

Refresh Vaucluse and Diamond Bay



August 2024

Cleaning our blue backyard together

Below the cliffs of Vaucluse and Diamond Bay, untreated wastewater flows directly into the ocean. It's time for change and we're continuing to work to ensure this iconic area of Sydney gets the blue backyard it deserves.

In June this year, construction started on the Refresh Vaucluse Diamond Bay project. Renewing the wastewater system in Vaucluse and Diamond Bay offers multiple benefits—improving the harbour and coastal water quality, as well as protecting the health of the community and marine ecology.

The Refresh Vaucluse and Diamond Bay project at a glance

- Two new pump stations (one in Parsley Bay and one in Eastern Reserve).
- 3kms of new pipeline to connect the Parsley Bay pump station and the Eastern Reserve pump stations to the Bondi Water Resource Recovery Facility.
- Upgrading existing and installing new wastewater infrastructure including vent shafts and maintenance holes.
- In December 2023, Sydney Water appointed Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure (ACI) to build the pump station at Parsley Bay as well as the pipeline to the Bondi treatment plant.
- In June 2024, the project team held a traditional Smoking Ceremony to mark the start of the construction of the project and honour the traditional lands of Birrabirragal Country at Parsley Bay.

Project Updates

What's Happening in Parsley Bay



Construction has started in Parsley Bay

We started early construction work for the new pump station at Parsley Bay in June 2024. Our project team has set up the construction site at the Parsley Bay Reserve car park with fencing and environmental management controls in place.

For the safety of our workers and the community Horler Avenue is closed to traffic. Pedestrian access will be maintained on Horler Avenue for pedestrians with prams or limited mobility.

Traffic controllers are onsite to assist at times when there are construction vehicle movements and material deliveries. The walking tracks on Fitzwilliam Road, Hopetoun Avenue and The Crescent are open to pedestrians.

Vegetation clearing within the project boundary

From mid August the project must undertake vegetation clearing for a few days at Parsley Bay, weather dependant. The clearing of vegetation will allow the project to complete an assessment of the ground conditions where the new infrastructure will be constructed and help prepare for the construction of the new pipelines connecting to the new pump station. Around 17 trees, including a mixture of mature and juvenile are to be removed as part of this work. The project will also trim the vegetation along Horler Avenue to allow construction equipment to access the carpark and project site safely.

As the project progresses, the project team will also prepare a landscape management plan with Woollahra Council, including their Bush Regeneration team, and local Bushcare group on our plans to rehabilitate the area.



Smoking Ceremony celebrates World Environment Day

On 5 June 2024, the project team held a traditional Smoking Ceremony to mark the start of the project and honour the traditional lands of Birrabirragal Country at Parsley Bay.

The project team participated in the Smoking Ceremony to acknowledge the ancestors and to pay respect to the land and waters of Country. During the Smoking Ceremony connection to Country and Mother Earth and the importance of caring for Country was acknowledged.

The Traditional Ceremony also acknowledges Sydney Water's Reconciliation Action Plan and our commitment to protect, manage and preserve the land and waters of Traditional Owners when we deliver our projects.

What's coming up

In Parsley Bay



Caretaker's Cottage and amenities block

The new pump station at Parsley Bay will be built on the site of the old amenities block. The new amenities block will be on the ground floor of the Caretaker's Cottage and will include new showers, toilet facilities and disabled access. The project is installing temporary toilet and shower facilities in the park. The temporary facilities will be in place prior to the existing toilet block is demolished. We anticipate that the demolition and construction work will start in September 2024.

In Rose Bay

Carlisle St, Rose Bay

In September 2024 we will start preparation work including, potholing, service locating and surveying before we construct an underground pipeline in Carlisle Street.

The pipeline will run the length of Carlisle St from the intersection with Fernleigh Avenue and connect to the existing pipe in Dover Road which transports wastewater to Bondi for treatment.

The pipeline will be installed underground using an underground boring machine to minimise impacts on traffic and the community. **The project team will be holding a community drop-in session on August 28, 2024** to answer your questions and provide more information about the scheduled dates for pipeline construction in early 2025 and our plans to manage access and traffic during our work.

In Diamond Bay

Eastern Reserve Pump Station

In May 2024 we met with the community at Eastern Reserve. At this meeting we recorded feedback from the community about the pump station and the location of Sydney Water assets near to residents in Eastern Avenue. We are now working on the detailed design for the pump station which incorporates community feedback, and we will meet again with the community towards the end of 2024.



Upcoming project community drop-in sessions in Parsley Bay & Rose Bay

Come and meet the project team

Date: August 28, 2024

Where: The Scot's College Early Learning Years Centre, 2 Carlisle St, Rose Bay

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Come and learn more about what we are doing at Rose Bay in the coming months, including the work on Carlisle Street. We look forward to seeing you there!

Come and meet the project team

Date: September 7, 2024

Where: Parsley Bay Reserve

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Meet the project team and learn more about the Refresh Vacluse and Diamond Bay Project and what we are doing at Parsley Bay.



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