location and landscape setting of F. J. Walker Memorial Fountain.

Explore option for footpath widening on College Street boundary.

Investigate option to provide disabled access ramp from College Street.

Upgrade paving to main entrances at College Street corners to define parkland edge and improve entry statement.

Investigate option to integrate new toilet on this corner.

Review location and landscape setting of F. J. Walker Memorial Fountain.

Provide low sandstone boundary walls to match existing along St James and Prince Albert Roads.

Relocate and restore Sundial.

Nagoya Gardens: upgrade block walling, paving, furniture and fixtures to match adopted palette and improve integration with park.

Provide reinforced grass terraced areas to reflect levels of Nagoya Gardens, creating additional seating areas and events spaces. Realign and widen secondary paths. Upgrade paving and kerbs, with circular intersecting node. Restore John Baptist Fountain and review its location and landscape setting.

Provide feature garden beds with low growing shrubs and ground covers to accentuate main entrances.

Provide paving treatment to Park Street to enhance visual linkage between Hyde Park North and South.

Upgrade entrance to provide on-grade access and secondary service and emergency access point into Hyde Park South.

Provide continuous internal loop pathway in both Hyde Park North and South to formalise existing desire lines, provide a circuit path for walking and jogging and enhance maintenance and events access.

Construct new pedestrian ramp entry at Thornton Obelisk.

Finalise path upgrade works undertaken in the 1990s by connecting path ends and providing disabled access ramp.

Upgrade the existing setting to Museum Station to provide disabled access, improve entry address and upgrade terraced seating areas. In consultation with the RTA, investigate opportunities to improve pedestrian safety by widening footpath edge and realigning the pedestrian crossing.

Provide continuous internal loop pathway in both Hyde Park North and South to formalise existing desire lines, provide a circuit path for walking and jogging and enhance maintenance and events access.

Provide feature garden beds with low growing shrubs and ground covers to accentuate main entrances.

Provide informal paved setting to Captain Cook Statue.

Maintain organic mulch garden beds for the full width of avenue trees.

Liaise with the ANZAC Memorial Trust to ensure proposed upgrades to building’s interior are positively integrated with minimal disturbance to the existing park fabric.

Review location and landscape setting of F. J. Walker Memorial Fountain.

Provide low sandstone boundary walls to match existing along St James and Prince Albert Roads.

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## 16. Alexandria Park

### Background
Alexandria Park has a history that can be traced back to 1889 when an area of approximately 4 hectares was proclaimed under the Public Parks Act of 1884. The Park includes an enclosed active sports oval to one end of the open space and peripheral planting of fig trees.

### Strategic Directions

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- Future improvements to Alexandria Park should recognise its district and local significance both for active recreation as well as a place for social interaction and relaxation.

- Key considerations:
  - Review of playground facilities;
  - Feasibility to upgrade court facilities from two court to a four court facility;
  - Upgrade of amenities / toilet facilities;
  - Boundary walking path;
  - Habitat creation;
  - Expand usable public space at Park Road closure to provide direct link to school sports field;
  - Negotiate partnership with Alexandria Park Community School to allow after hours community use of school sports field to reinforce precinct as a place of active recreation.

- Environmental performance initiatives to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

### Project Status
Project to be considered for 10 year capital works program

### References
Alexandria Park Plan of Management 1990
17. City Centre - New Town Hall Square

**Background**

The creation of a new Square facing Sydney Town Hall is a central component of the Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision as one of ‘Three Linked Squares’, a key element in a pedestrianised George Street.

Town Hall Square will provide a civic gathering place for Sydney and will form part of a revitalised and pedestrian-friendly George Street and Central Sydney. The Square would encourage informal meeting and gatherings as well as provide a natural focal point for the city’s festive street marches and parades, cultural events and celebrations.

The progression of the Sydney Metro could be a catalyst and opportunity to progress plans for the delivery of Town Hall Square.

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It is recommended a masterplan by developed that provides clear direction on the new square’s:

- Orientation and size
- Character
- Edge treatments
- Traffic management
- Flexibility of use
- Connectivity
- Comfort for staging activities

**Environmental performance to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.**

**Project Status**

Project to be considered for 10 year capital works program

**References**

Sustainable Sydney 2030

*Image indicative only - subject to design development*
18. City Centre - Belmore Park

Background

Located close to Chinatown and Central Station, this major city park is a lunchtime spot for city workers and popular with tai chi enthusiasts. The park also hosts public rallies, celebrations and live concerts however its main day to day function at present is a park to walk through to access Central Station.

In July 2015 Council endorsed the Chinatown & City South Public Domain Plan (CCSPDP) Review for public exhibition. The CCSPDP recommends a range of improvement works in the Chinatown & South CBD precinct including Belmore Park.

Strategic Directions

More Open Space for a Growing Population ✓
Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities ✓
Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities ✓
Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All ✓
Linking the Network ✓
Involving the Community ✓
Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable ✓
Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities ✓
Beyond the Boundary ✓

Masterplan for Belmore Park

Develop master plan for Belmore Park that:

• Revitalises the Park as an important CBD park that provides a safe welcoming place that encourages people to stay and use;
• Provides infrastructure and amenity to facilitate events and community gatherings

The design is to retain the character and sympathetically edit the park to improve recreation opportunities, environmental performance and create a cohesive and elegant landscape.

Recommended design principles are:

a) Retain and enhance the existing park character;
b) Respect and reveal the parks heritage;
c) Improve access and permeability;
d) Activate the open space and increase recreation opportunities;
e) Improve sightlines and passive surveillance;
f) Use simple, robust and high quality materials;
g) Facilitate event uses and meet resident, worker and visitor needs;
h) Improve the parks environmental performance and sustainability.

Potential scope for consideration in developing the masterplan is to include:

• Restoration of the Bandstand, lowering and reinstate public access;
• Removal of the western boundary fence and understorey and upgrade the surface;
• Improve the north western Hay Street entrance and street frontage (including removal of the flag poles);
• Improve the south-western Eddy Avenue entry to improve access;
• Open up sightlines and view through in the middle of the park to improve safety with selective tree removals;
• Establish a Central Spine and associated recreation opportunities;
• General landscape embellishment and planting;
• Lighting & hydraulic upgrade;
• Rationalise the bus shelters and improve the Eddy Avenue footpath;
• Removal of redundant existing Central Path Network;
• Adaptive Reuse of the Men’s Convenience.

Environmental performance initiatives to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

Project Status

- Masterplan commencement to be scheduled

References

Chinatown and City South Public Domain Plan 2015
Light Rail Corridor

Links to Central Station

Pedestrian link improvements

Review path hierarchy & circulation network

Reuse of mens toilet building

Increase activities in centre of park

Upgrade bandstand

Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study 2016
19. City Centre - Regimental Square

Background
Regimental Square is a memorial square commemorating the Royal Australian Regiment and its involvement in conflicts since WWII. The project will improve pedestrian links, surrounding streets and general urban amenity as well as updating/revitalising the memorial for use well into the future.

Strategic Directions

| More Open Space for a Growing Population | ✓ |
| Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities | ✓ |
| Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ |
| Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All | ✓ |
| Linking the Network | ✓ |
| Involving the Community | ✓ |
| Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable | ✓ |
| Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ |
| Beyond the Boundary | ✓ |

- Enhancement of the existing Royal Australian Regiment memorial.
- Modification and enhancement of the existing footways and the pedestrian plaza (including paving, street lighting, signage, services, street trees, furniture) to be a key public space connected to the George Street light rail spine.
- Modification and enhancement of the existing roads (including paving, resurfacing, kerb and gutter works, traffic calming measures, drainage, planting and lighting).
- Creation of a shared vehicle and pedestrian environment in Wynyard Lane and the southern end of Wynyard Street.
- Provision of any other facilities to enhance the public amenity of the area.
- Environmental performance to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

Project Status
- Stage 1 Construction - Regimental Square completion 2016
- Stage 2 - Wynyard Street upgrade programmed for after 2018

References
Gehl Architects Regimental Square Urban Design Study 2011
20. City Centre - Barrack Street (Sesquicentenary Square)

Background

Sesquicentenary Square (Barrack Street) is an important public space in the City Centre commemorating the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Sydney. The street is framed by prominent heritage buildings including the former CBC Bank and International House. The space directly adjoins future pedestrianised section of George Street light rail and provides a major east – west pedestrian link to Wynyard.

Strategic Directions

| More Open Space for a Growing Population | ✓ Sesquicentenary Square provides the opportunity to become a unique space in the City Centre that is inviting attractive for more people to enjoy staying activities. Directions include: |
| Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities | ✓ Make a clear distinction between pedestrian zone and recreation space |
| Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ Arrange for central seating area / activity zone with pedestrian flow alongside building façades |
| Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All | ✓ Introduce flush paving to unify and make access the space |
| Linking the Network | ✓ Improve lighting to encourage more evening use. Use lighting to display features of heritage buildings |
| Involving the Community | ✓ Use component of flexible / moveable furniture |
| Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable | Environmentally performance to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets. |
| Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities | |
| Beyond the Boundary | |

Project Status

– Consultation for permanent closure to through traffic underway
– Masterplan development underway

References

Gehl Architects Sesquicentenary Square Urban Design Study - July 2011
21. City Centre - Sydney Square

Background
Sydney Square is centrally located in the heart of the city. The retail core, Town Hall station entertainment area, business district and western harbourside are all immediate neighbours.

The existing Sydney Square is an ill-defined space not utilised to full advantage as a local gathering place functions associated with Town Hall.

However Square is situated on one of the busiest parts of the City which provides potential for the space to be activated and capitalise on the George Street light rail transformation.

Strategic Directions

- More Open Space for a Growing Population
  - Future Directions
    - A Square integrated with the George Street light rail spine that offers a variety of activities to occur and allows quiet repose from bustling George St.
    - A visible Square with an unique identity
    - A place to sit away from the hustle bustle of the city including the use of flexible seating
    - A Square that is connected with WiFi
    - A Square with unique timeless design
    - A Square with multiple uses and seating opportunities
    - Square with flexibility to host events of various scale
    - A space that relates and compliments a new Town Hall Square

- Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities
  - Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities
  - Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All
  - Linking the Network
  - Involving the Community
  - Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable
  - Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities
  - Beyond the Boundary

Project Status
Design feasibility assessment underway

References
Gehl Architects Sydney Square Urban Design Study 2013
## 22. City Centre Play Space

### Background
The City Centre is a major destination for families to visit that come from local, interstate and international origins. There is also an increasing population of children residing in the City Centre area. Apart from the Darling Quarter Playground at Darling Harbour, the City Centre lacks a playground facility of a scale and diversity that should be provided to improve the child friendly status for residents and visitors.

### Strategic Directions

| More Open Space for a Growing Population | ✔ |
| Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities | ✔ |
| Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✔ |
| Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All | ✔ |
| Linking the Network | ✔ |
| Involving the Community | ✔ |
| Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable | ✔ |
| Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✔ |
| Beyond the Boundary | ✔ |

#### Environmental performance to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

#### Project Status
Projected to be considered for 10 year Capital Works Program

#### References
UNESCO – Child Friendly Cities
Potter Garden Melbourne

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*Darling Harbour Playground*
23. City North - Public Spaces

**Background**
The City North Public Domain Plan outlines ideas for improving City streets and public spaces. It forms part of the overall City Centre Public Domain Plan.

Key spaces in this area are:
Alfred Street, Martin Place (refer Project 24), Jessie St Gardens, Macquarie Place and Farrer Place.

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**Project Status**
Subject to voluntary planning agreement, negotiation and approval

**References**
City North Public Domain Plan 2015
### Background

Martin Place is arguably Sydney’s most important urban plaza. It holds both civic and ceremonial significance as home to the GPO and the Cenotaph. It provides an important east-west connection between George Street and Macquarie Street, and beyond to the Domain. It is one of few urban spaces in Sydney able to host significant events.

Many of the buildings lining Martin Place are subject to current and planned upgrades reinforcing the high architectural quality of the place. The public domain was last upgraded prior to the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

### Strategic Directions

**More Open Space for a Growing Population**
- Reinforce Martin Place as the premier civic and public space.

**Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities**
- Short term directions:
  - Improve seating layout and provision;
  - Tree planting and landscape treatments;
  - Paving infill at cross intersections;
  - Kiosk strategy;
  - Outdoor dining guidelines;
  - Event strategy and guidelines;

**Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities**
- Medium term directions
- Long term directions
  - Lighting upgrade
  - Fountain renewal

**Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All**
- Relocation of train station and underground retail entrance

**Linking the Network**

**Involving the Community**

**Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable**

**Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities**

**Beyond the Boundary**

### Project Status

Short term works currently being scoped - completion 2017

### References

City North Public Domain Plan 2015
25. Wentworth Park

Background

The City has long advocated the removal of greyhound racing from Wentworth Park and creation of a new harbour side park for residents, providing much needed passive and active recreation facilities.

Increased population density arising from Bays Precinct development makes it imperative that all existing available open space is used for optimal benefit for the community.

To enable this project State Government must secure the agreement of the greyhound clubs to relocate appropriate location in western or greater Sydney.

Removal of greyhound racing from Wentworth Park will allow reunification of the grounds and establishment of new sporting fields and passive recreation areas.

Strategic Directions

| More Open Space for a Growing Population | ✓ |
| Better Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ |
| Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ |
| Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All | ✓ |
| Linking the Network | ✓ |
| Involving the Community | ✓ |
| Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable | ✓ |
| Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ |
| Beyond the Boundary | ✓ |

Future Considerations

- Transform from a park dominated by greyhound racing stadium to a major new city and district park combination of active and passive recreation facilities.
- Whilst greyhound racing remains at Wentworth Park, the City advocates changes to the sporting complex to improve accessibility both visually and physically by removal of boundary walls and increasing area for public park use.
- When greyhound racing vacates, prepare a masterplan for the whole site that includes conservation plans for heritage items on site including entry tower, stewards office and cold store with a view adaptation to new beneficial uses.
- Investigate feasibility of providing direct access from Wentworth Park light rail station over Wattle Street with appropriate lift / stair access to connect to Jones Street.
- Reinforce St Johns Road as a green street link from Wentworth Park to Forest Lodge / Camperdown.

Include environmental performance initiatives to contribute to the City and LGA’s environmental targets.

Project Status

Design assessment / feasibility to be programmed

References
Harbour Foreshore links

Links to Blackwattle Bay wharves

Playing field capacity improvements

Greyhound racing facility relocated

Achieve better integration of park

Address access from Jones St to Wentworth Park in any redevelopment of Fig St depot

Major Liveable Green Network link
26. Observatory Hill Park

**Background**
Observatory Hill Park is one of the City’s best vantage points for unobstructed Harbour views yet the park is fragmented and underused due to poor pedestrian access brought about by busy roads and topography.
Barangaroo will bring more people into the city from this area and will generate a demand for connections to Observatory Hill Park.

**Strategic Directions**

| More Open Space for a Growing Population | ✓ |
| Better Parks, Sport and Recreation facilities | ✓ |
| Improve the Provision and Diversity of Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ |
| Access to Recreation in the City will be Inclusive and Accessible for All | ✓ |
| Linking the Network | ✓ |
| Involving the Community | ✓ |
| Recreation will be Environmentally Sustainable | ✓ |
| Looking After Our Parks, Sport and Recreation Facilities | ✓ |
| Beyond the Boundary | ✓ |

- **New toilet facilities**
- **Refurbishment of Rotunda**
- **Enhance physical and visual connections between Observatory Hill Park, Millers Point, Barangaroo**
- **Investigate the feasibility of unifying the park by restore Observatory Hill by providing connections / cover over the Cahill expressway cutting**
- **Access: east – investigate feasibility of pedestrian bridge over Western Distributor/ lift access from Argyle Street**
- **Investigate feasibility lift access at key access points to the Park;**
- **Connection through High Street form a larger connection from park to Barangaroo edge – Agar Steps**
- **Improve cycle access along eastern side of park from Harbour Bridge to Kent Street underpass.**
- **Argyle St & Kent St underpass upgrades will improve access and connectivity to Observatory Hill Park**

**Project Status**
- New toilet facility - design development underway
- Design assessment of cycle link completed
- Refurbishment of Rotunda completed

**References**
- Observatory Hill Park Masterplan 2013.
Barangaroo Reserve

Argyle St improvements due to commence 2016

Pathway, circulation and amenity improvements including toilets

Co-ordination with Sydney Observatory
Department of Education and National Trust to improve site cohesiveness, access and circulation

Improved separated cycle links to Harbour Bridge and City

Kent St underpass improvements to commence 2016

Improve links to Lang Park

Lang Park

Sydney2030/Green/Global/Connected
Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study 2016
27. Small Parks Upgrade Program

**Background**

The City has approximately 280 small parks less than 3,000m² in area. These parks are an important component of the network providing convenient short stay recreation opportunities within a 10 minute walk from most residences.

Since 2004 over 80 small parks have been upgraded. The range of capital improvements undertaken in this program include replacement and upgrade of play equipment, softfall, park furniture, shade structures, paths, lighting, tree/landscape planting and turf works.

**Strategic Directions**

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Works currently listed under the small parks upgrade program include:

- Lang Park - Sydney
- Elizabeth McCrea Reserve – Redfern
- Renwick Street Reserve- Erskineville
- Shannon Reserve, Surry Hills
- 222 Palmer Street – East Sydney
- Daniel Dawson Reserve- Redfern
- Woolloomooloo Playground
- Ross St Playground- Forest Lodge
- Ernest Pederson Reserve and William Carlton Gardens – Glebe
- Beaconsfield Park, Beaconsfield
- Thomas Street Playground – Darlington
- Strickland Park, Chippendale
- Trinity Ave Playground- Millers Point

Additional parks will be added to this program based on asset condition reports and feedback from the community.

**Project Status**

10 year capital works program - up to 3-4 parks completed per year

**References**

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