


Sydney Olympic Park 2050: Strategic Place Framework Draft for Discussion





An aerial photograph of a park area. In the foreground, a paved path with a metal railing runs diagonally. Two people are walking on the path, and a person is riding a bicycle. The path is surrounded by dense green trees. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky.

Sydney Olympic Park Authority acknowledges the Traditional Owners, Knowledge-holders and Custodians of the land and pays respect to Elders past, present and future.

We recognise First Nations Peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to place and the rich contribution made to society.

First Nations People take a holistic view of land, sky, water and culture and see them as one, not in isolation from each other. The Sydney Olympic Park Place Vision and Strategy and this associated Strategic Place Framework are based on the premise upheld by Aboriginal people that if we care for Country, it will care for us.

The lands and waterways of the Wangal extended along the southern side of the Burramattagal waters, the Parramatta River from Gadigal country, Darling Harbour to Baramada today known as Parramatta.

The river continues to have a deep relationship with the Cadigal, Wangal, Toongagal, Wallumdegal, Wategora and the Burramattagal people. All enjoyed the river as an important source of cultural activities, food gathering, spiritual practice and trade over thousands of years. The salt marshes were shelter for the waterbirds. At high tide crabs would be caught and fish easily speared. Ducks inhabited the creeks that fed into the river.

According to the Lore of the Iyura, the people of this place, it is said Biiami was responsible for shaping the land. He created the rivers, creeks, mountains, the bush and forests. Biiami raised up his arms and sang everything into being. He looked about the land he had created and called it Bembul-ra. Then he created Iyura setting humans in his place of creation. Lores were put in place so people lived the right way for the continuation of life. Ceremonies and practices, song, dance and rules of behaviour brought balance and protected a way of life.

Introduction

Master Plan 2050

Planning for 2050

Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2050 will build on the *2050 Vision and Strategy*. The new Vision for Sydney Olympic Park is to be ***Sydney's Beating Green Heart***: a place that is energised with everyday life, is country-first and nature-positive and is where Sydney comes to play.

Master Plan 2050 will ensure a coordinated, long term development plan is prepared for the whole precinct and will be documented in two key stages: Stage 1 (Strategic Place Framework – the current stage) and Stage 2 (Master Plan 2050) to be completed in 2023.

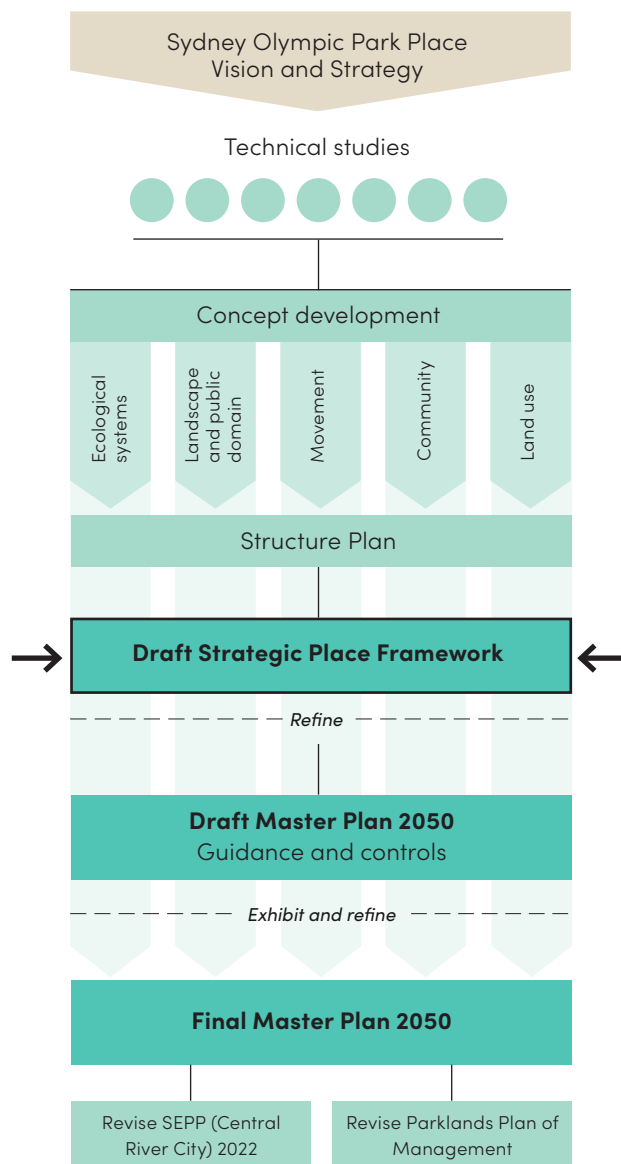
This document, the *Strategic Place Framework* (Draft for Discussion) (“the Place Framework”) forms the strategic planning basis of the Master Plan. The Place Framework starts to identify where in Sydney Olympic Park the Vision will be realised on the ground. This work is then developed into precinct controls in the Master Plan 2050.

The NSW Government commitment to Sydney Metro West and specifically a station at Sydney Olympic Park, is the biggest investment in the suburb since the Sydney 2000 Games. This welcome addition of a metro station will bring forward development and be the catalyst for the delivery of more housing and jobs in the geographic heart of Sydney.

Around 28,650 residents are forecast to be living in Sydney Olympic Park by 2050. This is a significant increase from today's residential population of 5,850. Master Plan 2050 will leverage this investment in Sydney Metro West to reimagine Sydney Olympic Park as a place that provides more housing, greater affordability, and a connected and livable suburb that is adaptive and resilient to our changing climate.

This Place Framework is a draft document to further conversations with the community and stakeholders. It includes aspirational targets, future moves and innovative strategies for delivery and aims to challenge perceptions and long-held ideas about Sydney Olympic Park.

In 2050, Sydney Olympic Park will be a complex layered suburb offering a rich and varied range of experiences. Many will live and work here, others will visit for events, diverse attractions or for everyday retail and entertainment. Sydney Olympic Park will be a thriving suburb in the heart of Sydney.



Planning Context

Sydney Olympic Park, while located within the City of Parramatta local government area, is managed by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) in accordance with the *Sydney Olympic Authority Act 2001* (SOPA Act). The SOPA Act requires that a master plan be prepared to guide the planning, management, protection and development of Sydney Olympic Park.

The Master Plan is given statutory effect by *State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Central River City) 2021 (Central River City SEPP)*, Appendix 4 - *Sydney Olympic Park*, which establishes land use zoning and key development planning controls for Sydney Olympic Park. The Master Plan contains detailed principles and controls to supplement the provisions of the SEPP.

This review of the Master Plan will culminate in *Master Plan 2050*, which will supersede the following Master Plans that currently apply to Sydney Olympic Park:

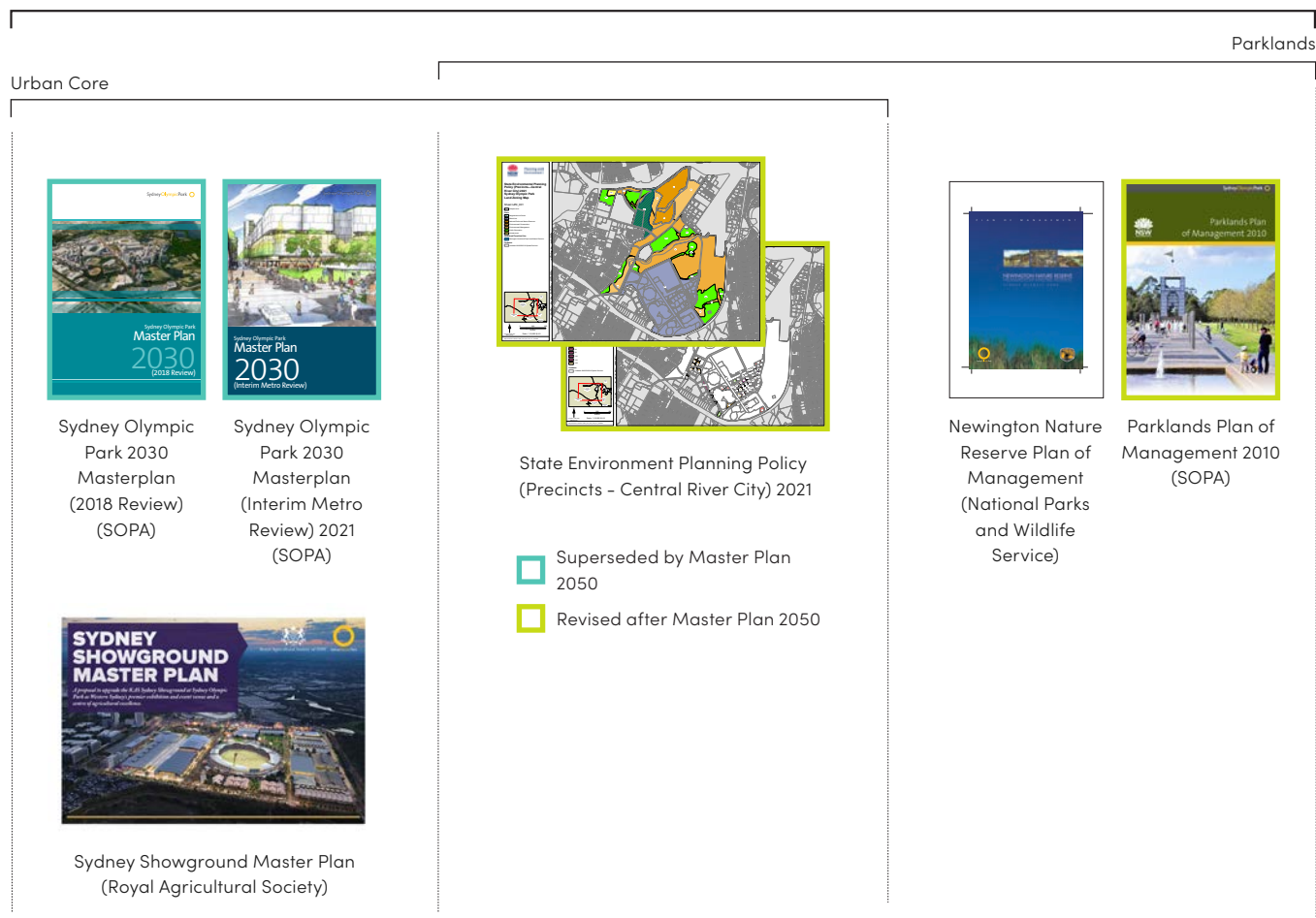
- Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2030 (2018 Review)
- Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan (Interim Metro Review) 2021

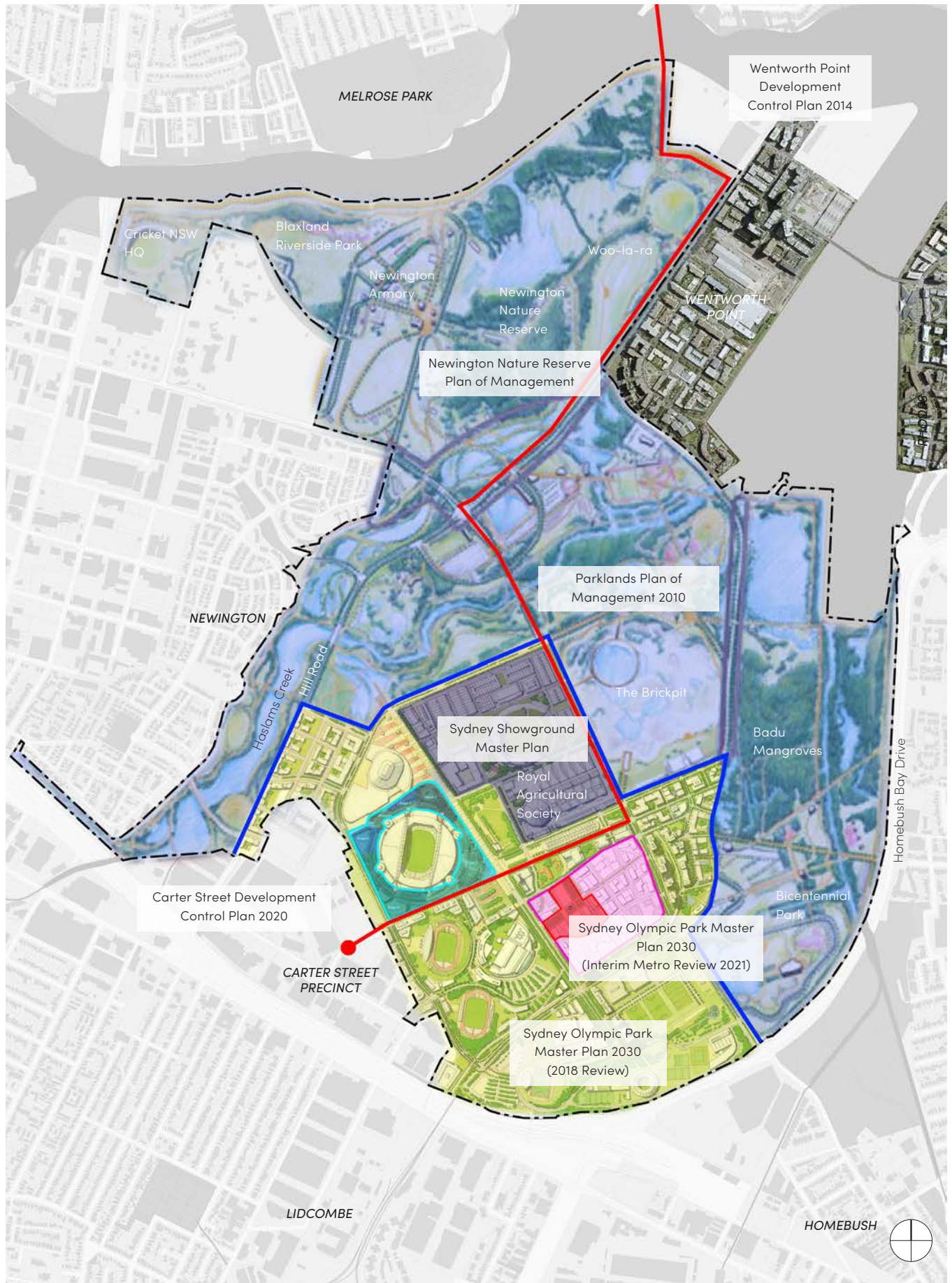
Master Plan 2050 will be implemented through consequential amendments to the Central River City SEPP, as well as amendments to other policies and plans as required.

It will also be informed by previous studies and analysis, updated studies and will align with NSW Government strategic and design policies.



Sydney Olympic Park Place Vision and Strategy





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— Parramatta Light Rail 2

Policy overlay

Strategic Place Framework

Structure and role of this document

The Sydney Olympic Park 2050 Strategic Place Framework (Place Framework) will form the strategic planning basis of Master Plan 2050 to be exhibited and finalised in 2023.

The Place Framework seeks to spatialise the aspirations and actions outlined within The Vision, layered with an understanding of the complex environmental, governance and operational characteristics of the precinct. It provides a line-of-sight between The Vision and the detailed precinct controls that will be devised in future stages and eventually reside within Master Plan 2050.

The Strategic Place Framework is structured in five parts:

Introduction

Establishes the scope, strategic directions, the case for change and addresses the key elements of the Sydney Olympic Park Place Vision and Strategy (The Vision).

Context

This section investigates the key considerations that Sydney Olympic Park will need to respond to by 2050 including population growth, changes in the urban context, public transport delivery and climate change.

Big Moves 2050

Describes the proposed moves within Master Plan 2050 which provide greatest opportunity for Sydney Olympic Park's future. This includes the delivery of new community infrastructure, greater sustainability targets and an ambitious social and affordable housing target.

Place Framework

Identifies the various spatial and social layers which will come together to create a thriving suburb in 2050. This builds upon the Vision and Strategy along with the existing positive attributes and programs at Sydney Olympic Park.

Next Steps

This section outlines the next steps, including the project timeline, community engagement and what to expect in Master Plan 2050.

Wangal Country

“He always believed the resilience and spirit will live on in the land and the people... The land will rebirth... He always believed mob will come back... He’s such a believer in the spirit of the land.”

– Stephen Page AO, Unbroken songs, Interview with Zan Rowe, 2021

Wangal Country is a meeting of saltwater and freshwater Country. It comprises of the land along the southern shore of the Parramatta River and harbour to Tumbalong (Darling Harbour). It is the home of the Wangal People who occupied this land utilising the abundant resources with reciprocity – only taking what they needed to sustain their people and the environment.

The landscape of Wangal Country consisted of fresh water creeks that ran from the ridges and peninsulas into the bays along the river. Wangal Country was typified by estuarine mudflats and marshes, covered and revealed by the tides of the river. The mouth of the creeks there would have been tidally influenced flats and extensive areas of mangroves.

Since colonisation, the natural ecology of the shoreline has been dramatically altered. Quarrying of stone shorelines, the ‘reclamation’ of estuaries and marshes and canalisation of creeks has impacted the reach of tides and water movement through the landscape and in turn modified the environmental systems of the area.

Despite the changes in access to Country and to the landscape of the Sydney region, the cultural and spiritual connection of Aboriginal people to Wangal Country remains. There is a continuing culture, spirituality, community and connection to Country. This connection to Country encompasses tangible places and things such as the harbour, shorelines, creeks, plants and animals and built landscapes, as well as intangible aspects such as language, stories, belief, songs and memories.

Opportunities to acknowledge, celebrate and repair this Connection to Country must be at the forefront of new development.

Sydney Olympic Park started this complex process of restoration over the last 20 years, including for salt marsh and mangroves, and is committed to continuing the repair, celebration and connection to Country.



A view in upper part of Port Jackson when the fish was shot, 1788. Mitchell Library – Homebush Bay

Elements of Country, Exploring the Wangal

“Country as made up of a series of interconnected elements that come together to form the environmental, cultural and social system of a place. To design with Country is to design with the elements of Country.”

- Yerrabingin


Wangal Country is Water Country. The shorelines and waterways were significant places for Wangal people, as places to collect food and resources, to travel across and learn about Country.

“Children grew up on the water from their youngest days, and the swell of the waves and rocking nowie must have been just as familiar to them as the solidity of the earth or their mothers’ heartbeat” (Karskens, G. 2014)


While water is dominant on Wangal Country, all elements are significant; together comprising an overarching image of Country.

The spiritual beings below our feet (Deep Country) and their kin above (Sky Country) and all elements in between, represent the extent and connection of all elements of Country. Spirituality is embedded in a shared consciousness and care for the elements of Country.


Designing with Country and Caring for Country will be achieved by addressing the needs of each element.



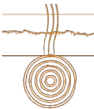
Move with Country:
Enduring custodianship of Country through knowledge sharing and record keeping through story, song, dance and art.




Non-Human Kin Country:
Country is comprised of our kin: the animals and plants. We celebrate the connection of all living things and the intricate responsibilities within this web of connections.




Water Country:
Water is the connective tissue, the circulatory system, the confluences and paths within and between Country. The meeting of salt and fresh water.



Deep Country:
The most ancient of connections and one that we honour for the many gifts it shares, the tools we create and the ochres we use to paint.

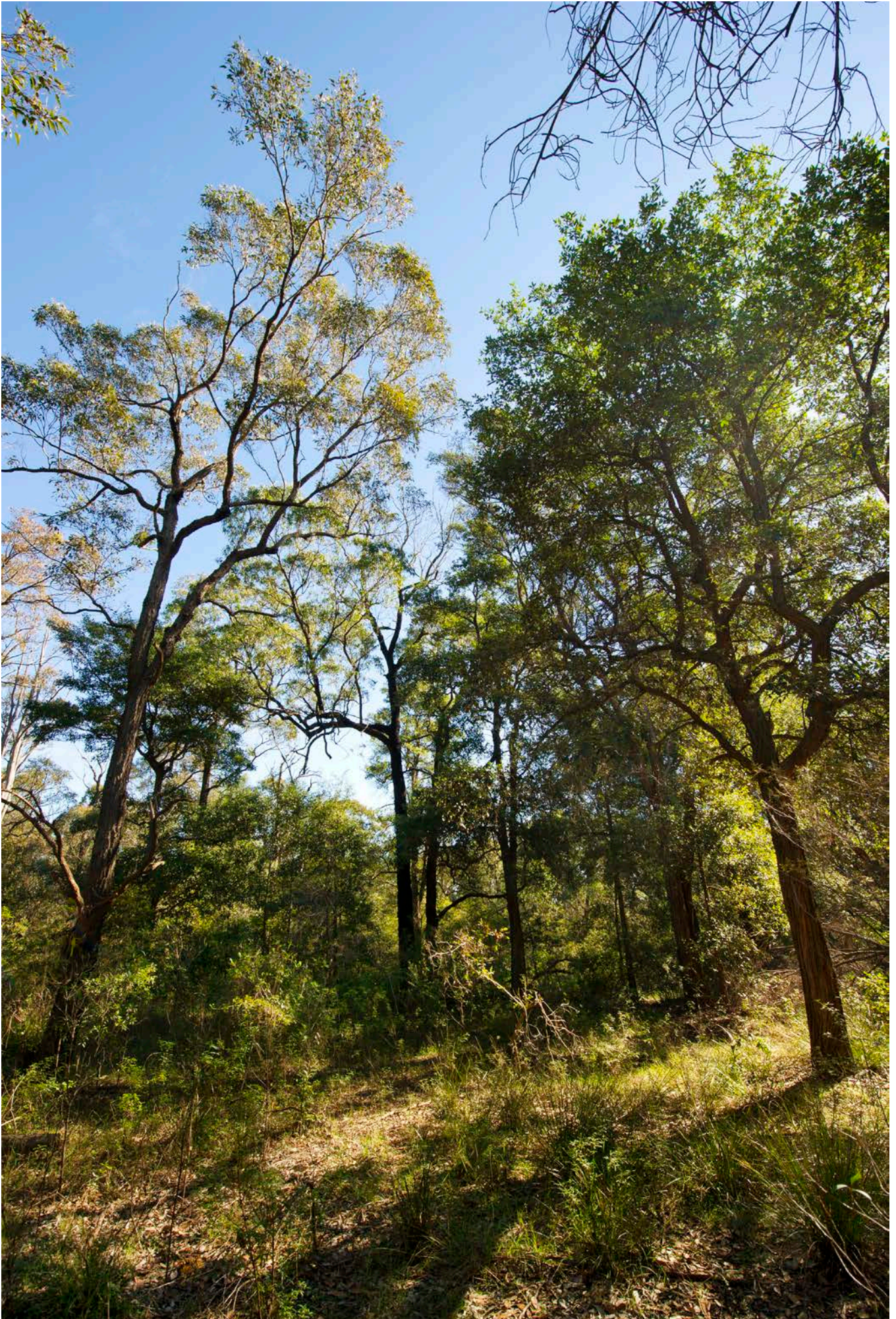


Sky Country:
A place of spirits and the ancestors, it holds knowledge of navigation, the seasons, time and Songlines. It allows engagement with our ancestors and spiritual beings.



Wind Country:
Wind carries the messages of the seasons, the songs and words of our ancestors across Country. The landscape and light vibrates to a rhythm; the trees, the grass, and the clouds racing across the sky.

Actions, directions, connecting elements of Country for Sydney Olympic Park 2050		
<p>Move with Country</p> <p>Build on Murama with creation of additional safe community spaces for performance, gathering and knowledge sharing.</p>	<p>Water Country</p> <p>Repair damaged water systems. Celebrate and bring awareness of water through the precinct as a culturally significant feature.</p>	<p>Sky Country</p> <p>Encourage story telling within the built environment. Preserve view lines and celebrate the presence of the sky within all future developments.</p>
<p>Non-Human Kin Country</p> <p>Continue restoration and protection of threatened species. Regenerate natural landscapes to support regeneration of endangered communities.</p>	<p>Deep Country</p> <p>Use of local geology within built environment. Use of art, local materials and other cultural practices to demonstrate the connections between the earth and all other systems.</p>	<p>Wind Country</p> <p>Use of plant species to highlight change in seasons. Promote a collective environmental consciousness by highlighting impact of climate.</p>



Newington Nature Reserve, Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney Olympic Park today

Sydney Olympic Park is located along the southern edge of the Parramatta River. It is bordered on its east and south-east by Homebush Bay Drive and the suburbs of North Strathfield, Concord and Homebush. The Carter Street Precinct and the Western Motorway are located to the south-west of Sydney Olympic Park with Lidcombe and Flemington beyond. To the west are the suburbs of Newington and Silverwater and to the north-east is Wentworth Point and Rhodes.

Sydney Olympic Park is located on the eastern-most extent of the City of Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA), on the border with the City of Canada Bay and Strathfield Councils.

Surrounding areas

The suburb of Newington, now a medium-density suburb, was originally the athletes' village during the 2000 Olympics. The Carter Street Precinct and Wentworth Point are high density neighbourhoods being developed on former industrial land that, together, are forecast to be home to over 25,000 people by 2051. Wentworth Point relies heavily on the parkland located within Sydney Olympic Park and Rhodes to support its population.

Rhodes, on the eastern edge of Homebush Bay, is a high density mixed-use centre, with residential, commercial and retail uses. Rhodes is identified within the City of Canada Bay Local Strategic Planning Statement as a Strategic Centre. It is expected to be home to nearly 30,000 people and 17,000 jobs by 2051. Rhodes is the main retail centre servicing both Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park.

The Carter Street Precinct, Wentworth Point and Rhodes are still undergoing urban renewal. To the south and east of Sydney Olympic Park, suburbs such as Lidcombe, Strathfield and Concord reflect post-war suburban development. These areas are starting to experience some urban renewal.

Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney Olympic Park stretches over an area of 640 ha, with 430 ha of Parklands and 210 ha of town centre. The town centre currently comprises low scale commercial buildings, hotels, high density residential developments, sporting and recreation venues and the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds.

The northern portion of Sydney Olympic Park is made up of extensive parklands with well-developed picnic and playground facilities, sports venues, established habitats for native flora and fauna, and the historic military/ industrial landscape of Newington Armory. Large areas of the parklands are rich natural environments and wildlife havens, and are dedicated to environmental conservation.

These lands are interwoven with an extensive network of pathways and boardwalks, providing a rare opportunity for people to sensitively connect with nature in an urban setting. Bicentennial Park, Blaxland Riverside Park and Wentworth Common are key attractors for visitors to the park and play a significant role in supporting the open space needs of residents in the area. Sports facilities within the parklands include Archery Park, BMX, Cricket NSW and the surf wave park (under construction). A key shift outlined in the Vision is the transition of Sydney Olympic Park from an events precinct within a parkland setting, to a vibrant community with access to world-class facilities that also accommodate events and elite sports. What might appear to be a relatively subtle shift will require a substantial pivot in how the place is managed and planned into the future.

'Precincts', will be known as 'neighbourhoods', supported by a variety of open spaces and recreational destinations, and collectively be recognised as the Sydney Olympic Park Town Centre. Areas of high ecological value will continue to be preserved and enhanced to ensure their ongoing repair and revitalisation.

Sydney Olympic Park will continue to be the home of Australia's premier elite sports and entertainment facilities including Accor Stadium, Royal Agricultural Showground, Qudos Bank Arena and many sports venues.

Within Sydney Olympic Park

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Cricket NSW Centre of Excellence | 16 Badu Mangroves |
| 2 Blaxland Riverside Park | 17 Accor Stadium (Stadium Australia) |
| 3 Newington Armory | 18 Cathy Freeman Park |
| 4 Newington Nature Reserve | 19 Sydney Olympic Park Train Station |
| 5 Woo-la-ra | 20 Athletics Centre |
| 6 Silverwater Marker | 21 Abbatoir buildings |
| 7 SOP Archery Centre | 22 Aquatic Centre |
| 8 Urbnsurf Wave Park | 23 Place Management Centre |
| 9 Haslams Creek | 24 Warm Up Arena |
| 10 Auburn Resource Centre and Recycling plant | 25 Hockey Centre |
| 11 Kronos Hill | 26 Quaycentre |
| 12 Wentworth Common | 27 GWS Giants headquarters |
| 13 Qudos Bank Arena | 28 Tennis Centre |
| 14 Royal Agricultural Showground | 29 Bicentennial Park |
| 15 The Brickpit | 30 Powells Creek |

Outside Sydney Olympic Park

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|---|----------------------------|
| 31 Silverwater Correctional Facility | 35 Mason Park and Wetlands |
| 32 Wentworth Point Public School + site of the future High School | 36 Flemington Markets |
| 33 DFO | 37 Bennelong Bridge |
| 34 Bressington Park | |



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Study area plan

The Vision

A step change in thinking

The Sydney Olympic Park 2050 Place Vision and Strategy ("The Vision") sets out the over-arching and ambitious vision for what Sydney Olympic Park will be in 2050.

The realisation of this vision for Sydney Olympic Park in 2050 requires a series of paradigm shifts in how it is thought of as a place, how it is planned for into the future, and the step change in how it operates today, as presented below.



Through connectivity investment and nurturing of a more complex and diverse place, Sydney Olympic Park will no longer be a precinct "in waiting" for another Olympic and Paralympic Games. It will transform from a place known widely for sports and events to a thriving, high density suburb. This transformation will fundamentally reshape Sydney Olympic Park's identity.



A Country First approach to place-making is an important step forward in the development of place strategies. This requires a more holistic understanding of the cultural, social and environmental context that has shaped Sydney Olympic Park and creates a more balanced and equitable approach to development. Country is a complex interdependent system, where all parts are equal – humans being only one of these parts. This consideration is to be continued through into a new, non singular approach to design where social, cultural, ecological and environmental systems are equally addressed.



With an acute need to continue to supply housing for Greater Sydney, precinct planning has often focused on planning for growth alone. The vision requires a more comprehensive approach to planning – one which looks to transform Sydney Olympic Park as a place for communities to thrive and as an important and distinctive centre in Greater Sydney's future.



Investment in Sydney Metro West, and future light rail, will fundamentally alter Sydney Olympic Park's relationship with the rest of Sydney. This investment radically alters the trajectory of Sydney Olympic Park, placing it at the centre of Greater Sydney. In doing so, it increases the importance of Sydney Olympic Park maximising its potential to deliver public good outcomes.

Aspirations

The Sydney Olympic Park Place Vision and Strategy 2050 comprises three parts: the Vision, Place Pillars, Strategic Directions. These inform the preparation of the Place Framework and Master Plan 2050.

The Vision

The Vision outlines what Sydney Olympic Park will be in 2050. It draws together the aspirations outlined within the Place Pillars and Strategic Directions.

Place Pillars

The Place Pillars reflect the DNA of Sydney Olympic Park and the foundations from which everything is built upon. The pillars act as values – the lens through which all decision-making will be made as Sydney Olympic Park progresses toward its vision.

Strategic Directions

Ten Strategic Directions will shape the future of Sydney Olympic Park. These Strategic Directions leverage Sydney Olympic Park's natural and built features, its engaged community and unique governance.

These Strategic Directions are supported by a series of actions that provide guidance to realise the vision.

Sydney Olympic Park is Sydney's beating green heart

Wangal

Respect and care for Country

Dynamic

A place that adapts to changing needs

Thriving

A regenerative exemplar

1



A place to call home

2



A liveable and complete community

3



Connected, pedestrianised and intuitive

4



Immersive rich and unique experiences

5



A thriving public domain day and night

6



A living laboratory for urban innovation

7



An economically productive and distinctive place

8



Carbon positive and circular

9



The green lungs of Sydney

10



A delivery model for the future

Realising Sydney Olympic Park's potential

Advantages

Sydney Olympic Park has advantages which it can leverage to build a distinct identity, support community, research and business interest and address some of Sydney and Sydney Olympic Park's challenges:

- **Olympic Legacy:** Sport, events and ecologically sustainable development: The 2000 Olympics gifted Sydney with a cluster of world-class sport and major event infrastructure, operational capacity and significant parklands. While grounded in sport, its legacy extends into its sustainability and connection with Country legacy
- **The centre of Greater Sydney:** Sydney Olympic Park is located at the centre of the Central River City. Commitments to the delivery of Sydney Metro West and potential Light Rail and Faster Rail, may provide opportunities to establish Sydney Olympic Park as a local and regional transport hub
- **A site unrivalled in scale and unique ownership:** At 640 hectares, Sydney Olympic Park is larger than Sydney CBD. Its scale and public ownership can deliver outcomes with a focus on public good and innovation
- **Green and blue assets:** These assets are the building blocks for a continued connection with Wangal Country and will be an increasingly critical piece of social and environmental infrastructure
- **Community Exemplar:** Build on Sydney Olympic Park's recognition as Australia's highest rated public precinct for sustainability under the Green Building Council of Australia Green Star - Communities framework.

Challenges

The Vision and this Place Framework provide an opportunity to address some of Greater Sydney's and Sydney Olympic Park's challenges. These include:

At a regional scale, for Greater Sydney



Providing housing for a growing and changing population



Investment in social and community infrastructure



Understanding the impact of the pandemic on economies, places and communities



Housing affordability



Addressing biodiversity loss and habitat fragmentation

At a local scale, for Sydney Olympic Park



Limited public transport



A separation of the parklands and the town centre in strategic planning



An "island" in the centre of Sydney



Scale of Sydney Olympic Park and its public domain



Providing recreational open space for a growing population

Opportunities

Opportunities

Despite the challenges, Sydney Olympic Park has advantages over other suburbs and centres that it can draw on to create a distinct identity and add value to Greater Sydney. Master Plan 2050 will leverage these significant opportunities, as identified in the Vision, including:

- Its location in the heart of the Central River City and commitments to game-changing transport infrastructure, with Sydney Metro West, future light rail and potential fast rail
- The site's unrivalled scale and unique public ownership that can focus on delivering wider public benefits and strive to achieve outcomes that smaller sites, or private markets, would not
- Major open spaces with remnant and regenerated ecosystems, connections to nature and water. These green and blue assets present a continued connection with Wangal Country and will be an increasingly critical piece of social and environmental infrastructure for the community and native flora and fauna
- Its Olympic legacy as a globally recognised sporting and events precinct. This legacy is grounded in sport but extends to its identity as a sustainability exemplar and recognition of the important voice of First Nations people in Australian culture
- 1.3 million square metres of undelivered gross floor area (GFA). This provides an opportunity to reconsider land use zones and consider additional sites for increased residential development
- Sydney Olympic Park's internationally recognised reputation as a 'centre of excellence' in place-based learning for sustainable development, innovation and environmental regeneration.



Ecological research, Sydney Olympic Park



Blaxland Riverside Park, Sydney Olympic Park



Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park



Youth eco-summit, Sydney Olympic Park

Community engagement

The Planning Framework and Master Plan 2050 will build upon the work of the *Sydney Olympic Park 2050 Vision and Strategy*, which was co-created with Sydney Olympic Park's diverse stakeholders and communities and incorporated the collective views, concerns and ambitions for the future of this unique suburb.

Community feedback from engagement initiatives over the past 5 years was consolidated with the outcomes of an intensive engagement program between September and November 2021, preceding the development of the Vision and Strategy to ensure that it was community-led.

What we've heard so far

The following eleven key themes emerged throughout the community and stakeholder engagement:

- 1. Caring for Country:** Caring for Country is critical to ensure First Nations peoples feel welcome and safe in Sydney Olympic Park, to ensure the ongoing protection of natural places, and to ensure everyone who lives, works or plays at Sydney Olympic Park has the opportunity to connect with and care for Wangal Country. First Nations principles of regeneration, reciprocity and adaptive capacity for change should be embedded.
- 2. Live, work and play:** Sydney Olympic Park must create a thriving community of residents, workers and visitors. The concept of the five-minute city was raised as a real possibility for Sydney Olympic Park. With this aspiration able to be achieved only through the provision of improved public and active transport links, improved community infrastructure, amenities for workers, greater diversity and number of services and retail.
- 3. Meeting the needs of growing communities:** Increased population growth requires adequate services and infrastructure to support the growing community in and around Sydney Olympic Park. There is a strong need for essential services, more diverse retail and food and beverage opportunities, family friendly offerings and schools at Sydney Olympic Park. Community facilities, recreational facilities for community members of all ages and opportunities for active and passive recreation are also needed.
- 4. Connection:** Physical connection, from a transport perspective, needs to be improved. Sydney Olympic Park currently is difficult to access on public transport not only from across Greater Sydney, but even from the neighbouring Olympic Peninsula suburbs. The town centre is disconnected from the surrounding parklands, with limited wayfinding. Sydney Metro West will start to address this, but it is still a decade away.
- 5. Activating a welcoming place for people:** Sydney Olympic Park is often quiet and empty outside of event times and there is a sense that people 'lack permission' to participate in anything un-programmed or self-led. Participants expressed a desire for a vibrant 24-hour economy, which is activated day and night with affordable, diverse dining and retail offerings, regular markets and community events, as well as mid-sized and large events, all supported by more affordable parking. It also needs to feel safe to welcome more people, more often. Safety should be embedded in design.
- 6. World-class exemplar:** Sydney Olympic Park has the potential to build on its sustainability legacy and be a world-class exemplar for environmental sustainability, innovation and education. Sydney Olympic Park build on its role as an education hub for a range of expertise including sustainability, sport, First Nations culture, film and television. Sydney Olympic Park could be a living lab for continuous learning, innovation, adaptation and resilience.
- 7. Protecting ecological and natural values:** There is a need to protect Sydney Olympic Park's strong ecological and natural values and further 'green' the suburb, particularly as human population pressures and the impacts of climate change will increase over time.
- 8. Arts and cultural participation and production:** There is a need for a greater focus on arts, culture and entertainment. This includes not only greater opportunities for participation, but also cultural, music and film production that maximises Sydney Olympic Park's unique landscape and infrastructure.

Big Moves 2050

Overview

This section highlights the ten (10) most significant changes anticipated as part of Master Plan 2050. These will have the greatest social, economic and environmental impact for the future. These Master Plan moves are informed by background studies completed by the project team which will form part of the suite of documents on exhibition with the final Master Plan in 2023.



Move 1
More housing,
greater
affordability



Move 2
An active high
street and public
domain



Move 3
Facilities for
a growing
community



Move 4
Awakening the
Armory



Move 5
Unlocking
spaces for the
community



Move 6
Restoring
Boundary Creek



Move 7
Haslams
conservation and
recreation



Move 8
Connections over
the station



Move 9
More places, less
parking



Move 10
Nature positive,
carbon positive

More housing, greater affordability

Around 28,650 residents are forecast to be living in Sydney Olympic Park by 2050. This is a significant increase from today's residential population of 5,850.

Sydney Olympic Park will transform into a thriving suburb with new and affordable places to live, including a mix of housing types to meet diverse community need. It will be a suburb that future generations are proud to call home.

A precinct wide 30% key worker and social housing target with diverse housing types and tenures, tailored to the population of the Central River City, will be of crucial importance for the success of this evolving neighbourhood. This includes providing housing that supports different ages, abilities, needs and household profiles, including:

- Larger and multi-generational family apartments
- Student accommodation
- Accessible housing
- Aged care

Sydney Metro West will connect Sydney Olympic Park residents to jobs in Parramatta and the Westmead Health and Innovation district. The provision of affordable and diverse housing to highly accessible jobs will also enable other centres to realise their potential more effectively.

Exploration of incentives for the delivery of diverse housing types including build-to-rent, dual-key and family-friendly apartment types will also be included in future stages.

The residents of Sydney Olympic Park will belong to small local neighbourhoods and meet around local cafes, corner shops and play spaces.

Strategic Directions



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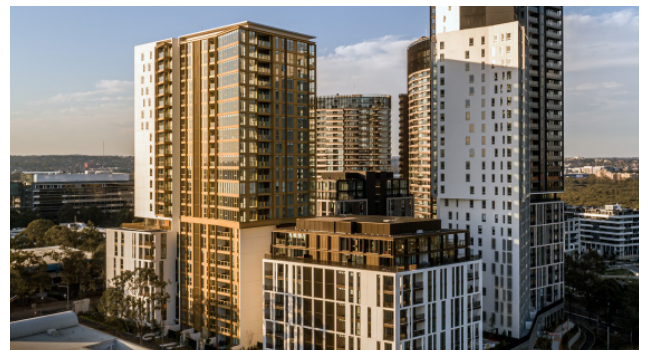
Piecemeal residential and commercial development



Artists Impression, Sydney Olympic Park 2050



Development adjacent to a stadium (Wembley, UK)



Mixed-tenure apartments, Sydney Olympic Park

2050

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An active high street and public domain

In 2050, Sydney Olympic Park's public domain will be a hive of activity day and night, weekday and weekend. A high street lined with active and varied shop fronts, will help to support the community, strengthen place-identity and drive local economic prosperity.

A vibrant town centre with a mix of uses will activate its streets and places through the day and night, with a new community park a local focal point.

The creation of a high quality retail and hospitality experience in high activity areas close to the Metro station will provide a mix of products and services that contribute to a distinctive urban character and support daytime and night-time activation.

Retail and hospitality services will be externally-focused, open to the public domain to maximise opportunities for activation, rather than through inward-facing shopping malls.

Vast areas of public domain surrounding venues will be transformed into green, people-friendly spaces catering for a diverse community. Families, visitors and workers will be encouraged to explore gardens, promenades and play spaces. Recreational facilities such as basketball, skateboarding and playgrounds will be incorporated to break down spaces and activate them every day, not just during events.

The future public domain will have a strong thematic Connection with Country and unique design elements to create a sense of place a green spine connecting Boundary Creek to Haslams Creek along Olympic Boulevard, a greener urban core through expanded street tree planting and integration of habitats into external building surfaces through biophilic design.

Strategic Directions



Now

A quiet place day-to-day, waiting for events to occur



Artists Impression, Sydney Olympic Park 2050



Retail-lined streets (Burwood Rd, Burwood)



Concept Design - Floating Gardens by TZG/TCL, Stadium Australia Public Domain, Sydney Olympic Park

2050

A beating heart for people, buzzing with energy every day

Facilities for a growing community

Sydney Olympic Park will continue to be a regional and district recreational hub for the surrounding high growth areas, as well as provide local social infrastructure to support its local residents and workers.

New sites have been identified to deliver critical community infrastructure including schools, community hubs, public indoor/outdoor courts and new playgrounds.

The sites proposed are within easy walking distance from existing and proposed residential areas and will also be well connected to public transport by comfortable and vibrant streets.

Future social infrastructure in Sydney Olympic Park will be highly accessible and inclusive to create a strong sense of welcome and belonging, and include spaces that are flexible and multi-functional to support the diversity of people and uses.

New facilities will be diverse in their provision, with opportunity to provide for Country (and the elements of Country) within all new development.



Marrickville Library designed by BVN (photography by Brett Boardman)



Chevron Parkland, within Stadium Park at Optus Stadium (Perth)



Highgate Primary School (Perth)

Strategic Directions



Now

Dedicated facilities for elite sports and limited facilities and spaces for residents

2050

Provision of diverse community facilities including school, community hubs, public indoor, outdoor courts and new playgrounds

Awakening the Armory

Newington Armory will be a vibrant destination for celebration of history and a place for connecting with Country, culture, ecology and recreation.

Newington Armory is a hidden cultural gem in the Sydney Olympic Park parklands with significant Indigenous, European and defence heritage and is listed on the NSW State Heritage Register.

The site will be further opened up to be more accessible and welcoming to the growing community of Sydney Olympic Park, as well as surrounding local communities. It will be the Western Sydney hub for culture, ecology and sustainable living – a place for people in nature, for respite and relaxation with improved connections from the Parramatta River, adjoining suburbs and future Parramatta Light Rail stops.

This exciting reinvention of the Armory will take into consideration its unique and sensitive ecological interface with Newington Nature Reserve and complement the existing formal play spaces in Blaxland Riverside Park.

Building upon the success of Murama Healing Space and Dance Ground, the Armory will transform into a significant and exemplar social and community space for both the local Wangal people and broader community. The existing heritage buildings will be restored and adaptively reused for commercial, cultural and community use, breathing new life and activation into this special place.

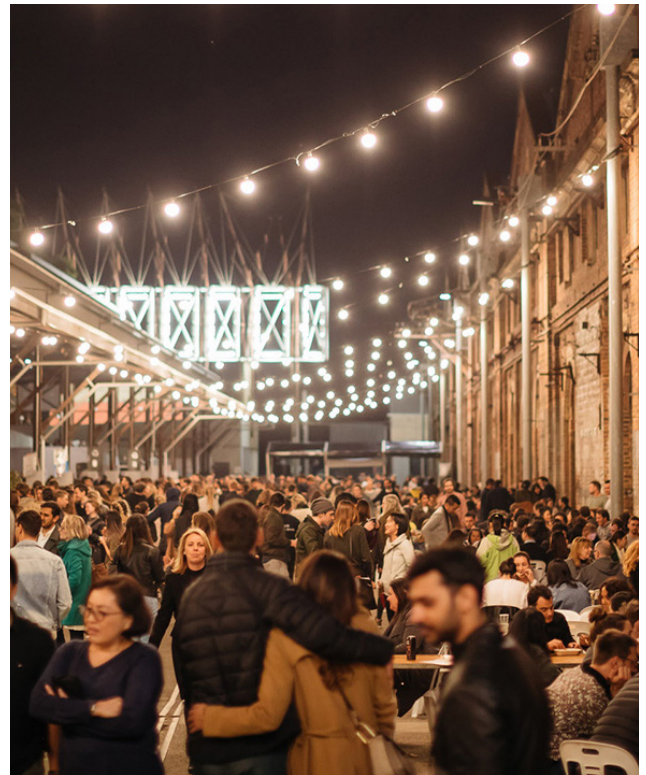
A defined connection to the river adjacent to the Armory will help deepen the connection to Country. Ecological connections will be strengthened along the river. The uses of Murama will be expanded to engage with the river and the notion of the river will be brought in to the Armory in a reciprocal exchange between the two areas in a social, cultural and environmental sense. The Armory will celebrate all six elements of Country with a directed focus on Water Country, Move with Country and Non-human Kin Country.

Strategic Directions



Now

A hidden cultural gem with Indigenous, European and defence heritage



Evening outdoor dining and events, Carriageworks (Redfern, Sydney)



Camping (Cockatoo Island, Sydney)



Murama Dance Ground (Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park)

2050

A vibrant destination for celebration of history and a place for connecting with Country, culture, ecology and recreation

Unlocking spaces for the community

In 2050, the growing population of Sydney Olympic Park will require additional spaces for more intensive outdoor recreation, community buildings and other development.

These additional spaces will be obtained through both the shared use of existing facilities and through the further clean-up of remediated sites where possible to do so.

Master Plan 2050 will explore potential new sites that can be unlocked for development and social infrastructure and re-programming of existing sports venues to become multi-purpose and multi-functional.

Future social infrastructure will be multi-purpose and flexible and have the ability to transform into different spaces that cater to the varying needs of the community at different times, days and seasons of the year.

The benefit gained through unlocking these sites extends beyond the Sydney Olympic Park boundary, providing adjacent areas like Wentworth Point and Newington with new recreation opportunities on their doorstep.



Green Square Plaza and Library (Green Square, Sydney)



Play and performance space above car parking (Lane Cove, Sydney)



Multi sport facility alongside community housing (Toronto, Canada)

Strategic Directions



Now

Multiple low use sites across Sydney Olympic Park

2050

Opportunity sites unlocked for social infrastructure and re-programming of existing sports venues to become multi-purpose and multi-functional

Restoring Boundary Creek

Hidden between the GWS Giants headquarters and the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre, Boundary Creek is an ecological corridor in the southern area of Sydney Olympic Park.

Master Plan 2050 seeks to celebrate and take better care of this important ecological asset through the re-naturalisation of the riparian corridor and expansion along its southern edge to include recreational spaces which are significant opportunities for more tree canopy and habitat. Buildings within this area can integrate enhanced ecological measures to improve the performance of the space and blur the lines between for the environment, Country and the built form. Elements of Country can be utilised to ensure a deeper connection to the environment within the area.

Boundary Creek will become the green space for the southern neighbourhood, providing opportunities for the community to enjoy the area's unique rejuvenated landscape and active transport connections through to Bicentennial Park in the east and the Pippita Rail Trail to Lidcombe towards the west.



Restored waterway in the city (Christchurch, New Zealand)



Landscaped waters edge (Cheonggyecheon, South Korea)



Interact with the water (Sydney Park, Erskineville)

Strategic Directions



Now

Under-appreciated creek, wedged in amongst sports facilities

2050

The green space anchor for the southern neighbourhood, providing opportunities for the community to enjoy a rejuvenated landscape

Haslams conservation and recreation area

Haslams Conservation and Recreation area will become a haven for outdoor adventure and a destination that connects the surrounding communities with water and nature. It will enable opportunities to bring people closer to ecological areas and to increase an awareness of the regeneration of threatened ecosystems.

Sydney Olympic Park hosts a range of formal and informal sports facilities adjacent to Haslams Creek including Wentworth Common playground, Sydney BMX Club, Sydney Olympic Park Archery Centre and the soon to open Wave Park facility. These sit alongside the ecologically sensitive Haslams Creek.

Master Plan 2050 will embrace these activities, along with the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 to create a multi-experience space for ecology and recreation that will:

- Address part of the shortfall in community recreational facilities across both Sydney Olympic Park and Wentworth Point
- Provide opportunities to celebrate, learn about and care for the unique ecologies around Haslams Creek
- Provide greater social and physical connectivity for Olympic Peninsula communities through new and improved facilities, upgraded pedestrian crossing points and traffic-light intersections on Hill Road, Bennelong Parkway and Marjorie Jackson Parkway
- Remove large swathes of hardstand carparks and returning the land to nature, regenerating habitats and providing important ecological connections and new recreational opportunities.



Haslams Creek, Sydney Olympic Park



Nature play (Lizard Log Park, Western Sydney Parklands)



Wave Park (Melbourne)

Strategic Directions



Now

Fragmented sports and recreation spaces around an ecological corridor

2050

A haven for outdoor adventure and a destination that connects with the water corridor, natural ecologies with surrounding communities

Connection over the train station

As the urban core of Sydney Olympic Park develops, the existing T7 heavy rail train station and canopy will increasingly form a barrier between the Royal Agricultural Showground and the growing Sydney Olympic Park Town Centre.

There is an opportunity to integrate the station as part of a future development of the town centre through the possibility of over-station development, and provide new ways to move north/south in an active and direct manner.

At the street level, active frontages will replace the existing expansive non-activated edges of the station, and contribute to the vibrant street-life.



Over station development (William Street, Perth)



Connection and activation (Chatswood Station and interchange)



Integrated and unobtrusive station entrances (Copenhagen, Denmark)

Strategic Directions



Now

Singular function blocking pedestrian movement and activation

2050

An integrated station, contributing to its surrounds through connection and activation

More places, less parking

Sydney Olympic Park in 2050 will be 'car-lite' and pedestrian-prioritised, supported by Sydney Metro West and Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 along with an extensive network of footpaths and dedicated cycle lanes. Connections between neighbourhoods and parklands on the Olympic Peninsula will be strengthened through active transport links.

The 'car-lite' strategy will give the neighbourhoods back to the pedestrian and enable the design of streets for people which are cool, convenient, safe and energised all through the day and night.

Public car parking will be halved from 10,000 to less than 6,000 spaces enabling the re-purposing or redevelopment of these sites to provide additional green space, recreation and play spaces, freight hubs or even new homes and community facilities.

A long term transitional approach will be implemented to ensure that parking spaces are removed in line with the opening of significant public transport infrastructure such as Sydney Metro West and PLR Stage 2.

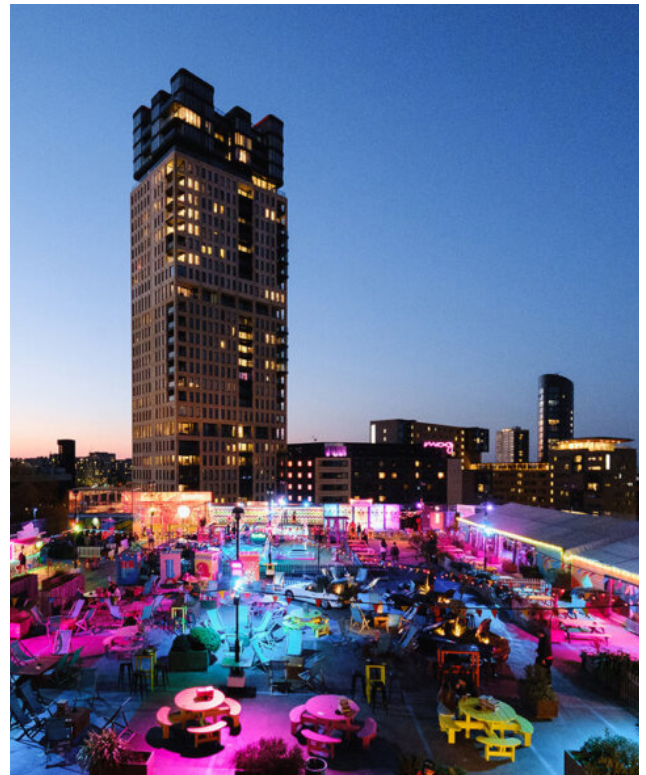
A component of car parking to support everyday uses and events will still be provided. Temporary coach parking on the fringes of the precinct will continue to be provided to support large scale events.

Strategic Directions



Now

Large areas of event public car parking in multiple locations



Rooftop East (London, UK)



Community uses above parking structure (Park and Play, Copenhagen)



Multi-use spaces within 1111 Lincoln Avenue (Miami, USA)

2050

Limited public car parking, located alongside everyday uses

Nature positive, carbon positive

By 2050, Sydney Olympic Park will be a nature positive, carbon positive and circular suburb, a place that offers 'Sustainability as a Service' to residents and businesses. Through innovative water, waste and energy systems, businesses will meet and exceed their own Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and net zero targets simply by taking a lease in Sydney Olympic Park. By utilising these principles, the precinct will also be considered Country positive, supporting the overarching pillars underpinning planning for 2050.

Sydney Olympic Park will build on its strong environmental legacy established by the 2000 Olympic Games and its current 6 Star Green Star Community Rating and be committed to:

- Carbon Positive by 2050 – as a whole suburb, including all new buildings to be carbon zero from day 1 of operations and independently assessed by a third party certifier
- Ecological protection – ongoing restoration targeting improvements to individual systems and target species, addressing historical damage and fostering long-term resilience and as a valuable carbon sink
- Retention of the 6-star Green Star community rating, and mandating a minimum 5-star rating for all residential development and 6-star for all other development
- Renewable energy and embedded district energy systems to manage energy for the community
- Biophilic design features at the forefront of design concepts and included as part of the planning guidelines
- Strong canopy cover targets for the urban core, and minimum green infrastructure requirements to reduce the urban heat island effect and ensure natural cooling for each neighbourhood
- Climate risk identification, mitigation, management and adaptation.

Strategic Directions



Now

A sustainability exemplar today



Education programs in Badu Mangroves, Sydney Olympic Park



Solar installation, Aquatic Centre, Sydney Olympic Park



Habitat integrated into building design (Singapore)

2050

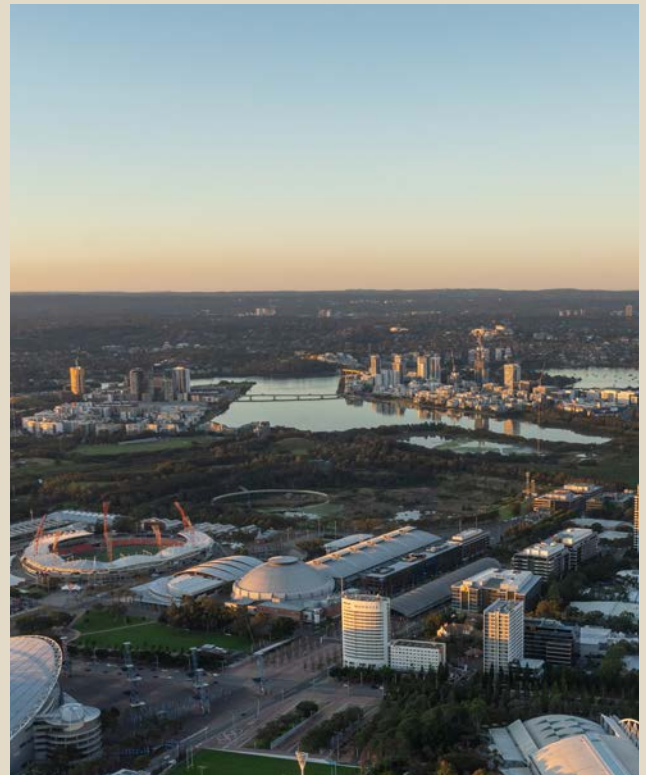
A nature positive, carbon positive and circular suburb, a place that offers "Sustainability as a Service" to residents and businesses

Outcome of Big Moves: Supporting Greater Sydney

Sydney Olympic Park is an important metropolitan and national destination for events, recreation and significant ecology.

Sydney Olympic Park will move from “just” an events precinct to a thriving suburb supporting Greater Sydney, through:

- Sydney Metro West and other significant transport infrastructure – A 15 minute suburb with access to and from Greater Sydney within an hour, through delivery of Sydney Metro West;
- Key worker and social housing – a precinct wide 30% target of affordable, diverse and socially equitable housing provided spatially across the suburb supporting Greater Sydney’s housing needs
- A commitment to Carbon Positive – No greenhouse emissions and a resilient suburb, with a subsequent lower cost of living
- Green infrastructure – a cool suburb providing canopy and green space and providing respite from extreme weather for humans and non-humans in the heart of the Central River City
- New community facilities – school and social infrastructure to support health, education and well-being not only for the local community but for the Central River City region
- Improved active transport – Improve pedestrian and cycling connections to community infrastructure and provide safer and easier access from adjacent areas
- Ecological regeneration – Protect and grow ecologically significant areas and ecological connections, along with provision of complementary ecologies in the built environment, to be enjoyed by everyone
- Connected to Country – Leverage knowledge of ancient systems to understand the landscape and environment resulting in efficient cultural, social and ecological systems.



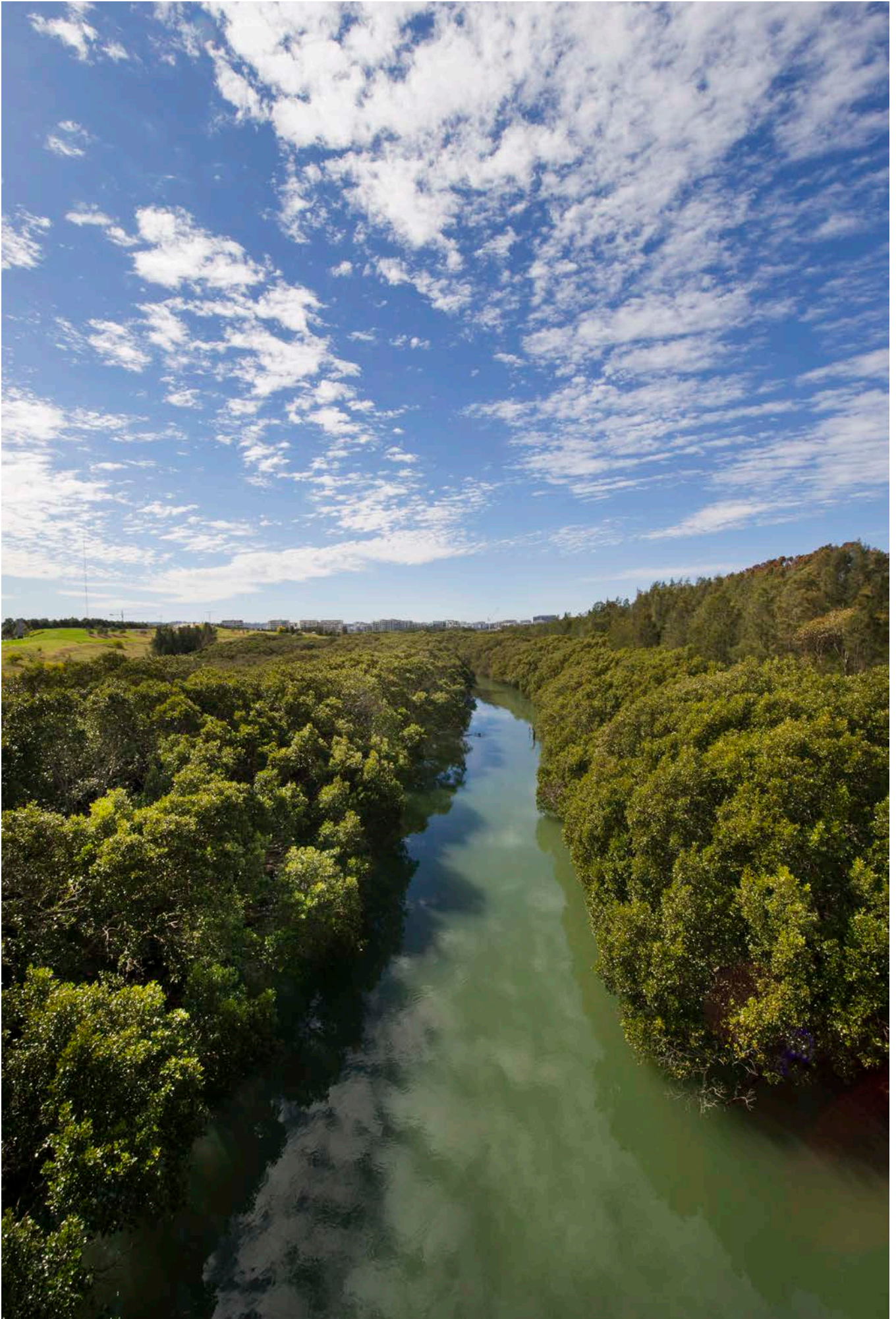
Aerial view north-east towards Wentworth Point and Rhodes



Shared paths, River walk



Newington and Haslams Creek



Powells Creek, Sydney Olympic Park

Foundational layers



Foundational Layers

The approach to Master Plan 2050 is framed by the idea that Sydney Olympic Park will be a dynamic place, understood through a series of diverse experiences for residents and visitors, human and non-human. These experiences will weave through a range of environments, across different times of the day, week and year.

The Strategic Framework layers shown on the following pages have been prepared with the understanding that Sydney Olympic Park will continue to evolve past 2050. It sets the baseline expectation for the development of Sydney Olympic Park by 2050, but also embeds flexibility to enable this place to be responsive to the changing context.

These layers are an indicative representation of aspirations for Master Plan 2050, which will be tested in future stages of the project.

When considered together these layers will realise the diverse outcomes for Sydney Olympic Park in 2050, as outlined within the Vision. The framework layers shown on the following pages include:

- Ecological systems
- Landscape and public domain
- Movement
- Community
- Land use

Structure Plan

The Structure Plan is the representation of the strategic and spatial direction for Sydney Olympic Park leading to 2050. It outlines the key structural elements including unique place characteristics, destinational and ecological attributes, and future revitalisation opportunities across the 640 hectares. These elements seek to build on the legacy of the site's transformation over the past decades since the 2000 Olympics.

The Structure Plan outlines a series of residential neighbourhoods, anchored by a mixed-use core with jobs, retail uses, vibrant streets and regional public transport links. These high amenity, walkable neighbourhoods, will each be supported by local services (e.g. corner shops and cafes), community infrastructure and open space, within a 15 minute walking catchment.

Opportunities for employment, cultural and arts production will be embedded across Sydney Olympic Park. This will include spaces for Aboriginal businesses, cultural practice and technology. This responds to needs highlighted through community engagement undertaken to inform the Vision.

Key elements of the Structure Plan include:

1. Potential for low impact seasonal camping
2. Major playground at Blaxland Riverside Park with enhanced river experience and connection to promote sense of place and Connection to Country
3. Renovated heritage wharf and plaza welcome space with food and beverage pavillions
4. Celebrate and conserve the heritage of Newington Armory. Adaptively reuse Armory magazine buildings for arts, culture, music and temporary events
5. Recreation loops
6. Murama indigenous dance ground and Healing Space, a hub for an enhanced connection to Country, the River and adjacent ecologies
7. Introduce eco-play into Woo-la-ra designed sympathetically to conservation of native grassland habitats and site remediation constraints. Maintain access paths and regenerate buffers to Newington Nature Reserve's Saltmarsh/Mudflat, Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forst and Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest
8. Community facilities such as playground and outdoor gyms along the edge of Wool-la-ra
9. River Walk
10. Future Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 bridge

11. Surf wave park (under construction)
12. Relocated BMX track
13. Walking loop
14. Potential for community facilities (picnic tables and shade structures), passive recreation and pathways on Kronos Hill and expanded habitats
15. Brickpit loop walking and running path with community facilities and pavillions around its edge
16. Brickpit retained as conservation area
17. River walk – Badu Mangroves link
18. Royal Agricultural Society Centre of Excellence with street frontage to Olympic Boulevard, providing agricultural education and food and beverage experiences including integrated native food production
19. Event coach parking
20. Olympic Boulevard Linear Park
21. Edwin Flack recreation spine
22. Cathy Freeman Park
23. Metro station and plaza
24. Central civic area
25. Active pedestrian priority streets
26. Bicentennial Park, community facilities and loop
27. Sports and publicly accessible recreation space
28. Boundary Creek
29. Upcycling, utilities and maintenance hub





Ecological systems

In 2050, Sydney Olympic Park will be an exemplar high density, nature-positive suburb that showcases how development can actively contribute to the regeneration of local and regional ecological and hydrological systems

Overview

Sydney Olympic Park comprises a series of intertwined ecological systems which extend well beyond the study boundary. It is a biodiversity hotspot with significant environmental and ecological value. This is a place where people can breathe the delicate fragrances of native flowers, hear the chorus of endangered frogs, see an eagle soaring to the sky, and feel at peace within mangrove forests.

These ecosystems are part of an ongoing restoration project, commenced as part of the Sydney 2000 Olympics. This project has targeted improvements to individual systems and targeted species, addressing historical damage and fostering long-term resilience. So successful has this work been, that 72% of the parklands and 48% of Sydney Olympic Park are classified as ecological conservation lands (304 hectares). These flourishing urban ecosystems support over 400 native plant species, over 250 wildlife species, three endangered ecological communities, and 100 hectares of inter-tidal wetlands. Key habitat types include grasslands, bushland and forests, and freshwater and inter-tidal wetlands. Each of these very different habitat types supports a different range of native wildlife.

Understanding that Sydney Olympic Park is located in the heart of Sydney, there are a number of impacts on ecological systems that need to be considered as part of *Master Plan 2050*. These include habitat fragmentation, the impact of new development, building reflectivity and light on sensitive ecologies and the changing climate.

As part of a holistic approach to Sydney Olympic Park, the urban core will be seen as key in contributing positively to the health, scale and quality of ecological systems and to Country.

The approach to ecological systems will continue to be informed by discussions with the NSW Government, key stakeholders and First Nations people.

Master Plan 2050:

The approach to natural systems seeks to:

- Retain, enhance and expand existing ecologies to enable them to flourish, including the Newington Nature Reserve, Badu Mangroves and Haslam's Creek
- Extend and expand ecological systems to provide benefits to both human and non-human occupants
- Reinstate/improve degraded ecologies in conjunction with recreational opportunities including Boundary Creek
- Connect existing environmental systems to create a continuous network with parts of the P5 carpark
- Improve managed access to natural systems to raise awareness about the ecosystems of Sydney Olympic Park and improve public amenity
- Have continuous and connected canopy throughout the urban core which will assist in urban cooling
- Improved wayfinding to celebrate the diverse ecologies of Sydney Olympic Park and improve legibility of connection between spaces.
- Facilitate opportunities for implementation of Indigenous land management techniques and methods (e.g. fire management, cultural burning), food production and harvesting
- Prioritising endemic planting strategies with relation to fauna habitat e.g. Tall eucalyptus attract predatory noisy minor birds, reducing habitat potential for small endemic birds
- Upgrade Newington Nature Reserve River Walk to improve estuarine ecologies and extend of these into the Armory to promote integrated cultural and environmental systems
- Respond to future environmental fluctuations as a result of climate change and prioritise creating resilient ecosystems.





Landscape and public domain

In 2050, Sydney Olympic Park's public domain will be a hive of activity day and night, weekday and weekend.

Overview

Landscaped and public domain spaces comprise over half of Sydney Olympic Park's area. Whilst much of this area is for ecological conservation there are two additional distinct landscapes of the town centre public domain and the surrounding Parklands.

Located on the traditional lands of the Wangal, the Sydney Olympic Parklands are one of Australia's most successful large urban parklands.

Developed as part of Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, the 430ha of Parklands are an enduring representation of the Australian Government's commitment to delivering the first 'Green Games' and a key part of the Olympic Legacy.

The 'Green Games' commitment saw this contaminated site rehabilitated as a thriving oasis, with a huge diversity of functions and experiences. However, visitation today is concentrated into a few small sections of popular play spaces and occurs primarily on the weekend. This uneven usage pattern results in conflicts between park objectives, due to overcrowded facilities and conservation purposes.

The Sydney Olympic Park town centre public domain is characterised by mainly large public spaces that have been designed for crowds during major events and is heavily driven by these event requirements, often resulting in vast open spaces with few everyday uses, low canopy coverage and expanses of hardstand. These spaces subsequently lack the amenity and human scale to be comfortable for local residents.

Master Plan 2050 aims to bring the parkland character and ecology into the town centre leveraging the car lite opportunity and providing a network of cool, planted and shaded green streets connected into adjacent parklands. A vibrant mixed use core with diverse and welcoming spaces including smaller scale urban parks and plazas will provide greater opportunities to recreate. The public domain will be reimagined with new destinations and landscapes to complement the regular sporting and entertainment events, bringing new life on a daily basis, providing a valued community venue for the developing residential and employment context, and attracting day-today visitors.

Master Plan 2050

Master Plan 2050 will propose:

- A high street lined with active and varied shop fronts creating a vibrant town centre with a new community Park as a local focal point.
- A meaningful and iconic landscape and public domain that celebrates Country through strong thematic and unique design elements that create a sense of place
- An extension of the parkland character into the urban town centre through urban canopy and green infrastructure that creates viable, connected ecosystems of locally native species.
- New and upgraded parks and playgrounds, to facilitate local uses such as exercise and accessible play
- Car-lite streets with low speeds with separated bike lanes that are also shady and interesting for pedestrians
- A breakdown of the large swathes of public domain around sport and entertainment venues providing green infrastructure and active and passive recreational opportunities
- Equitable and inclusive public spaces and Parklands that are accessible to everyone, which provide continuous accessible paths of travel for those with disabilities to move without barriers
- A place of health and wellbeing that enhances social connection by providing a range of comfortable and multipurpose green spaces to sit, relax, stay or play
- A regenerative and resilient public domain including provisions to ensure the delivery of green spaces and 'cool zones' to mitigate urban heat.





Movement

In 2050, Sydney Olympic Park will no longer be considered an island, but a highly connected suburb linked to Greater Sydney's transport network.

Overview

Transport infrastructure investment such as Sydney Metro West, the proposed Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2, potentially fast rail and various gateway road upgrades are transforming Sydney Olympic Park. These transport projects along with significant investment in walking and cycling, innovative approaches to urban freight and servicing, will shape and support future development and unlock access to the globally recognised and locally cherished parklands. Corridors and paths for Sydney Olympic Park's fauna will continue to be recognised as part of the extensive active transport network which ensures the locations where the impact of human movement is potentially greatest can be minimised.

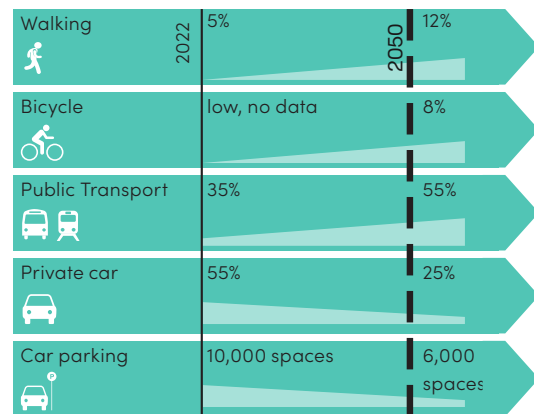
The evolution of Sydney Olympic Park's transport network will see a reduced reliance on private vehicles. This enables a reduction in the provision of car parking and allows streets and public spaces to be re-imagined. These re-imagined spaces and places will be supported by diverse street typologies in both the urban and parkland settings, creating interesting journeys for residents, workers, and visitors.

Street improvements will enable safer and more convenient movement around Sydney Olympic Park by all modes and abilities. Active transport journeys will be favoured for movement within Sydney Olympic Park with the development of pedestrianised precincts through low speed and shared streets. Master Plan 2050 will leverage the new and established transport network ensuring safe, direct, and comfortable journeys. This will facilitate the creation of healthy, liveable, and sustainable communities at Sydney Olympic Park and accelerate its journey towards decarbonisation.

Master Plan 2050

Master Plan 2050 will propose:

- Leveraging significant public transport investment including SMW and PLR2
- A multi-modal hub: a walkable core connected to various modes of public transport and micro mobility
- Reduced event car parking from 10,000 spaces to less than 6,000 spaces in line with the opening of Sydney Metro West
- Framing the car-lite centre with the four avenues of Australia Avenue, Kevin Coombes Avenue, Edwin Flack Avenue and Sarah Durack Avenue. These avenues will perform an important movement role, diverting major traffic around the car-lite centre
- Enhancing the active transport network based on the likely speed of travel to support active journeys of all purposes, by people of all ages, abilities and emerging technologies
- Introducing micro-freight hub(s) located on the edges of the town centre, supporting freight movement from large to small zero-emission vehicles
- Connecting into the Wentworth Point extension of the Parramatta to Sydney Foreshore Link



Mode share targets

- study area
- car-lite centre
- major road
- key streets
- cycle priority routes
- River Walk
- multi-modal hub
- gateways
- upgraded crossing point
- proposed traffic signals
- fauna underpass
- proposed light rail route (PLR2)
- Sydney Metro West location
- train station
- bus interchange
- light rail stop
- ferry stop
- micro-freight hub
- existing public car parking
- temporary event coach parking
- car parking with potential to be repurposed



Community

In 2050, Sydney Olympic Park will be a liveable suburb supported with the places, spaces and opportunities to connect for health, well-being and resilience.

Overview

Sydney Olympic Park is culturally diverse with a high proportion of people who have recently arrived in Australia. Master Plan 2050 will facilitate opportunities for social connection as well as celebration of the community's cultural diversity. This includes enabling night time activation, catering for increased demand for informal and social sports (such as half-court basketball and table tennis) and facilities that support large gatherings of family and friends.

Master Plan 2050 will identify places for free, informal and engaging spaces for children and young people to play, create, and learn in the outdoors. Master Plan 2050 will also identify inclusive spaces for the elderly to gather including dynamic exercise equipment and walking trails to facilitate elderly exercises. It will be a high priority to support a safe and healthy living environment.

The approach will be informed by a detailed Social Infrastructure Needs Baseline Assessment that assumes the minimum population in 2050 will be 28,650 residents (TZP, 2051). It considers a range of indicators including (but not limited to) existing community engagement findings, population growth and demographic characteristics, social infrastructure trends, benchmarking based on accepted standards, capacity and utilisation of existing social infrastructure, case studies and best practice.

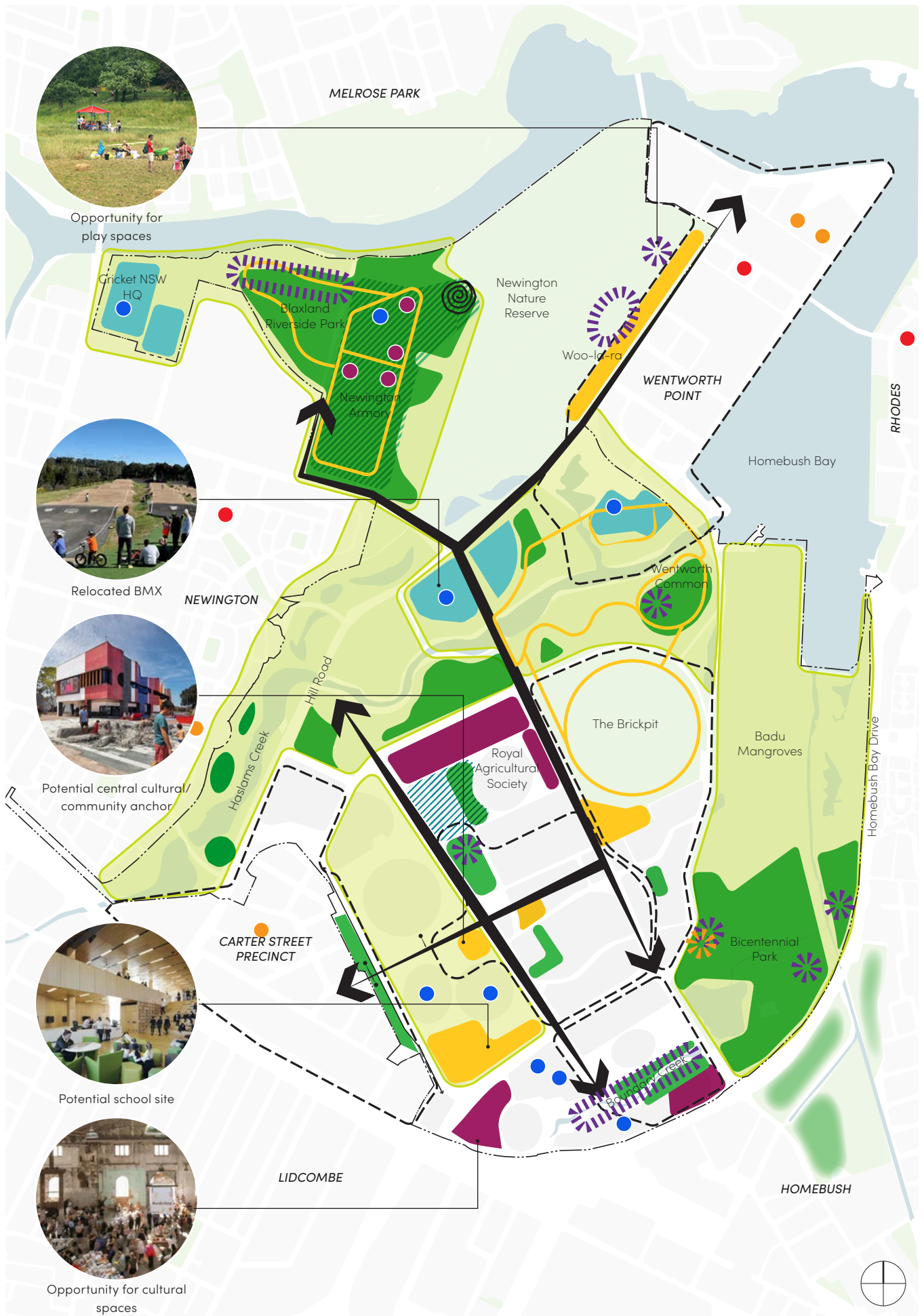
Opportunities for native food production, knowledge sharing and partnership around resilience and cultural practices could be integrated with the Royal Agricultural Society and proposed Agricultural Centre of Excellence.

Master Plan 2050

Master Plan 2050 will propose the delivery of additional community infrastructure to meet the minimum projected population. This will be satisfied either through the construction of new infrastructure or through the re-purposing of some existing assets or providing managed public access to existing facilities. The community infrastructure identified beyond the existing provision includes:

- One (1) community hub (minimum 2,865m² GFA) and library (minimum 2,000m²)
- 1-2 primary schools (subject to discussions with Schools Infrastructure NSW)
- 2-4 sports fields
- One (1) indoor recreation centre (minimum 7,500m²)
- Cultural production spaces, including of spaces for Aboriginal practice, resources and connection to Country
- Four (4) multi-purpose outdoor courts
- 11 play spaces
- 2 outdoor fitness stations
- 1-2 community gardens
- Dog parks
- Informal recreation opportunities for children
- Recreation links and loops
- One (1) early childhood education and care centre.
- Spaces to connect with Country and aid in its healing. A key place for this is Newington Armory, building on the successes of Murama Healing Space and Dance Ground. Providing a connection to the river and into Blaxland Riverside Park will create greater learning and sharing opportunities for both local Wanggal people and the broader community.

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| --- study area | ● existing community hub |
| ■ proposed community infrastructure | ● existing/proposed schools |
| ■ open recreation space | ● outside of Sydney Olympic Park |
| ■ creative and cultural industries | ■ residential neighbourhoods |
| ■ urban sports and outdoor recreation | ✳ proposed and upgraded play spaces |
| ➔ key axes | ✳ dog off-leash area |
| /// Agricultural Centre of Excellence | ■ open and landscaped spaces |
| ● existing publicly accessible sports | |



Land Use

In 2050, Sydney Olympic Park will have transformed into a dynamic place that supports a variety of experiences for residents and visitors alike. These experiences will weave through a range of environments, across different times of the day, week and year.

Overview

The Vision establishes an aspiration to transform Sydney Olympic Park into a thriving suburb – “a place to call home” and highlights the need to better support its diverse existing and future population with a suite of land uses and diverse housing

A series of residential neighbourhoods will be anchored by a mixed-use core with jobs, retail uses, vibrant streets and regional public transport links. These high amenity, walkable neighbourhoods, will each be supported by local services (e.g. corner shops and cafes), community infrastructure and open space, within a 15 minute walking catchment. Opportunities for employment, cultural and arts production will be embedded across Sydney Olympic Park. This will include spaces for Aboriginal businesses, cultural practice and technology. This responds to needs highlighted through community engagement undertaken to inform the Vision.

Beyond these neighbourhoods, residents will be able to access district-scale open spaces, education, sports fields and recreation loops that tie into the unique landscapes of Sydney Olympic Park.

Alongside the delivery of Sydney Metro West in 2030, a reconsideration of the land use mix and arrangement at Sydney Olympic Park will encourage the development and delivery of the over 1 million square metres of unrealised gross floor area (GFA).

Master Plan 2050

Master Plan 2050 will propose:

- A series of distinct and identifiable residential neighbourhoods, each supported with recreation spaces and green infrastructure. The current Central Precinct (bordered by Dawn Fraser Avenue, Olympic Boulevard, Sarah Durack Avenue and Australia Avenue) will hold a key structural role as a civic focal point for the entire suburb, into which all surrounding neighbourhoods are tied
- Retention of areas classed for ecological conservation
- Retention of a number of elite sports and entertainment facilities
- Sites for additional community infrastructure will be co-located with areas of proposed residential. These build upon existing sites already highlighted through Master Plan 2030
- Provision of areas for respite and urban cooling threaded through the town centre and parklands
- A thriving town centre with a vibrant and varied public domain with active and interesting frontages
- Space for jobs within commercial and mixed use development, sporting and cultural venues, and incorporated into innovative dwelling designs.
- Provision of areas for creative and cultural industries within the town centre and other suitable suites and venues.





Land use concept plan

Next Steps

Timeline

Engagement will continue throughout the development of Master Plan 2050. Community insights from the past 5 years, including the Vision and Strategy engagement, have guided the Place Framework.

There will be opportunities at future stages of the project for the community to contribute to and shape Master Plan 2050.

To stay informed about Master Plan 2050, visit:

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