

Kamay Ferry Wharves

Community update

October 2023



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Gweagal and Bidjigal people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The NSW Government is replacing the previous ferry wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell as part of the Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell Master Plan.

This notification provides an update on the work we've completed and what's next.

Seagrass translocation complete

We have partnered with experts from the University of NSW and local Kamay Rangers to implement the Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy (MBOS) – a strategy to ensure no net marine biodiversity loss in Botany Bay as a result of the construction of the wharves.

This work includes *Posidonia australis* seagrass translocation, rehabilitation and monitoring activities. The first stage of the plan – to relocate *Posidonia* from the project impact area at Kurnell to nearby restoration areas – has been successfully completed, with around 13,000 seagrass shoots relocated.

To protect the seagrass restoration area there is a 'no anchoring zone' marked by yellow buoys.

Work to collect naturally detached *Posidonia* fragments from beaches around Botany Bay and replant into restoration areas has also already commenced.

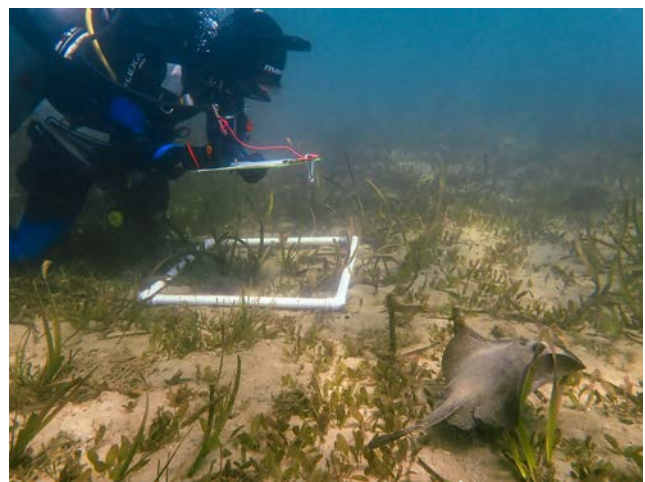
As part of our long-term MBOS monitoring program, monitoring and surveys of the seagrass rehabilitation and reference sites are being carried out. Information will be shared on our project documents webpage.

You can also attend an online community education forum – see last page for details.



Image above: Scientific diver plants *Posidonia* seagrass into a restoration area at Kurnell. Biodegradable jute matting was used in places to help anchor the plants into the seafloor.

Below: Monitoring survey work was carried out in October. Images by UNSW.



Learn more in the 'Posidonia seagrass and seahorse protection' infosheet on our project documents webpage



Snapshots of work completed to date

Viewing platform removed at Kurnell

The steel and timber has been recycled and the existing steel storyboards placed within the national park so they can continue to be viewed.



Tree protection installed at Kurnell

Trees within our site compound have been protected.



Temporary causeway / access structures installed at both sites

The causeway provides a level and sturdy base for equipment to operate from. Material, like a blanket, was put down first to provide a barrier. Rock and concrete blocks were then used to build up the structure. Image below shows the causeway being installed at La Perouse.



At Kurnell, we have also installed a temporary jetty structure off the causeway, as the water is too shallow for a barge to operate in the inshore area. Silt curtains (seen in yellow in the following image), are used as an

environmental control to contain sediments if any are produced as part of the works.

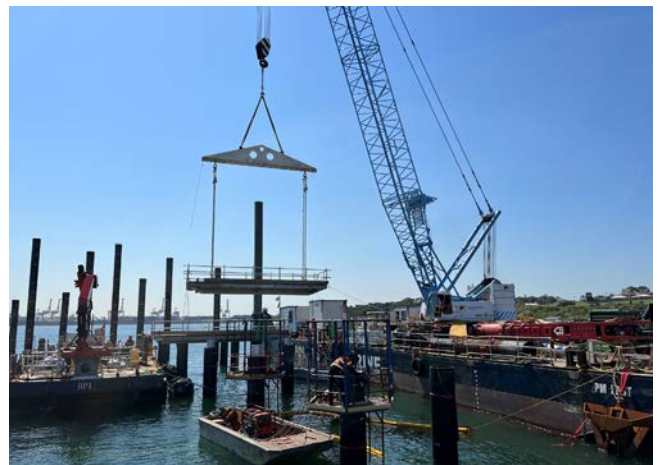
Once the wharves are complete, the temporary jetty and causeways will be fully removed at both sites.



Piles and headstocks installed

So far, around a third of the piles (the posts that hold up the wharf) have been installed at La Perouse and Kurnell.

We have also installed three concrete support beams (called headstocks) onto the wharf piles at La Perouse (shown in the image below)

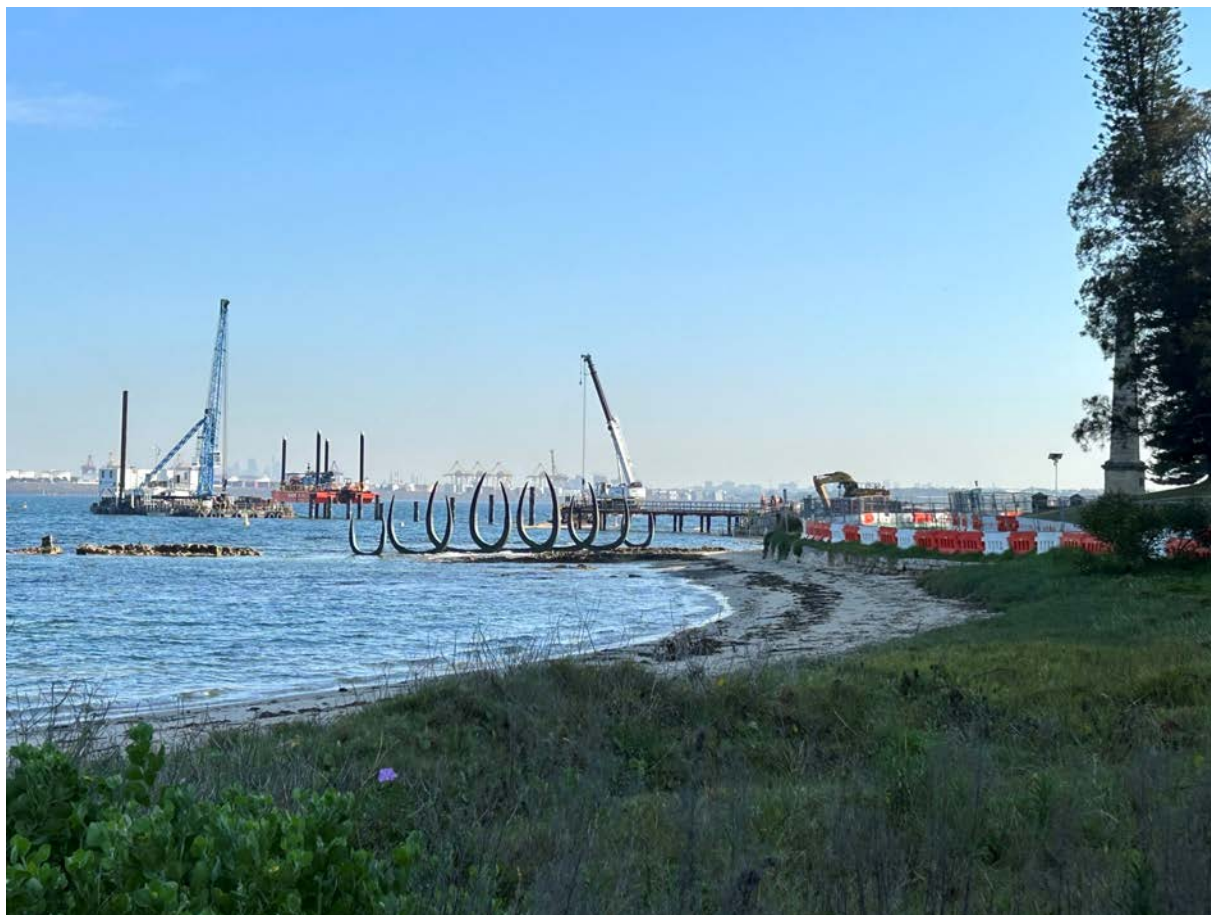


Before work started, Syngnathid/seahorse and Black Rockcod inspections took place, and we implement various processes such as slow starts to any impact piling works, to deter marine mammals from the area. There is also a marine mammal observer who keeps an eye out for certain marine fauna and work stops if they come near the work zone during our impact piling.

Learn more in the 'wharf construction' infosheet on our project documents webpage



Kurnell Wharf progress (at 12 October 2023)



La Perouse Wharf progress (at 10 October 2023)



Stories of Country

You can catch a glimpse into the Stories of Country being incorporated into the wharf designs on our site fencing shade cloth at Kurnell and La Perouse.

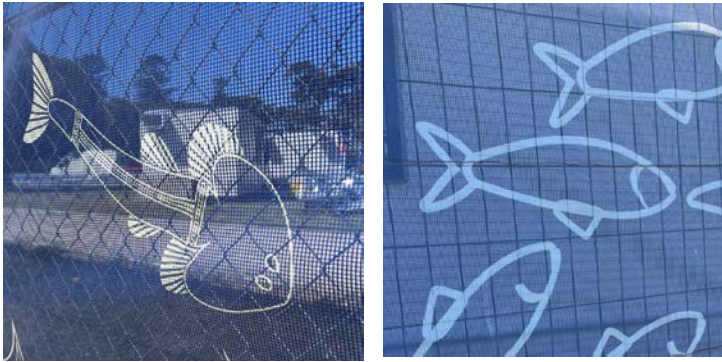


Image above left: Artwork at Kurnell by Shane Youngberry. **Right:** Artwork at La Perouse by Jordan Ardler.

What's next

Over the next few months, you will see us:

- continue installation of wharf piles and support beams
- remove minor asbestos as per the Remedial Action Plan
- start rock breaking and excavation for the La Perouse wharf approach structure around the end of October for about one week
- install water services at La Perouse from late October and at Kurnell from early November
- receive equipment deliveries.

Register for our community forum

Our next community education forum will be an online session with the University of NSW to provide an update on the seagrass restoration work.

- Wednesday 1 November
- 6pm to 7.30pm
- Online

Register via the QR code and provide your questions.



We will send you the online session link prior to the event.

Presentations from previous community forum sessions are available on our project documents webpage.

Safety on the water

A reminder that a maritime exclusion zone is in place around our work zones at Kurnell and La Perouse for the safety of all. **Please stay outside of the yellow marker buoys.**

Thank you

We'd like to thank the community for your continued feedback and for sharing your memories and interesting historical stories from the area.

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