# Kamay Wharves



## **Update on seagrass monitoring and seahorse hotels**

The <u>Kamay Wharves</u> opened in late February 2025. This update is to provide you with the latest information on our Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy (MBOS) activities including seagrass monitoring and seahorse hotel installation.

### **Seagrass monitoring update**

Ongoing MBOS monitoring has been carried out to assess the *Posidonia australis* seagrass rehabilitation work at Kurnell.

The fifth <u>Seagrass Translocation</u>, <u>Rehabilitation and Monitoring progress report</u> is now available on our project website.

This was an additional monitoring activity to the overall monitoring program, that was carried out to assess any short-term impacts to seagrass density or condition resulting from the dense algal bloom that affected the Kamay Botany Bay area during October and November 2024.

The report concluded that in the rehabilitation sites, Posidonia australis shoot densities showed no significant negative short-term response to the algal bloom.

We will continue to monitor closely and provide updates.

You can view the seagrass monitoring report on the <u>project documents webpage</u> (scroll to: 'Marine biodiversity offsets and reporting', and then 'Monitoring reports', 'seagrass translocation, rehabilitation and monitoring report 5').



**Image above:** seagrass and fish in restoration site Scar E at Kurnell, taken in December 2024. (Image by UNSW).

#### Seahorse hotel installation

As part of our MBOS, we are providing artificial habitat for endangered White's Seahorse, called seahorse hotels.

Sixty seahorse hotels have been built and will be installed at four sites in Kamay, Botany Bay in the coming months. This includes at Frenchmans Bay and Congwong Bay on the La Perouse side and Inscription Point and Silver Beach on the Kurnell side.

The site selection was based on expert advice from Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) and consultation with multiple stakeholders including DPIRD Fisheries, Port Authority NSW, and the MBOS Panel.

You can find our <u>seahorse habitat implementation plan</u> on the <u>project documents</u> <u>webpage</u> (from page 215 within the MBOS), and pictures and information in our seagrass and seahorse infosheet.

#### Staying safe at the wharves

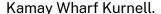
It's great to see people enjoying the new wharves. For your safety, and the safety of those you are supervising, please follow the signs.

Some key things to remember:

- Jumping, diving, climbing on structures, or swimming is not allowed from any part of the wharf
- Life rings, ladders and fire extinguishers are located on each wharf for use in emergencies only
- Responsible fishing is allowed from the wharves, with two areas on each wharf featuring a lowered handrail designated for accessible fishing
- We ask bike users to please dismount and push your bike on the wharf
- Transport cleans the wharves daily, but we need your help please use the bins provided and practice clean and respectful fishing (follow the fishing rule signs on the wharves)
- In case of emergency, please phone '000'. If you need non-urgent Police assistance, please contact Police on '131 444' (24 hours/ 7 days a week).

You can find more information on wharf safety and operation on our website.





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