

UNSP public outreach and education

Council will expand dark sky awareness and promotion of good lighting design in our community environmental education program and coordinate delivery of UNSP events through our environment centres. This will include Council's school education activities as it aligns with the [Department of Planning's Dark Sky Education](#) which some of our local schools deliver.

Council will work with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), the community and key stakeholders to deliver public outreach and education activities. It is proposed to hold up to four onsite and offsite public outreach and education activities each year to ensure ongoing celebration of the UNSP and education on good lighting practices.

Onsite activities will be coordinated by Council and/or NPWS, including organised activities and tours via the standard consent process. Activities will be managed to address competing priorities and access within the proposed UNSP area to ensure we are sympathetic to the night-time environment, biodiversity and the local community.

This approach for future onsite activities has been developed to comply with the requirements of the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Plan of Management, Barrenjoey Headland Conservation Management Plan, Governor Phillip Park Plan of Management and Governor Phillip Park Draft Conservation Management Plan. The plan for future activities will be reviewed and updated regularly, remaining consistent with any future revisions of these documents.

Activities within Governor Phillip Park

To manage potential impacts, competing priorities and activities within Governor Phillip Park the following is proposed:

- a minimum of one and up to a maximum of four UNSP onsite public outreach and education activities each calendar year
- only one UNSP activity will be approved at any one time
- the maximum visitor numbers for each UNSP activity will be 50
- each UNSP activity is to be coordinated by Council and/or NPWS, including organised activities and tours via the standard consent process. They may be supported by the community and/or commercial organisations at Council's discretion
- each UNSP activity within Governor Phillip Park will require a booking through Council's Parks and Recreation Booking System to ensure they are considered alongside any other proposed events within the location
- booking fees will be charged in line with Council's fees and charges and conditions of booking, including the requirement for public liability insurance, consideration of traffic, security and waste management (as required)
- it is expected that each UNSP activity will include education on the benefits of sustainable lighting principles and be family-friendly, fun events
- the businesses on site can continue to operate as normal under their lease/s and may opt to undertake night sky activities in addition to the four annual events mentioned above.

Activities within Barrenjoey Headland

The Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Plan of Management acknowledges that, "Tours and organised activities have many benefits. They increase the opportunity for public participation in nature-based activities and provide opportunities for professional instruction in the safety and minimal impact aspects of various recreational pursuits. Guided activities also have potential to interpret and promote the natural and cultural values of the park." It further acknowledges the importance of carefully managing activities to protect the natural environment and facilities as well as reducing the potential for conflicts between different users.

To manage potential impacts, competing priorities and activities within Barrenjoey Headland, all commercial activities, and some community-organised activities with over 20 attendees, are required to have a lease, licence or consent. Activities and tours up to Barrenjoey Headland at night require supervision and a standard activity consent. Unsupervised public access to Barrenjoey Headland is not permitted between sunset and sunrise, as the park is closed. Detailed information on requirements can be found in section 4.2.2.10 Commercial and Organised Activities of the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Plan of Management and on the NPWS website:

- Activity consents: environment.nsw.gov.au
- Tours: nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Other UNSP activities outside of the proposed area

Other activities outside of the proposed UNSP area are expected to be held each year. These may include webinars, student engagement through Council's environment education centres or other in-person activities, and may be delivered by Council, NPWS and/or the community.

Review period

The approach to organised UNSP activities in the proposed location will be reviewed at the end of the first year and adjusted as required.