

8.2. MM02: Quarantine Depot site – Community Pop Up Activation

In 1912 the Australian Army established a Quarantine Depot in Berrys Bay to service the boats operating to and from the Quarantine station at North Head.

In February 2022, after decades of lobbying the State Government, North Sydney Council purchased the Quarantine Depot site from the State Government for \$2.3 million.

There are now two circa 1912 cottages in exceptionally good condition at the site. Council is currently working towards making the site safe for occupation.

Whilst Council is preparing a strategy to guide the medium to long term community use of the site, there is an opportunity to activate the cottages with “Pop Up” community uses to allow access to this incredible foreshore site.

Throughout the pandemic there have been a number of local “Pop Ups” providing arts and cultural opportunities and programmes to address social isolation, build community and support the arts.

Council’s Community Strategic Plan identifies arts and culture for focus and expansion.

Therefore, “Pop Up” activation of the site should include arts, crafts and cultural activities.

I therefore recommend:

1.THAT Council investigate and prepare a report on Pop Up activation of the Quarantine Depot cottages at Berrys Bay with a focus on arts and culture.

2.THAT Council prepare a strategy for the medium and long term community use of the Quarantine Depot site.

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