

# Former Marrickville Hospital Site

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### Update on the Development Application process

In NSW, regionally significant developments are considered by regional panels and not local councils. The Central Sydney Planning Panel will determine the development application (DA).

The Panel has five members; three independent experts appointed by the NSW Minister and two appointed by Inner West Council. The panel holds a public meeting as part of the process.

Independent planners commissioned by Council are still in the process of assessing Mirvac's DA for the site.

Once the assessment is complete, Council will prepare a report for the Central Sydney Planning Panel. The Panel will schedule a public meeting and notify everyone who made a submission during the public exhibition period.

### White Ibis management

In 2016 Council approved the removal of five Canary Island Date Palms at the south-east corner of the site. Approval was conditional on the preparation of a White Ibis Management Plan to carefully manage the population nesting in the trees. White Ibis are a protected native species.

Specialist consultants were engaged by Mirvac to manage the ibis. Nests and eggs were removed without harming any remaining chicks. These chicks were left to fledge before the trees were removed.

Great care was taken to ensure no chicks remained in the nests via small mirrors and CCTV cameras mounted on extension poles. There is suitable habitat nearby for the remaining adult population.

### Progress on works on the site

The current demolition works have previously been approved by Council and are not part of the DA currently under consideration.

Over the past couple of weeks, hoardings have been constructed and early demolition works have commenced. The works include salvaging items such as windows, doors and ceilings from some of the significant buildings on the site.

Builders are currently cleaning out the tower that formerly housed the nurses quarters, preparing for its demolition over the next couple of months. Excavation has commenced for the new library car park.

Stormwater and power supply works will take place in Lilydale Street. Residents will be notified prior to any works commencing.



**The former nurses' quarters will be demolished.**

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### New name for community space

The new community space will be known as 'Patyegarang Place' (pronounced Pa-te-ga-rang). The name was adopted by Council at its meeting on 28 March 2017, following consultation with Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group.

'Patyegarang' was a powerful Aboriginal woman from the Cadigal people of the Eora nation, and a key figure in local Aboriginal culture and community. Patyegarang lived at the time of the first fleet arrival and taught scientist Lieutenant William Dawes about her language and culture. Dawes recorded the language in his diary, creating the first written record.

Patyegarang is also a variation on the aboriginal name for the eastern large grey kangaroo, linking the name back to the area's former reputation as 'Kangaroo Grounds'.



Patyegarang

### Public art planned for the site

Council is seeking inspiring concepts for public art at Patyegarang Place, new Marrickville Library and community space.

This is a major public art opportunity for the Inner West. Artists are invited to submit a proposal to create and install contemporary artworks at three profile sites within the space.

The artworks will enhance the contemporary design and architecture of Patyegarang Place, whilst celebrating the heritage and stories of past, present and future generations of the site and surrounds.

### Artist Information Sessions are being held

Thursday 11 May 2017  
2.30–4.00pm and 6.00–7.30pm.

Marrickville Town Hall meeting room,  
303 Marrickville Road, Marrickville.

Submissions close 20 June 2017.

For more information please go to :  
<http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/artistopportunities>

### Grant received for library

Council will receive a \$200,000 grant towards the new Library at Patyegarang Place.

The grant will assist Council to develop a state of the art library, expected to open at the end of 2018.

The grant is funded through the Public Library Infrastructure Grant Program.



Demolition works on site