





# M6 Stage 1 shared pedestrian and cyclist pathway



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### 1. Access from Chuter Avenue

The southernmost point of the shared pathway connects to the existing road network with a new raised pedestrian crossing.

### 2. New boardwalk over Patmore Swamp

Are you an avid bird watcher? The Sydney Basin supports a rich microbat fauna of at least 19 species. The majority of them roost during the day in tree hollows, under bark and in buildings – how many can you spot from the new boardwalk overlooking the ponds?

### 3. Access from Civic Avenue

Follow the new tree-lined pathway onto local roads at Civic Avenue.

### 4. President Avenue Bridge

The new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over President Avenue is a landmark, celebrating local Connection to Country through its unique balustrade design. You can use the bridge to cross without having to get off your bike, or stop at the traffic lights. Street level crossings are also available into Bicentennial Park

### 5. Cultural plaques

Integrated art in the form of plaques are located across the pathway from Muddy Creek to Bicentennial Park as cultural markers. These have been designed as a response to place, engage with local Aboriginal history, and acknowledge Local Aboriginal Knowledge Holders and Elders contributions as part of the cultural circuit and within the overall parkland design. Each plaque depicts a unique totem which hold great importance to Country. Their graphic representation is derived from sketches shown by the Elders during the design process, and is also inspired by the Sydney sandstone engravings which imparts a loose, hand etched quality to the final design. There are seven different totems – can you find them all?

### 6. Sports fields

The reinstated playing fields in the eastern part of the park and partly within Brighton Memorial Playing Fields have been designed in different sizes intended to serve different age groups.

### 7. Bicentennial Park East

Another animal known to the parklands is the Grey-headed flying fox. They're known to feed broadly on the nectar and pollen of native trees, in particular Eucalyptus, Melaleuca and Banksia. The planting design and species selection for Bicentennial Park is inclusive of these food sources and habitat. The lighting design is also considerate of fauna, with lighting downward facing to minimise light spill and reducing disturbance to the foxes.

### 8. Bicentennial Park Ponds

The project has improved ecological health of existing Bicentennial Ponds. With the draining of the wetlands in the late 19th century for land reclamation, and more recently industrial and resident development, the Bicentennial Park Ponds has seen algal blooms, low biodiversity and extensive weed infestation. New water recirculation and open water systems installed by M6 Stage 1 have improved water quality and performance of the wetland, including: recirculating the open water through a series of treatment marsh areas that resemble the landscape of pre-European times; and creating a range of aquatic (marsh) and ephemeral (above the water) vegetation zones. Here you'll find seating for you to rest and enjoy the surrounds.

### 9. Aboriginal cultural circuit

The cultural circuit provides a journey to experience and engage with the natural landscape and the various elements of the park. The 'bush' gardens are made up of plants that have been used by the local Bidjigal and Kameygal clans of the Dharug language group for food, medicine and habitat for thousands of years. These plants are endemic to Dharug, and Tharawal nations and provide a hands-on opportunity for people to engage with the native plants that were prominent in this area.

### 10. Historical reference points

At three points along the shared pathway, you'll notice signage with references to three historical sites – Moorefield Racecourse, Kings Wetland and Patmore Swamp. The location and content of each sign reflects the place they seek to explain.

### 11. Kings Road pathway

Kings Wetland boardwalk connects the community through a new green space between Kings Road and Bay Street.

### 12. Bay to Bruce Street off-road connection

The new signalised crossing at Bay Street into a separated pathway provides a safe off-road connection onto Bruce Street and into C A Redmond Field. Enjoy the new outdoor fitness station along this pathway.

### 13. Pathway around C A Remond Fields

Follow the new, tree-lined pathway between existing sports fields. The landscaped areas and planting have been selected to balance the need for good sight lines and passive surveillance, with buffer planting along.

### 14. Access to West Botany Street

Use the new bridge to cross the Muddy Creek waterway, and then use the new traffic lights to safely cross West Botany Street into Gujaga Park. The bridge has been designed to complement the surrounding built form and natural parkland environment. Subtle feature lighting is in place to heighten the overall night-time experience and accentuate the balustrade.

### 15. Whiteoak Reserve

The alignment immediately south of Bestic Street consists of a pedestrian path, new lookout to experience the Sydney Water Muddy Creek Naturalisation Project, and a separate cycle path. A boardwalk provide respite over new ephemeral marsh planting.

### 16. Francis Avenue access

Roads network at Francis Avenue from Whiteoak Reserve

### 17. Bestic Street entrance

A new zebra crossing ensures a safe connection through to Kyeemagh Cycleway and Barton Park Cycleway.