

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Kim Woodbury, Chief Operating Officer

THROUGH: Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 7.3 – Wentworth Park – Vision and Structure Plan

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To provide additional information on consultation that has informed the Wentworth Park vision and First Nations engagement.

Background

At the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 20 October 2025, further information was sought on consultation that has informed the Wentworth Park vision and First Nations engagement.

The development of the City's vision and structure plan has been an iterative process informed by focused consultation with the community on the future of Wentworth Park (refer Engagement Summary Report) and a review of consultation associated with the following related projects:

1. NSW Government Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy (2020-2021)
2. Crown Lands Plans of Management (Wentworth Park) (2021-2022)
3. Ultimo Pyrmont Planning Framework (2024-2025)

Consultation for the City's Crown Lands Plans of Management process included targeted consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Consultation on the future of Wentworth Park in 2023 included consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This engagement was led by Murawin (on behalf of the City) and included School Walk on Country workshops, Yarning circle conversations and targeted interviews with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The purpose of the Vision and Structure Plan is to facilitate discussions with the NSW Government and stakeholders. Once removal of the greyhound facility and the return of the centre of the park for public open space has been confirmed, the City will undertake further public consultation and exhibit the draft Structure Plan and update the Plan of Management. This will include consultation with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, First Nations people and stakeholders.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are invested in the future of the site and have an interest in the park as evidenced by Land Claims made on Wentworth Park in 2009. The Claims were unsuccessful (as advised by the then Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in 2020).

Synthetic Cricket Wickets (pitches)

In response to discussions about synthetic grass, there are no existing or proposed synthetic fields at Wentworth Park.

There are 2 small existing concrete and synthetic grass cricket wickets (2.2m x 25m pitches) in turf grass ovals and practice nets. They do not have rubber infill crumb.

These are standard wickets for junior (under 10) community cricket to provide an even and safe surface for young, inexperienced and recreation players. Turf grass wickets are not appropriate on all ovals as they have uneven and irregular bounce and are only suitable for advance players and grade cricket games.



Photographs of the two existing cricket wickets at Wentworth Park

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