

Where's my spot

With more and more cars on the road, a simple thing like finding a park can be a real frustration for local residents and visitors alike, particularly as hot destinations like high quality restaurants and cafes develop across Canada Bay.

With this in mind, Council is now consulting with the community and interested parties to gain feedback on a draft Parking Control for Restaurant and Café Development. The draft Control aims to provide planning controls in relation to parking requirements and site access for local businesses within commercial areas. The draft control intends to assist in retaining opportunities for restaurant and cafe developments within the commercial areas while managing their impact on nearby residential areas.

Local commercial precincts help make our suburbs unique, and are a fantastic gathering point for residents. As boutique locations within the City become even more popular, it is important to promote the sustainability of businesses in areas which have access to public transport, minimising the need for dependence on car travel.

The draft Control and supporting documents are now available on Council's website for review, and Council welcomes community feedback on the draft Control.

Upgrading Drummoyne Oval

The proposed upgrade to Drummoyne Oval has moved one step closer with the appointment of a specialist environmental planner to work on the project.

Parkland Environmental Planners will assist Council in assessing the future management of Drummoyne Oval and surrounding parklands. After community consultation, the draft Plan of Management will give Council a sound basis for the future management of these regionally significant facilities and a planning framework for the proposed upgrade. The proposal to upgrade the precinct includes new broadcast quality lighting for the Oval, changes to parking and the upgrade of the boat ramp and other facilities in the area. Other improvements to the Oval include an electronic scoreboard and upgrades to seating, shade structures and ground security.

A \$1.7m grant has been provided by the NSW Government to help fund the upgrade,

with a view to allowing first class cricket to be played at the Oval. NSW/ACT AFL and Cricket NSW have also committed funds, with Council slated to make a cash and in-kind contribution. Sydney Tigers Cricket Club President and Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW director Dr Harry Harinath says this is an exciting stage for the project. "The project has enormous potential and the preparation of a Plan of Management will be an important next step in shaping its development. There is much anticipation and excitement in the cricket community about the development of Drummoyne Oval and the potential to host future representative matches," Dr Harinath said.

