Refresh Vaucluse and Diamond Bay



Cleaning our blue backyard together

We are continuing our work to refresh the local wastewater system

From Watsons Bay to Dover Heights, our wastewater system is incomplete. A legacy of Sydney's early wastewater network, the wastewater from this part of Sydney is not treated. Rather, it is discharged directly into the ocean at three locations along the cliff face at Vaucluse, Diamond Bay and Dover Heights. We're working to change this.

Since our latest update, we have been working closely with Woollahra Council and Sam Crawford Architects to develop the concept for the new amenities in Parsley Bay. We would like to share the draft concept plan with you here.







Artist impression showing the entrance to the female and accessible facilities next to the kiosk. Landscaping plan is currently under preparation.

Finding the best option

As part of the Refresh Vaucluse Diamond Bay project, Sydney Water will be constructing a new pumping station at Parsley Bay. The new pumping station will be located at the site of the existing amenities block.

To ensure the best possible outcome, different options were examined in collaboration with Woollahra Council as possible new location of the amenities. These options included building a new amenity block in the park, which would have either impacted or required removal of trees or reduced the amount of usable recreational space within the reserve.

After weighing up the benefits and impacts of each option, the preferred option is to utilise the ground floor in the existing Caretaker's Cottage, as it has the least impact to the reserve. The new location of the facilities, which is centralised within the reserve, will be an improvement over the existing location as it increases safety and convenience for patrons visiting Parsley Bay. It will also improve the appearance of the cottage including additional landscaping around the exterior.

Another benefit of locating the facilities within the existing building is the reduction of visual impact it will have on surrounding residents and we save a lot of trees.

The new Parsley Bay amenities facility

The new amenities will provide the same or more facilities compared to the existing amenities block. It will include separate male, female and accessible/family toilets and change facilities.

The entrance to the female and accessible facilities will be next to the kiosk while the entrance to the male facilities will be on the side of the building along Horler Avenue.

Building in the Caretakers Cottage

There will be no impacts to the rest of the Caretakers Cottage and we are committed to minimising the impact to the exterior as much as possible. However, some minor modifications will be required to increase accessibility and natural light to the new facilities.





Artist impression showing entrance to the male facilities on the side of the building along Horler Avenue.

The planned changes are:

- replacing one of the side windows with a door to the male bathrooms and relocating the adjacent window
- · adding a small window to the female bathroom
- the existing garage will be turned into the accessible bathroom
- removing the existing garden bed in front of the female bathrooms to improve access
- creating a path and retaining wall next to the male bathroom entrance to allow access to the new facility
- · landscaping around the cottage.

We will not impact the Kiosk or any upper levels of the Caretakers Cottage.



Artist impression of the floor plan of the facilities.

Next steps

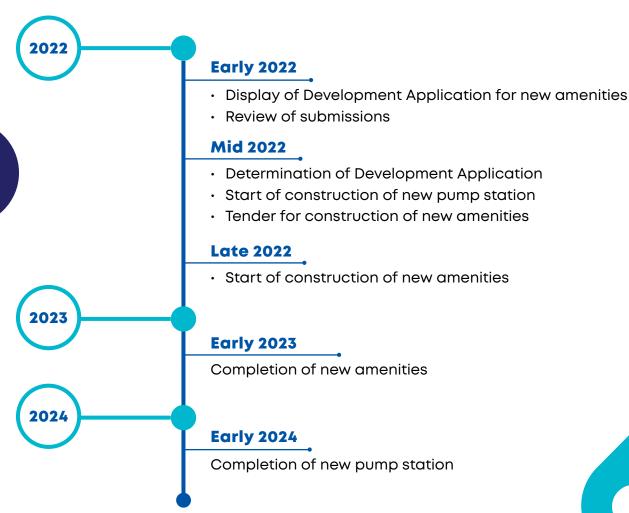
Sydney Water will start preparing the necessary documentation to lodge a Development Application with Woollahra Council for the new amenities in the first quarter of 2022.

We are keen to get your feedback on the proposal before lodging the application with Council so we can incorporate the feedback in the design, where feasible. You can provide feedback via email to ParsleyBay@sydneywater.com.au or visit sydneywatertalk.com.au/vauclusediamondbay.

Sydney Water is still committed to ensure amenities remain accessible throughout our work in Parsley Bay. At this time, we expect it will be necessary to provide temporary amenities while work is carried out on the new pumping station and construction of the new amenities.

We will continue to work closely with Woollahra Council and the community on the Parsley Bay works and will provide more detail to the local community as the work continues.

Indicative timeline for Parsley Bay works



Get in touch

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