

Health and recreation highlights 2022/23

Our community enjoys access to spaces that enable healthy and active living and allow for a broad range of creative, sporting and recreational opportunities. We create and maintain spaces that enable social interaction, stimulate wellbeing, and support people at each stage of their lives.

A healthy, active and connected community

Sport and exercise as well as passive recreational activities are a big part of our life on the Northern Beaches. Council maintains hundreds of parks and reserves which include sportsfields, tennis courts, netball courts, golf courses, skate parks for the community to enjoy.

Each year, over 45,000 activities, sports and events are booked on our open space areas and sporting facilities.

Our professional Lifeguards are highly trained and proactive, providing safety and amenity at our 21 beaches, together with local Surf Life Saving volunteers. We record more than 10 million beach visits each year.

Operational program

- Completion of the Open Space and Recreation Strategy and implementation of its action plan
- Development of the Indoor Sport and Recreation Strategic Plan
- Implementation of the Sportsground Strategy

Active travel projects - \$10.5m

- New and upgraded Footpaths - [view locations here](#)
- Connecting communities footpaths and cycleways project between Newport and Avalon and Whale Beach to Palm Beach
- Queenscliff Headland access ramp
- Secure bike storage adjacent to the surf club building at Dee Why Beach

Playgrounds – \$6.2m

- Upgrades to Brickpit, Rabbett and Akora Reserves in Frenchs Forest
- New playground and carpark works at the beach end of Moore Road in Freshwater
- Upgrade of Jacka Park in Freshwater
- New shade and upgrade at Griffith Park in Collaroy
- Embellishment of Lynne Czimmer Park in Warriewood
- Upgrade of playground at Michaela Howie

Reserve, Dee Why Beach

Foreshore upgrades - \$ 4.7m

- Improved access and landscaping at Warriewood Beach
- Stairs at Wellings Reserve, Balgowlah
- Irrigation works at North Harbour Reserve, Balgowlah
- A bridge and boardwalk at Griffith Park, Collaroy
- Renewal works at Shelly Beach, Manly
- Seawall works at Bayview
- Sandstone bleachers and landscape improvements including demolition of 40 Stuart Street at Little Manly Beach
- Upgrade tidal pools at Clontarf Reserves, Clontarf and Paradise Beach, Avalon
- Landscape upgrades at Mona Vale

and Warriewood Beaches

Recreational trails - \$4.1m

- New pedestrian and cycle bridge at Narrabeen Lagoon, Narrabeen
- New boardwalk at Manly Dam Reserve, Manly Vale
- Renewals on coast walk between Dee Why and North Curl Curl
- Fern Creek bridge and shared paths, Warriewood
- Bridge replacement and stair renewal on Manly to Spit walk in Seaforth

Sports amenities – \$1.9m

- Completion of the Porters Reserve changespace at Newport
- Upgrade to Boondah Reserve amenities
- Upgrade to amenities at Pittwater Park Reserve Rugby Park

Sports facilities – \$1.3m

- Renewal of baseball nets at John Fisher Park, Curl Curl and Boondah Reserve, Warriewood
- Renewal of lighting at Seaforth oval
- Relining Avalon Skate Park
- \$100,000 in community grants for sports and recreation facilities
- New fitness equipment at Lionel Watts, Belrose and Forestville War Memorial Park

Reserve renewals - \$ 0.5m

- Restoring the heritage bridge, replacing fencing, lodging an application to demolish the childcare building, and preparing a vegetation management strategy for Ivanhoe Park, Manly
- Renewing the bridge at Tyagarah Reserve, Cromer
- Designing a new bridge for John Fisher Park (west), North Curl Curl
- Replacing the stairs at Whale Beach

Rockpool renewal - \$0.5m

- Planning for major renewal works at Avalon, Whale Beach and Mona Vale rockpools

Dinghy storage - \$40k

- Enhanced dinghy storage at Little Manly Reserve and at Sangrado Reserve in Seaforth

