

Birchgrove Wharf upgrade



An artist's impression of the proposed new Birchgrove Wharf viewed from the water

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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The NSW Government is upgrading Birchgrove Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program. Planning for the new wharf is currently underway and as part of the planning process we would like to hear your feedback on the proposed concept design.

BACKGROUND

Transport for NSW is improving Sydney's ferry services for customers. New and upgraded wharves are being delivered as part of the NSW Government's Transport Access Program. This program has most recently delivered upgraded facilities at Cremorne Point, Mosman Bay, Balmain East, Pyrmont, Meadowbank and McMahons Point, and work to upgrade Chiswick Wharf began in February.

THE NEW BIRCHGROVE WHARF

The upgraded wharf is designed to provide customers with an improved public transport experience.

The new wharf would incorporate a new floating pontoon connected to the existing timber waiting shed by an aluminium gangway and fixed bridge. The pontoon would have a curved roof, new seating and glass weather protection panels. The gangway would be uncovered. Some maintenance work would be carried out on the existing waiting shed. Minor landside work to install bicycle racks and a Kiss and Ride area is also proposed.

The upgrade would provide:

- ▶ Better protection from the wind, rain and sun
- ▶ Improved seating and waiting areas
- ▶ Improved safety for customers
- ▶ Quicker and more efficient ferry boarding and disembarking
- ▶ Effective wayfinding signage and lighting.

Consultation to hear community and stakeholder feedback about the wharf upgrade was carried out in April and May 2015. The concept design for the wharf have been developed taking in consideration feedback and the local operational and environmental conditions.

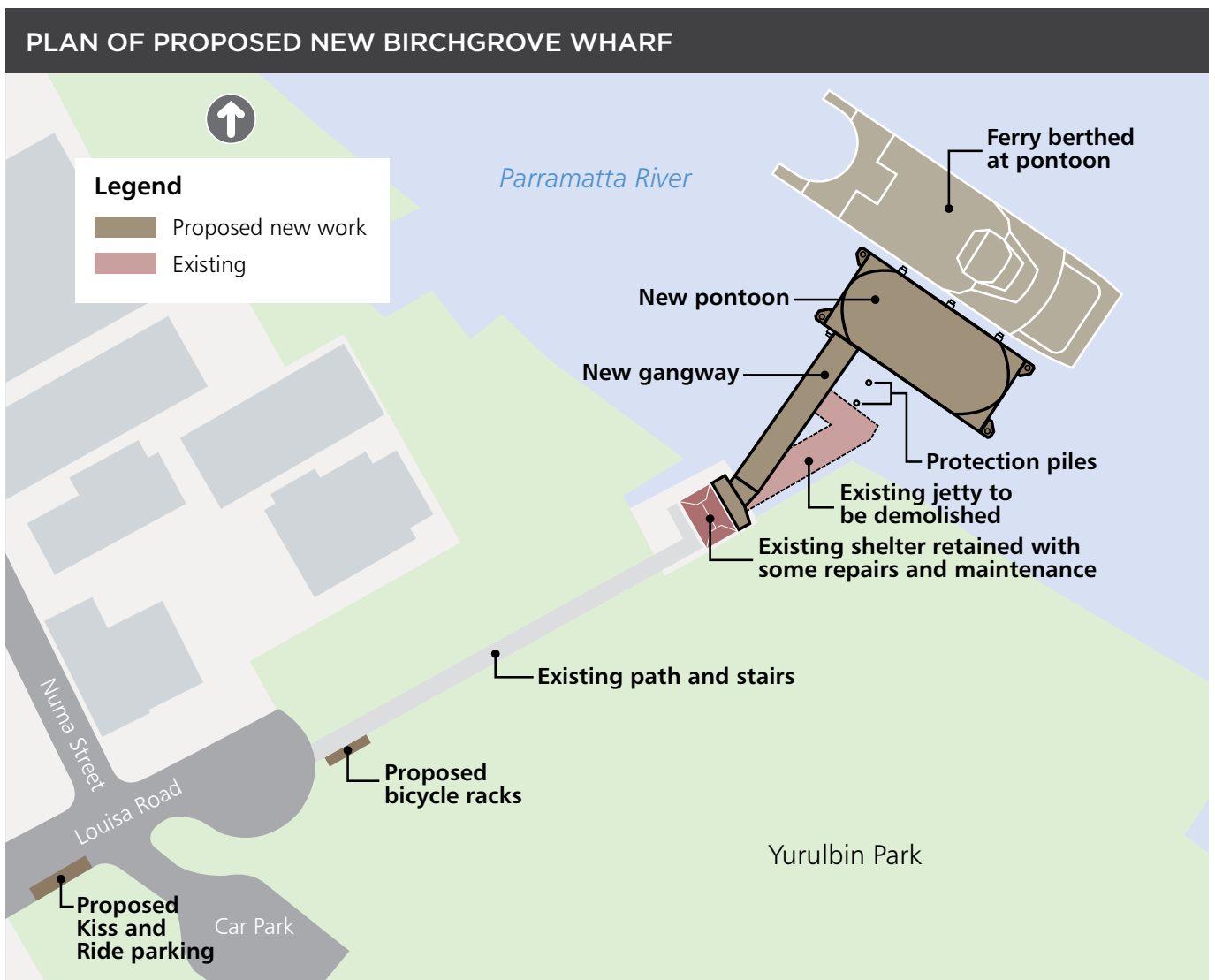
We look forward to hearing your feedback on the proposed concept designs by Tuesday 28 March.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE UPGRADE

The timing for work to upgrade the wharf will be advised when the planning process and design development is complete. Construction would take about five months, weather and maritime conditions permitting.

As planning progresses construction details for the proposed upgrade would be considered in the Review of Environmental Factors, which would be put on public display for comment before start of work. It is expected that:

- ▶ Birchgrove Wharf would be closed during the upgrade
- ▶ Some night work would be required when the water is at its calmest
- ▶ A temporary construction compound would be established on land
- ▶ Construction workers and equipment would usually be transported to and from the site by water.



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Birchgrove Wharf would be closed during the wharf upgrade. Customers would be able to catch the 441 bus service, operating between Grove Street Birchgrove and the QVB Market Street, direct to the city or to connect with other bus services on Victoria Road.

The temporary closure of Birchgrove Wharf would not affect the timetable for ferry services to other wharves.

Customers are encouraged to allow extra time for their journeys and to plan their trip by visiting **www.transportnswinfo** or by calling **131 500**.

NEXT STEPS

Feedback from consultation on the proposed concept design will be included in the Review of Environmental Factors. This document will be publicly displayed for comment before start of work is finalised. Construction timing will be confirmed as the project progresses.

Concept design developed taking into consideration, future ferry services, improved accessibility and local operational and environmental conditions

Consultation on the proposed concept design

We are here

Feedback received during consultation is considered in the preparation of final design and the Review of Environmental Factors, which considers and assesses the potential environmental impacts associated with the wharf upgrade

The Review of Environmental Factors is put on public display for comment

Any submissions received are considered and included in a submissions report

On determination of the Review of Environmental Factors Submissions Report planning for construction will start

Timing for the start of work will be advised when the planning process is complete and the Review of Environment Factors is finalised



The existing wharf viewed from the water

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

We invite you to come along to a community information and feedback session at the Balmain Town Hall Meeting Room, 370 Darling Street, Balmain on Tuesday 14 March 2017. Members of the project team will be available to provide information about the project. You are welcome to drop in any time between 5pm and 7pm at:

Venue: **Balmain Town Hall Meeting Room**
370 Darling Street
Balmain

Date: **Tuesday 14 March 2017**

CONTACT THE TEAM

If you would like further information about the Birchgrove Wharf upgrade you can

Phone: **1800 770 973**

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@rms.nsw.gov.au

Visit the Roads and Maritime Services website:
rms.nsw.gov.au/wharfupgrades



The existing Birchgrove wharf



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Arabic

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Greek

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Italian

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Korean

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Vietnamese

Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số **131 450** và nhờ họ gọi cho Roads and Maritime Services qua số 1800 770 973.



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