

## **RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK, ITS FUTURE IS STILL UNDER THREAT JANUARY 2020**

The battle to preserve green vistas in Rushcutters Bay is not over.

Recently, in October 2019 the Darling Point Society received (DPS) over 2000 signatures to our petition against the Skateboard Park proposal in Rushcutters Bay Park. However the development could still go ahead in 2020.

### **DPS MOTION PASSED ON 09 01 2020**

We (the Darling Point Society) are not in favour of Woollahra Council's proposal for a large 1,250 square metre skateboard structure in the Woollahra Council side of Rushcutters Bay Park. The park is under heritage consideration and subject to an Interim Heritage Order.

We are led to believe council may well lodge an application with the NSW Heritage Office and also give planning consent to its own design, this being an integrated development consent procedure. On any basis, we object to the proposal.

We ask that the council support the NSW Heritage Office's proposal to heritage-list both their side of Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park.

### **THE THREAT IN SUMMARY**

Recently the proposal to pull up 1200 sqm of Rushcutters Bay Park grass and install tonnes of concrete in its place was constrained by an interim heritage order. However, the threat is not yet fully contained: the DPS would urge residents against any assumption that the battle has been won.

### **THE POTENTIAL COSTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Rushcutters Bay is reclaimed swamp land so when engineering works to stabilise groundworks are considered the cost could easily exceed \$3 million. As approvals are being sought without any plans being released, or detailed costings being made available, the DPS believes that all Woollahra Municipality ratepayers must hold councillors to account at the next council elections. The very real risk of young people being placed in harm's way at this proposed 24-hour facility is a serious consideration.

### **THE DARLING POINT SOCIETY**

The DPS is a representative body looking after the rights and entitlements of all residents.

We believe that DP is a unique environment, close to the city yet offering a wide range of benefits to all residents. DP is notable for its feeling of community and the sense of well-being in resident's daily life.

We believe that all DP residents whatever their age should have their way of life protected and amenities improved for the benefit of all. Sporting facilities of all kinds should be considered in appropriate locations where they add to the local life without loss of amenity to others.

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?**

Accordingly, the DPS is sending out this short questionnaire to inform and to alert ratepayers to exactly what is at risk at this time. And we also ask that you think about joining our group, and maybe you can contribute your skills to the mix for this and future initiatives.

Do you live in Darling Point?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you live in the municipality of Woollahra?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you live in Sydney but outside Woollahra

Yes ☐ No ☐

**What recreations do you enjoy?**

- Walking ☐
- Jogging ☐
- Active sports such as
- Rugby ☐
- Tennis ☐
- Skateboarding ☐
- Basketball ☐
- Other ☐
- Active exercise ☐
- Keeping fit ☐

**Do you value green harbourside vistas?**

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|---|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Do you value old established trees?                             | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you opposed to loss of green vistas in Rushcutters Bay Park | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Would you like a skatepark in Rushcutters Bay?                  | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Would you like a skatepark in another place?                    | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Do you feel safe and secure in Woollahra?**

- |   |     |                          |    |                          |
|---|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Are you happy with the level of police protection?                      | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you seen active drug dealing in Woollahra?                         | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you think a Rushcutters Bay skatepark would be a high-risk location? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**THE DARLING POINT SOCIETY: JOIN US**

Finally, note carefully, we need many more members!!!

The more members we have the better we can protect the interests of Darling Point residents. This unique suburb offers close-to-city convenience plus edge-of-harbour recreational facilities and a very special feeling of community. Newcomers to Darling Point are especially welcome.

Contact us on [darlingpointsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:darlingpointsoc@hotmail.com) or [www.darlingpointsociety.com.au](http://www.darlingpointsociety.com.au)

And indicate your details:

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Any special skills??

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Thank you for your support

The executive committee of  
The Darling Point Society Inc