

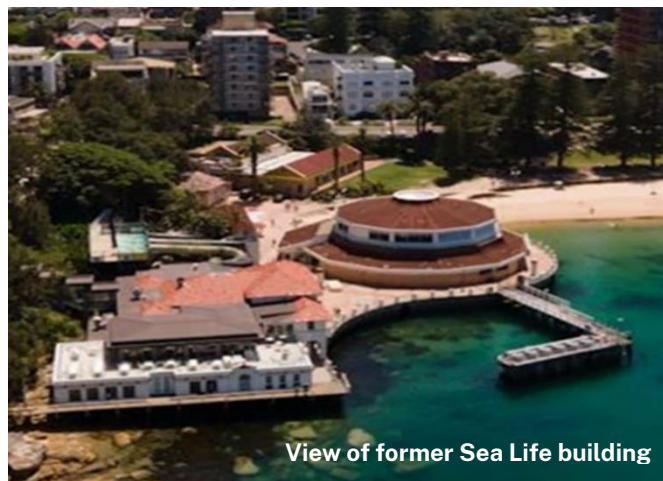
# Manly Cove West (former Sea Life)

## Project update

April 2024



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Northern Beaches on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.



View of former Sea Life building

Transport for NSW (Transport) is progressing plans to remove the former Sea Life building in the Manly Cove West Esplanade precinct.

In January 2022, Transport consulted with the community on the proposal to demolish the former Sea Life building and build a new boardwalk.

We heard general support from the community for the demolition of the building. We thank you for your feedback and support for the proposal.

### Where are we now

The former Manly Sea Life building is dilapidated and currently poses an ongoing safety risk as a result of continued unauthorised access.

In response to these safety risks and the visual impact on neighbouring businesses, the NSW Government asked Transport to prioritise the removal the building as soon as possible.

Transport will demolish the building to promenade level only, retaining the circular footprint for future public use.

The updated proposal will improve public waterfront access and the quality and functionality of the West Esplanade, provide more space back to the community and be the first step in meeting our commitment to revitalise the site.

Following demolition, the space will be opened for community use while we finalise revitalisation plans for the site. We are currently exploring temporary community activation opportunities to allow you to enjoy the space during this time.

During and after demolition we need to carry out a number of investigations to inform ongoing planning for the site.

We are exploring several options for the site's final use. All options will consider the area's importance to the local community and its Aboriginal heritage and include for example public art, educational installations or landscaping, which respects and celebrates the culture and history of the area.

Our ongoing planning will be guided by the outcomes of our investigations and your feedback.

### Let us know your thoughts

Please let us know how you would like to see this space used in the future via our survey. Your preliminary feedback will help inform our revitalisation planning.

You can complete the survey by visiting [nswroads.work/manly-cove-west-survey](https://nswroads.work/manly-cove-west-survey) or by scanning the QR code by 31 May 2024.



Options for the sites final use could include:



*Public open space for various community uses such as an open piazza or grassed area (example image provided)*



*Commercial food and beverage opportunities (example image provided)*



*Public space to encourage play such as fountains or seating (example image provided)*

We will publicly display the final use of the site and urban design opportunities for community consideration and feedback.

We thank the community for their patience during this work and look forward to the community's ongoing involvement.

## Next steps

In the coming weeks we will be doing some site preparation work to remove the water in the Sea Life tanks.

A small work area will be set up next to the building for this work.

We are now finalising our plans for the demolition and will start removing the building in the coming weeks.

We appreciate there may be impacts during the building's removal. We will do everything we can to mitigate and manage impacts during this time.

## Stay up to date

We will keep the community updated as the project progresses and let you know before we start work.

A project update will be provided later this year to keep the community informed.

We encourage you to sign up to our e-distribution list to stay up to date as the project progresses.

## Contact us

If you have any questions about the project or would like to speak with a member of the project team, you can contact us via:

- phone on **1800 770 973** or call our 24-hour Construction Response Line on **1800 775 465**
- email [manlycove@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:manlycove@transport.nsw.gov.au)

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