

PUBLIC DOMAIN INCLUDING NEW WATERFRONT SQUARE



Illustration of the proposed new waterfront square, with Pier 2/3 in background

The detailed plans for the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct include a public domain that is both highly accessible and highly flexible.

The new waterfront square will be a destination in its own right for events and day to day use. It will provide a central hub within the precinct, and play an important role in connecting resident arts organisations, members of the community and visitors. It will be a place for people to relax, gather and meet.

The new public space will be used for a wide range of events and celebrations from small pop-up events to larger events such as the Sydney Writers' Festival, Festival of Sydney, Vivid Festival and New Year's Eve.

The waterfront square will incorporate a structure over the water, and steps down to Sydney Harbour. A large temporary screen and floating stage may be used for film screenings and other productions.

The detailed design for the new waterfront square addresses previous feedback about event functionality, day to day use and shading. A unique netting structure will provide informal seating and a visual connection to the harbour underneath.



Public domain key spaces

1. Improved wayfinding
2. Central, flexible space for multi-purpose activities including grassed area and decking
3. Steps to the water
4. Provision for large film screen
5. Seating / spill out space
6. Netting / informal seating
7. Shade cover
8. Existing leased areas may benefit from the precinct activation
9. Existing ramp will be widened to facilitate vehicle movement and assist with event mode operations