

Gateway

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BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC MUOGAMARRA Discovery Season 2012

Muogamarra Nature Reserve, located on the Pacific Highway, Cowan, across from Pie in the Sky, will be open to the public for its limited season on Saturdays and Sundays for six weekends from 11th August to 16th September, from 9am to 4.30pm. The entry fee is \$10 adults, \$5 children, \$25 family (two adults and three children). For guided walks, bookings are essential; phone 9253 0888 or go online.

The Reserve covers approximately 2500 ha and is managed by National Parks and Wildlife to preserve its unique diversity of flora and fauna. Over 900 species of plants were recorded in Muogamarra as early as 1945 and the variety of Hawkesbury Sandstone vegetation communities have undergone little disturbance thanks to the foresight of J D Tipper who created the "Muogamarra Sanctuary" in 1935.



Photo by Karen Arnold.

Learn more about the Aboriginal inhabitants, the early colonial days and the convicts and settlers who made their homes in this area. You can take a guided walk with a Discovery Guide or grab some track notes from the information desk and go on a self guided walk. The fabulous wildflowers, stunning views and wild walks, make this an annual event for families with small children and experienced bushwalkers equally. Pack a picnic lunch or just bring sturdy shoes, a hat, water bottle, binoculars, camera and a snack to enjoy this unique experience.

Brooklyn Community Association General Meeting

Saturday August 18th, 10am

the Meeting Room in the Health Centre

All are welcome to attend

Mains topic to be Hornsby LEP, DCP and the NSW Government Green Paper

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Peat Island Chapel Available for Use by People on The River

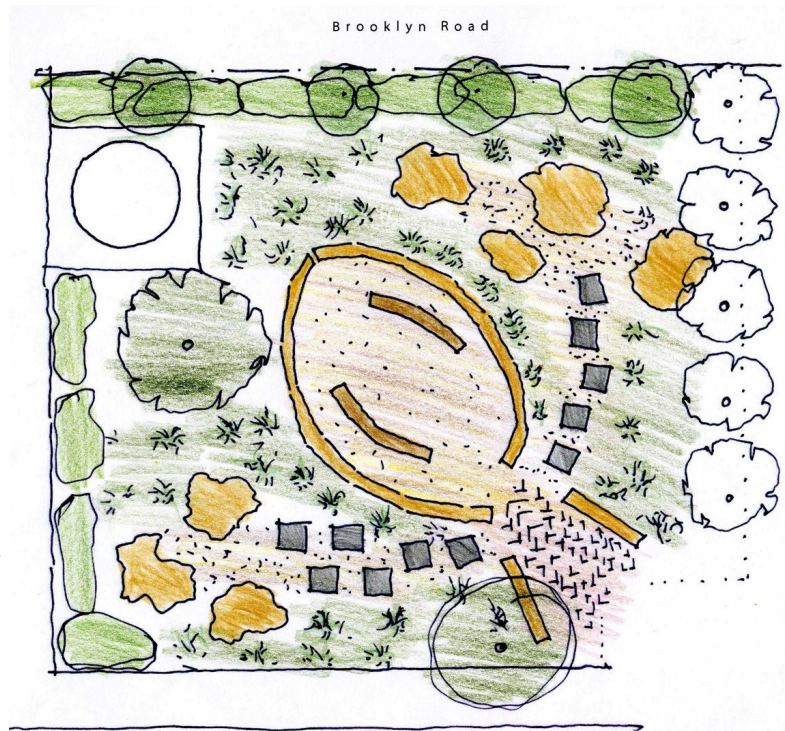
The Peat Island Chapel has been used by local people for baptisms, weddings, funerals and Sunday school since the mid-1950's and is still available for use. We understand that the Chapel was built by families of Peat Island residents. In recent times the Chapel has been used by the Brooklyn sub-branch of the RSL for a memorial service and by a local Mooney couple for their wedding. This is in addition to regular services: Catholic church people meet at 4:00pm every Saturday. A multi-denominational group meets at 10:00am on the second and fourth Sundays. And where is the Peat Island Chapel? Certainly not on Peat Island! The Chapel is just off the Pacific Highway at Mooney, opposite to the turn-off to the Club. If you want to use the Chapel please contact John Andrews of Mooney on 0418-276-492

Brooklyn School wins The Project Local Grant

Brooklyn Public School will build an outdoor learning area thanks to a \$2500 grant from the Project Local program which is sponsored by NewsLocal, the parent organisation of the Hornsby Advocate. The grant submission asked voters to imagine a garden space inviting shared thinking, collaborative learning and interaction. The vision included assembly and performing arts.

The Brooklyn School P&C requested funds to build the seating part of the outdoor learning area. The submission was chosen as a finalist by NewsLocal, and then the race really began as the grant was awarded based solely on the number of people who registered with Project Local and voted for the project. Through mailing lists at the Brooklyn Community Association, Moocheepa, and various Dangar Island groups, as well as the Brooklyn RFS community sign, everyone in the community was asked to register and vote for the outdoor learning area.

And it worked! One of the competing submissions was from a school with nearly 800 students; the fact that we won attests to the incredible strength of this community. Thank you to **every one** who took the time to support our school.



Draft Design of the Outdoor Learning Space

Seating: sandstone blocks and timber; sandstone boulders, accessed by concrete stepping stones.

Ground surface:

Crushed granite and recycled bricks, herringbone pattern.

Planting:

Native grasses; screen planting to Brooklyn Road; two native feature trees.

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Brooklyn and Environs - Program of Council's Works 2011-2017

The following is the scheduled work Council intends to undertake in the Brooklyn area over the next few years. Several of the projects are already underway. Our thanks to Cr Wendy McMurdo for supplying this information.

Year	Project	Estimated Cost	
2011/12	Local Road - Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn - Stage 1 - Wharf Street to No. 83 (Road reconstruction and provision of shared pedestrian/cycleway on northern side)	\$350,000	\$374,000
	Footpath - Between James and Government Rds - northern side	\$24,000	
2012/13	Foreshore - Brooklyn Wharf access road re-sheeting	\$191,000	\$771,000
	Foreshore - Dangar Island Pontoon (new)		
	Foreshore - Kangaroo Point Seawall Area 1 (Stage 2)		
	Local Road - Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn - Stage 1 - Wharf Street to No. 83 (Road reconstruction and provision of shared pedestrian/cycleway on northern side)	\$400,000	
	Lower McKell Park, Brooklyn -playground, park furniture and path improvements	\$180,000	
2013/14	Foreshore - Dangar Island Seawall Area 1 (Stage 1)	\$140,000	\$505,000
	Foreshore - Parsley Bay Loading Dock Strengthening		
	Foreshore - Parsley Bay Loading Dock access road re-sheeting	\$180,000	
	Upper McKell Park, Brooklyn - park furniture, paths and signage	\$150,000	
	Dangar Island - playground and park improvements	\$35,000	
	McKell Park - bush walking track		
2014/15	Drainage - Brooklyn - Bridge Street / Dangar Road	\$260,000	\$641,000
	Foreshore - Dangar Island Seawall - Area 1 (Stage 2)	\$171,000	
	Foreshore - Kangaroo Point Pump-Out Pontoon Rehabilitation		
	Foreshore - Parsley Bay Boat Ramp Reconstruction (Stage 1)	\$210,000	
	Brooklyn Oval - park and playground upgrade		
2015/16	Footpath - Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn - Stages 1-3 - north side - Cole Street to Wharf Street	\$210,000	\$381,000
	Foreshore - Brooklyn Wharf access road re-sheeting	\$171,000	
	Foreshore - Parsley Bay Boat Ramp Reconstruction (Stage 2)		
2016/17	Footpath - Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn - Stage 4 - north side - Cole Street to Wharf Street	\$70,000	\$306,000
	Foreshore - Kangaroo Point Seawall Area 2 (Stage 1)	\$171,000	
	Foreshore - McKell Park Tidal Pool Netting		
	Foreshore - Parsley Bay access road re-sheeting		
	Foreshore - Parsley Bay Breakwater Rehabilitation (Stage 2)	\$65,000	
	Brooklyn boardwalk -replacement of worn out asset		
6 year program Total			\$2,978,000

Brooklyn Environs - Other Works

Year	Project	Estimated Cost
2012/13	Kangaroo Point - Construction of new restaurant/cafe. Expected opening January/February 2013	Private development
	Council park upgrade including car park; wall restoration; retaining wall to rear; new viewing deck; landscaping.	about \$500,000
2017/19	Proposed establishment of sportsground at the Old Dairy site	Proposed \$1,600,000

Kangaroo Point Renewed

As Brooklyn's gateway, Kangaroo Point is a scenic wonder. The first five pound note depicted this iconic spot but the years have long taken their toll, that is, until now. Two viewing decks, a large picnic and recreation lawn area, a pathway with stairs and a formal car park are being constructed using money from Council's sale of the STP land to Sydney Water. A new privately built restaurant and kiosk will also add to the site's appeal.



Photo by Gail Glover

Health Centre Advisory Committee AGM and Cake Stall

The Annual General Meeting of the Brooklyn Community Health Centre Advisory Committee will be held in the Meeting Room at the Centre on August 29th at 1030am. Besides reviewing the work of the Committee over the last year and presentations by several representatives of the Health Department and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, a new committee will be elected by those community member attending. Morning tea will be served afterwards.

A cake stall is also being held to raise money for the Centre's activities and all are welcome to just drop in and buy without attending the meeting.

If you would like to support the work of the Health Centre and add your voice to what goes on, you are welcome to join the Committee. Just pick up a nomination form from the Health Centre.



Photo by Mathilde Kearny-Kibble

Council Addresses Brooklyn Road Flooding Problem



Photo by Karen Arnold

Substantial work has been done by Council between 55 and 87 Brooklyn Road constructing drainage, kerb and gutter, and sealing road pavement. All of this work is intended to improve drainage and safety and to reduce maintenance along Brooklyn Road in advance of the shared path.

Some residents were inconvenienced for several days as the work progressed, cutting off some driveways from road access but the eventual reduction of storm water flows over the road will be welcomed.

Unfortunately, construction has turned into a nightmare as workers have encountered contaminated soil, pipes and cables, all needing to be sorted out before work can proceed. The pile of drainage pipe will be sitting there for some time. Nothing in Brooklyn is ever easy or straightforward.

Damaged War Memorial Rebuilt with Dignity and Care

The Brooklyn War Memorial was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, 15 April as the Royal Australian Navy Band conducted a recital in the park while locals and dignitaries gathered. The official Unveiling and Dedication Service began with the Navy Chaplain from HMAS Watson dedicating the Memorial followed by presentations from local politicians, RSL representatives and the Brooklyn Sub-Branch. The Brooklyn Fire Brigade ran a "Sausage Sizzle" and a military bus featuring a Vietnam War display was very popular with many locals taking advantage of the opportunity to remember and explain to younger people this important part of Australian history. Locals were invited to wear the medals of their ancestors and lay a wreath in memory of their loved ones.