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'RYDE'S BARANGAROO' - NEW MORRISON BAY SEAWALL OPEN TO PUBLIC

A new seawall at Morrison Bay Park in Putney has been unveiled to the public by the City of Ryde as part of efforts by Council to protect and enhance the local Parramatta River foreshore.

The eye-catching seawall was constructed with sandstone blocks to preserve the natural character of the foreshore. The project took 11 months to complete.

In addition to the seawall, the following improvements were made along the water at Morrison Bay Park as part of the project:

- Upgrade of the existing path to a new concrete shared-path for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Installation of scenic viewing and new seating areas along the path; and
- Planting of saltmarsh grasses and improvements to the stormwater drainage system.

The new seawall at Morrison Bay Park is part of the City of Ryde's program to improve seawalls along the Parramatta River foreshore, which has also resulted in the upgrade of the Meadowbank Park seawall in 2016.

The next stage will be improvements to the seawall at Banjo Patterson Park in Gladesville.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the new seawall at Morrison Bay Park served a practical purpose while also being a welcome aesthetic addition to the area.

"We call this new seawall Ryde's Barangaroo. It's been a promise of mine to increase funding towards open space, passive recreation and place making. This facility at Morrison Bay will benefit young and old for generations and is a sign of things to come," CIr Laxale said.

In addition to the new seawall and other completed improvements, Morrison Bay Park is also set to receive further upgrades throughout this 2018/19 financial year.