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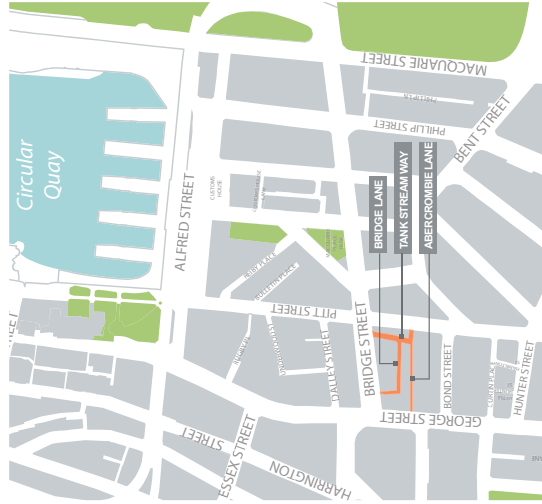
**CONCEPT DESIGN EXHIBITION PANELS
FOR ABERCROMBIE LANE, BRIDGE LANE
AND TANK STREAM WAY**

Introduction

This project is part of the Laneways Revitalisation Strategy developed by the City of Sydney to reclaim and revitalise Sydney's city centre laneways.

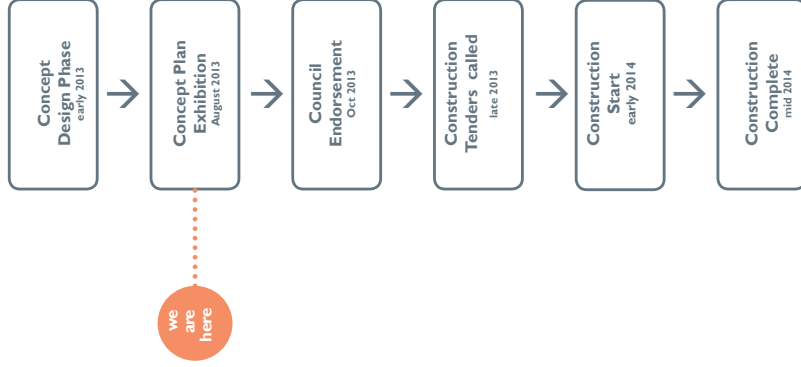
The upgrade of Abercrombie Lane, Tank Stream Way and Bridge Lane responds to the increasing pedestrian use of the lanes to access businesses. It aims to improve the safety and experience of pedestrians, and recognise the diverse history and cultural significance of this place. Maintaining access to service existing businesses within the precinct has been an important consideration.

We would like to know what you think about our proposed plans.



Project Steps

After initial investigations and consultation with key stakeholders, this concept design is on exhibition for public comment. Comments received will be considered in the design which will be recommended to Council. Once approved by Council, the project will proceed to detailed design, tendering and construction.



Proposal at a glance

The key features of the proposals are:

- The kerbs within Tank Stream Way are relocated to provide a widened footpath to the western side (between Bridge Lane and Bridge Street) and better pedestrian connection into the precinct from the north. The eastern side will be narrowed to maintain the carriageway for vehicles.
- Some of the parking/loading area on the western side of Tank Stream Way is converted to a pedestrian area to allow for a gathering space and opportunities for outdoor dining from the existing cafe.
- Two car spaces will be retained in Tank Stream Way to service local businesses. In addition, extended loading zone times will be sign posted in Bridge Street to better cater for early morning (prior to the clearway) loading and deliveries.
- At either end of Bridge Lane a paved, raised road platform will calm traffic and assist pedestrian movement across the lane entries.
- In Abercrombie Lane, selected areas are stone paved to mark entries and gathering zones.
- Improved lighting and interpretive signage are also proposed within the laneways.

Have your say

The proposed design will be on exhibition until XX August 2013.

View plans and have your say online at: sydneyyoursay.com

Or drop in and see the display at our One Stop Shop at Town Hall House, Level 2, 456 Kent Street, Sydney.

Or send your comments to Ilirra Margaritis, our Community Engagement Coordinator:

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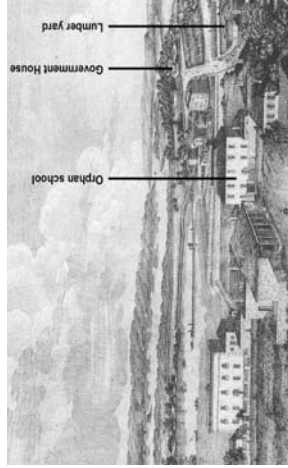
02—History of the lanes

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Evolution of the lanes

1812 Bridge St View of Lumber Yard

The Government Convict lumber yard was established by Governor Phillip on the southwest corner of Bridge Street and George Street (High Street) around 1800. Along with the dockyard, it became one of the biggest centres of convict employment in the early days of Sydney.



1854 Bridge St Terraces and Colonnade

Lots 7 to 11 Bridge Street of the former Lumber yard subdivision were granted to William Macdonald 1835. Here he built a row of 5 three storey terraces on the site. These substantial and elegant terraces had a rear yard backing onto Bridge Lane and the ground floor was used as a shop.



1867 Bridge Street Explosion

In March 1866, a terrific nitro-glycerine explosion at No. 17 Bridge street caused this building to be completely demolished and the surrounding buildings to be damaged. The blast from the explosion was so severe that every pane of glass between Pitt and George Street were shattered.



1910 Business Development

In 1894 a large allotment, was purchased by Holdsworth Macpherson and company, General Ironmongers. They demolished all the existing buildings and constructed a large purpose built retailing and commercial hardware store on the site in 1895. Part of this building remains today as the Establishment.



The laneways today





The existing fabric of Abercrombie Lane, Tank Stream Way and Bridge Lane is rich and diverse. The grittiness of the buildings and lanes will be retained. The proposed works will give the lanes a unified and improved character that maintains and celebrates a sense of place.

As pedestrians enter the laneways, the large granite flagstone paving typical of the city's streets, changes to new small-scale stone paving thresholds. In Tank Stream Way, this stone paving extends along the widened footpath making the space more useable and inviting. Stone paving will be installed at key thresholds and entries along Abercrombie Lane.

Existing stone kerbs will be retained in place, relaid or kept as inlays in the paving. Heritage stone gutters are proposed in Bridge Lane. Abercrombie Lane, Tank Stream Way and Bridge Lane will be resurfaced with asphalt.



Heritage stone gutters



Flagstone paving of city streets



Small-scale stone paving



Stone kerbs

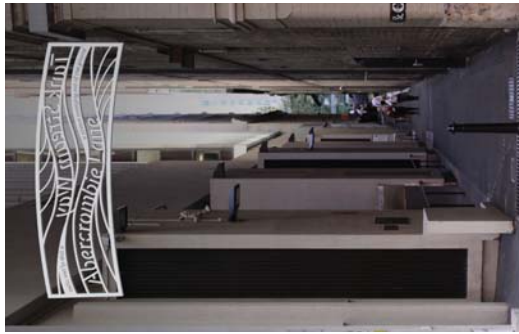
Artist Impression above Tank Stream Way and below Bridge Lane



A Water Resource

Sydney Cove is within the traditional land of the Gadigal people. The watercourse named the Tank Stream was an important source of fresh water for people living in Sydney before the arrival of European settlement.

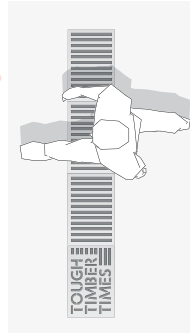
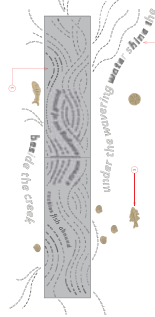
An archway sign guides foot traffic through the laneways. The text and graphic of the sign acknowledges the flow of the Tank Stream to Sydney Cove known as Warrane.



Environmental Changes

The Tank Stream and its change are an important part of the story of this site. The progressive reclaiming of land undertaken on the site illustrates the growing density of early Sydney.

The proposal includes words and images in the steel grated drains and paving to reflect the flora and fauna of the area and the stories of the lanes.



Early Commercial Enterprise

Located beside Sydney Cove this area has long term connections with shipping. As Sydney evolved, global shipping enterprises such as Burns Philip established headquarters on Bridge Street demonstrating Sydney's continued importance within the global shipping industry.

An interpretive treasure trail of shipping artefacts guides visitors along Abercrombie Lane. It is a narrative of the past and demonstrates prior use of the lanes, former businesses and cultural artefacts at the turn of the century.



Layers of the City

The evolution of Sydney is able to be read through trends like the development of high rises, commercial buildings, amalgamation of the earlier small blocks and narrow laneways. The site retains its pattern of small lanes, demonstrating the unplanned and fine-grained development of early Sydney.

Enamelled plates feature reworked and imagined old adverts, nostalgic illustrations, classic posters and vintage magazines that convey the former usage of the laneway's past. These panels form part of the treasure trail of small scale interpretative elements.

