

Communities Plus Newsletter

Waterloo

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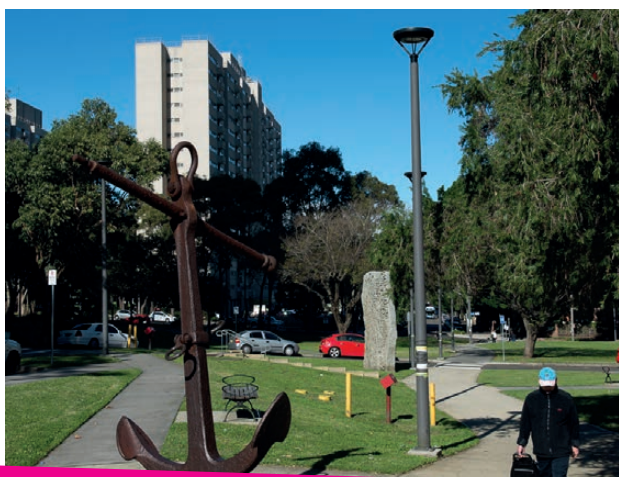
The NSW Government has announced that Waterloo has been nominated as a State Significant Precinct. This means that the master planning of Waterloo will now start.

State Significant Precincts (SSP) are areas of NSW government owned land that are important because of economic or environmental value to the state. Areas nominated as an SSP go towards achieving government's policy objectives of more housing, jobs and the renewal of social housing.

In being nominated an SSP, a specific process is followed that involves a detailed study of the area. The studies will identify requirements for all types of housing, community amenity and services needed for the local community.

Under the SSP planning process, the Department of Planning has invited the City of Sydney to participate in assessing the proposal to rezone the land (the master plan). This will ensure good planning and design outcomes. The master plan will then be submitted to the NSW Minister for Planning for a decision.

The redevelopment of Waterloo will build new social housing, along with private and affordable housing.



Key Facts



The redevelopment of Waterloo will be staged over 15-20 years.



The master planning process will take approximately 18 months and will help determine the mix of social, affordable and private housing.



The first relocations will not commence before mid 2018. FACS will contact each resident 6 months before relocating and FACS will work with residents throughout the relocation process.



There will be no loss of social housing. The NSW Government has stated that all current social housing residents have the right to return to the Waterloo estate.



The intention is for the majority of residents to be able to move from their current homes straight into the new social housing as buildings are completed.

Waterloo

FACS is leading the consultation and communication activities. This will involve inviting residents, the broader community and NGOs to tell us what you think and feel is needed in the redevelopment of Waterloo.

When do we start the master planning process?

Now that the SSP has been announced, we will start the master planning process immediately. The table on the next page shows you the types of activities you can expect and attend to have your say.

What does this mean for relocations?

The first relocations will not be until at least the middle of 2018 and all current residents have the right to return to Waterloo.

We will do our best to minimise disruption and to ensure you only have to move once. In many cases you will move straight into a newly built home. If you do need to move from Waterloo temporarily into other housing in the local area, you will be able to move back to Waterloo into new social housing as the site is redeveloped.

How do I get involved?

Family and Community Services (FACS) will letterbox drop details about where and when activities will take place so you can come along and tell us what you think and feel is needed in the redevelopment of Waterloo.

To find out more about the redevelopment and the master plan and what it means for you, it is important you come along to workshops and meetings.

Currently, Inner Sydney Voice (ISV) are running information sessions and workshops on what you need to know about master planning so when the time comes to provide your input, you will know what to expect and how you can participate. So, it's important you attend these sessions and workshops.

What happens now?

Get involved and attend as many workshops as you can. Look out for flyers in your letterbox and posters in the foyer of your building.

You may also notice people around Waterloo in the next few months conducting inspections. As part of the planning process, consultants will be conducting studies to understand the issues that need to be considered for the master plan.

Where can I get more information?

You can drop into **Waterloo Connect** at 95 Wellington Street, from Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm or email WaterlooConnect@facs.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 738 718. **There will be new factsheets available at Waterloo Connect at the beginning of June that explain the master planning process and a schedule of activities about how to get involved.** Information is also available at www.communitiesplus.com.au

A subcommittee of the NAB has been established called the **Waterloo Redevelopment Group that provides advice on engagement and communication activities.** The group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2-3.30pm in the Waterloo Neighbourhood Centre.

Kira Osborne, Community Development Worker at **The Factory** provides support for the Waterloo Redevelopment Group and can also help you with independent advice and information. She can be contacted on 9698 9569 or pay her a visit at The Factory/Counterpoint Community Services.

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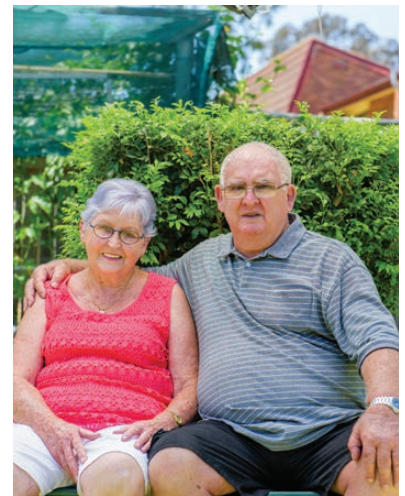
A word from Inner Sydney Voice and Counterpoint Community Services

Counterpoint and Inner Sydney Voice have been undertaking a needs analysis through various community events to identify the subjects that residents would like to discuss and reflect on as part of the Capacity Building project. Residents' input and feedback will contribute to make sure that their needs are addressed.

Several events are coming up as part of Capacity Building and general community development. A workshop about social

mix was held on 17th May while 'A Week in Waterloo' photography project was also held in May. Kira Osborne is also looking at ways to engage families, CALD groups and people with a disability and setting up projects with local organisations that will engage young people through diverse creative mediums.

Discussions about density and how the master planning process works will take place in the next few weeks.



You're invited to tell your story...

- *Have you lived in Waterloo for a long time?*
- *Is your family history connected to the area?*
- *Do you have memories, yarns and anecdotes that you'd like to share?*

THE WATERLOO HISTORY PROJECT IS FUNDED BY FACS AND COORDINATED THROUGH COUNTERPOINT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND WATERLOO CONNECT



You are invited to tell your Stories.

Waterloo Connect, along with The Factory, are working together to record the memories and recollections of people who have spent many years living or working in the area. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact Waterloo Connect or The Factory.

Master planning indicative activity schedule

We will letterbox drop invitations with dates and times so you know where and when these activities are taking place.

Also look out for posters in the foyer of your buildings and pick up a schedule from Waterloo Connect.

MONTH	MASTER PLANNING ACTIVITIES
JUNE/JULY 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building workshops • Waterloo Connect morning teas and information sessions • A series of Visioning workshops with residents and community groups, including Chinese, Russian and Aboriginal residents, private residents and businesses. • On-line feedback
AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visioning report released • Capacity building workshops
OCTOBER 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planners develop 3 master plan options based on input from Visioning workshops • Capacity building workshops • Waterloo Connect morning teas and information sessions
NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing of the 3 master plan options with the community • A series of Options Testing workshops with residents and community groups, including Chinese, Russian and Aboriginal residents, private residents and businesses. • Waterloo Connect drop in sessions for Options Testing • On-line feedback
JANUARY - APRIL 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options report released • Refinement of options from community feedback to prepare preferred master plan • Capacity building workshops
MAY - JULY 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display of draft preferred plan (non-statutory exhibition) • Lodge master plan to Department of Planning & Environment
JULY 2018 ONWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Planning & Environment SSP statutory assesment process.

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email waterlooconnect@facns.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 738 718

If you need help with interpreting or translation because English is not your first language, phone All Graduates on 1300 652 488.

Translated copies in Russian and Chinese are also available at Waterloo Connect.