

Cooks River Parklands Upgrade Stage Three Commencing



Artist's Impression: multi-purpose court

Too often the needs of young people are forgotten when public spaces are being designed.

That's why I'm excited to announce that we are about to start construction work on our new youth facility at HJ Mahoney Reserve, which is part of our \$65 million investment in parks, sports grounds and aquatic facilities over three years.

The work will include street art walls, a multi-purpose court, a flexible-use space for young people, skate-able concrete seating, a new shelter with picnic setting, a drinking fountain and new landscaping.

We are working to create a healthier community and aiming to provide a diverse range of amenities in parks for different age groups.

Importantly, we want to make this an environment that is inviting for young women and girls.

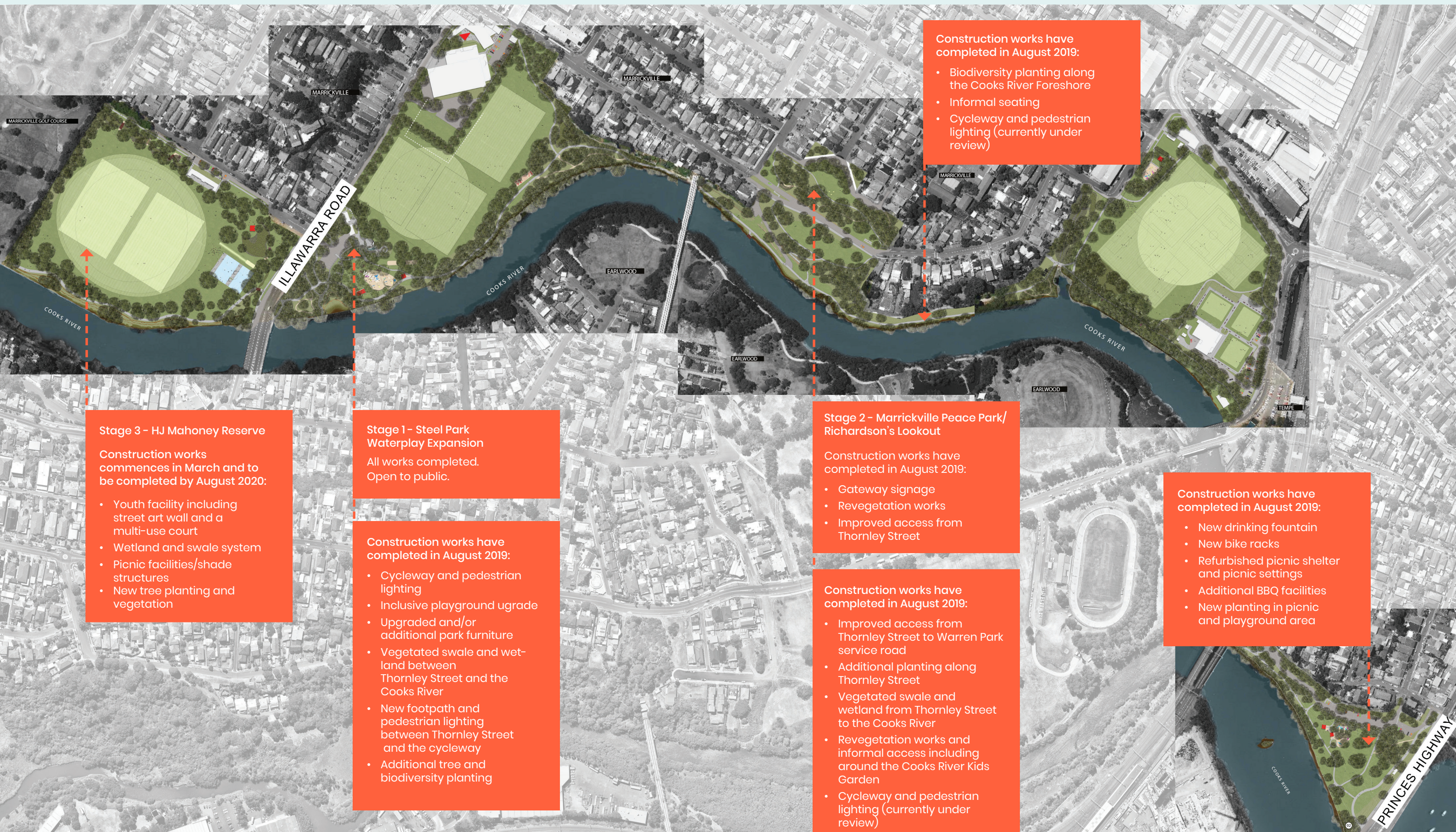
I look forward to seeing you at the opening of the new facilities at the end of July 2020.

Darcy Byrne

Darcy Byrne,
Inner West Mayor



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Construction works have completed in August 2019:

- Biodiversity planting along the Cooks River Foreshore
- Informal seating
- Cycleway and pedestrian lighting (currently under review)

Stage 3 – HJ Mahoney Reserve

Construction works commences in March and to be completed by August 2020:

- Youth facility including street art wall and a multi-use court
- Wetland and swale system
- Picnic facilities/shade structures
- New tree planting and vegetation

Stage 1 – Steel Park Waterplay Expansion

All works completed. Open to public.

Construction works have completed in August 2019:

- Cycleway and pedestrian lighting
- Inclusive playground upgrade
- Upgraded and/or additional park furniture
- Vegetated swale and wetland between Thornley Street and the Cooks River
- New footpath and pedestrian lighting between Thornley Street and the cycleway
- Additional tree and biodiversity planting

Stage 2 – Marrickville Peace Park/ Richardson's Lookout

Construction works have completed in August 2019:

- Gateway signage
- Revegetation works
- Improved access from Thornley Street

Construction works have completed in August 2019:

- Improved access from Thornley Street to Warren Park service road
- Additional planting along Thornley Street
- Vegetated swale and wetland from Thornley Street to the Cooks River
- Revegetation works and informal access including around the Cooks River Kids Garden
- Cycleway and pedestrian lighting (currently under review)

Construction works have completed in August 2019:

- New drinking fountain
- New bike racks
- Refurbished picnic shelter and picnic settings
- Additional BBQ facilities
- New planting in picnic and playground area

How are the works being funded?



Funds for the work are allocated from Capital Works and Stronger Communities Fund budgets. The project also received grant funding from the Australian Governments Improving Your Local Parks and Environment Grant Funding and Community Development Grants Programme.

Reducing impacts on park users and neighbours

Council requires its contractors to submit detailed plans as to how they will manage and minimise construction impacts on the local community, including noise, dust, parking, and access issues. Working hours will be between 7am and 5pm weekdays excluding public holidays.

What else is happening in the area?

Cooks to Cove GreenWay

The GreenWay will be built in a staged approach starting in 2020 and finishing in 2023. These stages are based on the type of works, location, land ownership and approvals required. Works will commence in Council's northern parks and along on road sections of the GreenWay first. Due to the complexity of works within the light rail corridor itself, these will take place last to allow more time for planning and design.

Check out the GreenWay Master Plan, Concept designs and how the community has been a part of the GreenWay at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/GreenWay

Marrickville Golf Course – plans are underway

In June 2018 Council asked for community input to help develop a Plan of Management and landscape Master Plans through an online survey and onsite engagement events.

You told us:

- Marrickville Golf Course and Club are important for well-being, exercise and community
- The course lands are a vital asset to the non-golfing community too
- Council needs to balance the needs of active golfers with those who want more shared access to safe walking trails
- Protect and manage wildlife, biodiversity, open green spaces and the river foreshore we are now developing plans using your input, which we will public exhibit.

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Council will use signage in the park to update on construction plans.

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