

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Birds Gully and Bunnerong Creeks Floodplain Risk Management Study

Randwick City Council has engaged consultants WMAwater to complete a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan for the Birds Gully and Bunnerong Creek catchments. This work follows on from the Flood Study of the same area completed in 2018. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment are supporting Council by providing two thirds of the funding, as well as technical assistance for the study.

The purpose of the Flood Study was to understand and map flood behaviour for the catchment. The purpose of this next phase is to investigate and plan Council's management of flooding. This will include assessment of mitigation measures and drainage works to reduce the extent of flooding, review of planning and development controls, and review of flood response and emergency management measures.

The area covered by the study includes parts of the suburbs of Randwick, Kingsford, South Coogee, Daceyville, Pagewood, Maroubra, Eastgardens, Hillsdale, Banksmeadow, Matraville and Port Botany. A map of the study area is attached.

The study is currently in its inception stage where the consultants are collecting and collating data on flooding and the catchment, and reviewing and updating the available flood models. These computer models will provide the technical information for assessment of the effectiveness and feasibility of various flood mitigation measures.

The community will be invited to participate in two later phases of the study:

- during assessment of the flood mitigation measures, to provide feedback and suggestions about preferred measures (in February 2022); and
- during a public exhibition phase of draft report for the study, to provide feedback about the outcomes and recommendations of the work (in September 2022).

This community consultation will be undertaken through Council's "Your Say Randwick" portal (<https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/>). Residents are encouraged to register on the website to receive notifications. Alternatively, the community can use the following contact details to obtain further information:

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