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**Rose Bay Seaplane Facility upgrade**

Community Update – August 2015

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**Background**

Seaplane services have operated in Rose Bay since the 1930s. Rose Bay was the initial home of international flights to Sydney.

The facility is on Roads and Maritime owned land at Lyne Park, Rose Bay. In 2007 Sydney Aviation, the owner of Sydney Seaplanes, won a bid to manage and maintain a seaplane facility at the site and has continuously leased the site since.

The existing facility was originally installed around 25 years ago. Roads and Maritime reviewed the site and determined it was in need of upgrade and repair.

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Executive Director the Sydney Business Chamber Patricia Forsythe said “Sydney Harbour is Sydney’s jewel and the seaplane is a popular service to showcase Sydney. The upgrade is well overdue and will create a facility that will enhance Sydney’s reputation as a global city.”
In May 2010 Sydney Seaplanes submitted a development application for a new building for the Rose Bay Seaplane service. The development application was placed on exhibition and the community and stakeholders were invited to make submissions.

In response to feedback, significant amendments to the original facility proposal were made, including a reduction in size.

The revised plans were placed on exhibition and in January 2011 following assessment, development consent was granted by NSW Maritime, now Roads and Maritime.

**Features**

Features of the new facility include:

- An upgraded waiting area and deck
- A kiosk selling tickets, pre-prepared snacks and refreshments
- A public display highlighting the history of seaplanes at Rose Bay.
Plan of new seaplane facility for illustrative purposes only

Location of new facility
Next steps

Construction on the new facility will take around four months and work is expected to start in September 2015. The facility is expected to be operational in December. Work will include:

• Installation of a temporary site compound and fencing around the perimeter of the construction site
• Establishment of a temporary access roadway between the carpark and the site – land will be reinstated following construction
• Removal of the existing building and piles
• Installation of new structures and fit out.

Work will be carried out during standard construction hours. These are 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Further detail about the work to be carried out including construction management will be provided before and during construction. There are a number of ways you can find out more about the project:

• Community Updates and notifications before and during construction
• Community Information sessions on 20 and 27 August 2015
• Information display at Woollahra Council Chambers
• Posters on-site during construction
• Project web page at rms.nsw.gov.au/Rosebayseaplane
• Project email Rosebayseaplane@rms.nsw.gov.au and 1800 316 044.

Community information sessions

We invite you to come along to community information sessions at Woollahra Sailing Club on Thursday 20 August 2015 or Thursday 27 August 2015.

Members of the project team will be available to provide further information about the project and answer questions.

You are welcome to drop in between 5pm and 7pm at:

Woollahra Sailing Club
Vickery Avenue
Lyne Park, Rose Bay

Contact the team

If you would like further information about the new Rose Bay Seaplane Facility you can:

Phone: 1800 316 044
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