

Kamay Ferry Wharves

Community update

February 2024



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 so far, design features of the new wharves, and our upcoming work.

Snapshots of work completed to date

Piling

All steel wharf piles (the posts that hold up the wharf structure) have been installed at both sites. There are 46 piles at La Perouse and 48 piles at Kurnell (image below shows work at Kurnell). We are completing final adjustments to ensure the piles are at the correct depth and height.



Wharf support beams and deck / walkway

The wharf pre-cast concrete support beams (called headstocks), and planks for the base of the wharf deck / walkway, continue to be installed at both sites. So far, 34 wharf deck planks have been installed at Kurnell and 70 planks at La Perouse.

Image below shows the La Perouse Wharf deck planks and temporary fencing for worker safety.



Wharf approach

At La Perouse, the retaining structure steel and concrete for the wharf approach was installed (image below shows this structure being built).



Water and electrical service work

At La Perouse, we have completed permanent power connection. We've installed water infrastructure and reinstated the grass in front of the La Perouse Museum. Sydney Water connection work is planned soon.

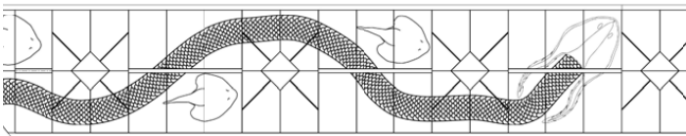
At Kurnell, we've finished water service connection work near the corner of Captain Cook Drive and Prince Charles Parade.



Features of the wharves

As the wharves start to take shape, we wanted to share a few of the interesting design features.

- Each wharf has been designed specifically for the area. They are unified using simple **materials of timber, steel and concrete**, which take inspiration from the previous wharves as well as traditional boat and ship material and design. This helps to tie the wharves to the sites' maritime and fishing history.
- **Wide walkways** allow for safe and comfortable movement of people along each wharf.
- **Custom designed timber seating** at the wharf entry, and in key spots on the wharf, allows different views of the bay and to key local sites. There are several seat designs to support sitting, leaning, resting, reflecting and gathering.
- **Weather protection** is provided via a covered seating area. The roof columns take inspiration from trees.
- **Integrated Aboriginal artwork** will be sandblasted into the concrete jetty and included within the roof ceiling via perforated metal and fibreglass panels, allowing the artwork to also be enjoyed via sunlight patterns created on the deck. The image below shows part of the ceiling design plan for the Kurnell Wharf.



- The wharf **concrete is specially coloured** in a shade that takes inspiration from the local landscape.
- Lighting has been carefully integrated into the landscape and architecture elements, including **LED lighting in the handrails**. It's programmable with motion detection and dimming, ensuring a sustainable approach.
- The berthing deck is perforated to allow water through at different tide levels, it also allows wharf users to **see the water below** through the small openings in the deck.

- **Commercial and recreational berthing elements** will enable berthing of vessels up to 20 metres in length.
- **Life buoys and ladders** are provided for safety.
- The wharves are **accessible**, and connect into existing walkways/footpaths, providing safe, comfortable and inclusive access including for people using prams and wheelchairs.

In future community notifications, we'll share details about the wharf entrance design and landscaping.

See artist wharf impression images below (for illustrative purposes only).

Kurnell Wharf



La Perouse Wharf



You'll find more information in the Urban Design and Landscape Plan, available on our project documents webpage.

Ferry service and Wharf Access Policy

Transport is continuing to work on the future ferry service and wharf management plan. We will keep the community updated.

We thank you for your patience as this work progresses.

Kurnell Wharf construction progress (23 January 2024)



La Perouse Wharf construction progress (23 January 2024)



Site safety

The safety of the community and our workers is our highest priority. Please stay outside of our construction zones on land and water. The site is closely monitored by security staff and cameras.

Seagrass restoration

Posidonia australis seagrass restoration work is continuing. Naturally detached *Posidonia* fragments are being collected from beaches across Botany Bay (see image below of Gamay Rangers and work experience students collecting fragments). The fragments are stored and then replanted into rehabilitation sites at Kurnell.



As part of our ten-year monitoring program, UNSW are conducting surveys to assess factors such as the increase in area, density, condition, and function of the seagrass rehabilitation areas, comparing them to the existing 'reference' sites. The first survey has been completed and the report will be shared on our project documents page soon.

If you'd like to learn more, check out our short video with UNSW and Gamay Rangers. Visit our website nswroads.work/kamayferrywharves

What's next?

Over the next few months, you will see:

- final adjustments being made to the depth and height of the wharf piles continued installation of wharf deck concrete planks

- Sydney Water connecting the water supply at La Perouse, and they will notify if there are any temporary interruptions to water supply
- water and electrical services run to, and along, the wharf structure
- delivery and installation of steel headstocks / support beams for wharf vessel berthing area (which will arrive by water)
- concrete pouring at places on site, including on the wharf deck
- installation of structural steel for wharf waiting area roof and timber and steel for the balustrades
- further equipment and material deliveries
- continued installation of the La Perouse Wharf approach structure
- electrical connection work at Kurnell.

Community drop-in session

Our next community drop-in session will be at La Perouse. We'll be joined by National Parks and Wildlife Service and colleagues from our Transport Aboriginal Engagement and Procurement team.

- **Tuesday 27 February**
- Drop-in anytime between 4.30pm and 6.30pm (join us for an informal walk near the site at 5.30pm)
- We'll be located near the site on Anzac Parade (weather permitting), La Perouse

Visit our webpage for the latest information.

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