

## 10.10.Milson Park Kayak Storage - Post Exhibition and Site Inspection Report

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<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	1. Submissions Summary [10.10.1 - 15 pages] 2. Milson Park Kayak Storage Concept/Location Plan [10.10.2 - 1 page]
<b>CSP LINK</b>	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to detail the submissions received during the public exhibition of the proposed Milson Park Kayak Storage, and to report on the site inspection by Councillors on 17 April 2023. The final recommendation is presented to Council for adoption.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- This project is in line with Council's *Small Watercraft Storage Strategy* (2018).
- Council allocated \$25,000 in the 2022/23 budget for the investigation, consultation, design, and construction of a small watercraft storage facility in Milson Park, for the benefit of watercraft owners, and for the convenience and enjoyment of those who access and use the park for general recreation.
- Council sought feedback on a proposed concept plan for a storage facility to hold 36 kayaks at Milson Park, Kirribilli, where there is boat ramp access to Sydney Harbour. 104 submissions were received, as presented to Council on 13 March 2023. The majority of submissions supported the proposal.
- At its meeting on 13 March 2023, the Council resolved (in part) that a site visit be conducted for Councillors, with a further report to come back to Council. The site visit was conducted on 17 April 2023 and was attended by six Councillors plus staff. During the site visit a discussion was held about the number of potential kayak racks and locations.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the submissions report be noted.
- 2. THAT** the Council endorse the concept plan for kayak storage at Milson Park.
- 3. THAT** 18 of the 36 hireable spaces be allocated to the Kayak Share Club, with the remainder to be allocated to the general community.

## Background

Council's *Small Watercraft Storage Strategy* was adopted in 2018 following extensive community consultation. The objectives of this project are based on those developed for Milson Park, Kirribilli, as included in the Strategy.

Milson Park is one of the sites on Council-owned and controlled land along the North Sydney foreshores that can accommodate a new formal storage facility. This site does not currently have any informally stored watercraft but will assist with reducing overcrowding, foreshore clutter, and damage to the foreshore in other areas.

Council allocated funding in the 2022/23 budget for the investigation, consultation, and design of a small watercraft storage facility in Milson Park for the benefit of watercraft owners and the convenience and enjoyment of those who access and use Milson Park for general recreation. The proposed location for the storage has been chosen to be sympathetic to the ecology of the park and maintaining foreshore access.

Council has sought arboricultural advice regarding the placement of the kayak racks in relation to the tree canopy and root zone. The existing trees will be maintained and protected during demolition, excavation and construction on the site in accordance with AS4970-2009 (Protection of trees on development sites).

Sensitive construction techniques including hand excavation, pier & beam construction & flexible location of piers/footings shall be used within the TPZ (10 meters) of any protected tree. No roots greater than 40mm shall be cut. All of these techniques shall be employed should Council give approval to proceed with the proposal.

Council sought advice from Council Heritage Planners and an external heritage consultant, Edwards Heritage Consultants, to determine impact of the proposed structure on the heritage value of the park. The heritage consultant recommended:

*Options 1,2 and 3 will not result in any material affection to significant fabric within the park and will largely sit quietly towards the norther boundary (Bradley Street) without visually dominating the existing landscape setting.*

*The Options put forward have considered the existing setting and context of the park and responds in a simplistic manner that addresses the needs of the community without adversely impacting the heritage item or wider conservation area.*

## Report

From 20 September to 31 October 2022, Council invited community feedback on the proposal to install small watercraft storage in Milson Park, highlighting the following key messages:

- Council was seeking feedback on a concept plan for a storage facility which could hold 36 kayaks at Milson Park where there is currently a boat ramp access to the Harbour;

- depending on interest and demand for storage space, there is potential to install more storage in the future;
- the project will provide small watercraft owners with fair access to storage spaces on public land. Council will ensure that all interested watercraft users have the opportunity to apply to become an authorised user of the new convenient, purpose-built storage facilities on the foreshore;
- an appropriate design is proposed which does not interfere with other park users, including their access along the foreshore; and
- anyone interested in registering to hire a storage rack was invited to fill out the form on Council's website.

This report details the submissions received during the public exhibition of the proposal for small watercraft storage in Milson Park and presents the final plan to Council for adoption, as originally reported to Council on 13 March 2023. Council resolved:

1. *THAT the submissions report be noted.*
2. *THAT the Council endorse the concept plan for kayak storage at Milson Park.*
3. *THAT 18 hireable spaces be allocated to the Kayak Share Club with the remainder to be allocated to the general community.*
4. *THAT a site visit be conducted for Councillors, with a further report to come back to Council.*

## Options

Council has the following options in relation to this matter:

1. Endorse the concept plan for kayak storage at Milson Park and proposed allocation of the hireable spaces (including 18 of 36 allocated to the Kayak Share Club, with the remainder to be allocated to the general community or an alternative allocation).
2. Not adopt the concept plan for kayak storage at Milson Park and allocate the hireable spaces to another location.
3. Adopt a modified (smaller) kayak storage facility in an alternative location in Milson Park.

These options are assessed in the table below.

Option	Finance/Resourcing	Risk/Opportunity	Consultation
1.	Of the \$25,000 allocated in 2022/23, there is \$22,965 for the construction of the storage racks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community consultation showed that there is both community expectation and a demonstrated need for storage racks.</li> <li>- Community unrest associated with proposal.</li> </ul>	The 42-day consultation period occurred as detailed below in this report, with majority support for the exhibited concept proposal.

Option	Finance/Resourcing	Risk/Opportunity	Consultation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current proposal underestimates community needs.</li> <li>- Current proposal overestimates the needs of the community.</li> </ul>	
2.	The remaining budget of \$22,965 could be allocated for investigation of the next locality due for upgrade within the <i>Small Water Craft strategy (2018)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funds may need to be carried over to the next financial year.</li> <li>- Not meeting community demands for kayak storage in this area.</li> <li>- Unauthorised placement of small watercraft on Milson Park foreshore.</li> <li>- Increased demand on already oversubscribed storage facilities and pressure on other storage facilities.</li> <li>- The next location not as appropriate for kayak storage.</li> </ul>	Given Council has undertaken consultation on this matter, should this option be endorsed it would be appropriate to consider further consultation or communication as this option was not considered as part of the consultation process.
3.	Reduction of number of storage racks will result in a reduced project budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not meeting community demands for kayak storage.</li> <li>- Unauthorised placement of small watercraft on the foreshore of Milson Park.</li> <li>- Increased demand on already oversubscribed storage facilities, and pressure on other storage facilities in NSC.</li> </ul>	Potential need to consult further with the community due to alternative location or storage capacity being proposed.

### Consultation requirements

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Protocol*.

The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

## 1. Public Exhibition Period

The 42-day public exhibition period was held 20 September to 31 October 2022 during which time effort was made to ensure stakeholder awareness of the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal during the public exhibition period.

### 1.1 Inform Reach

The following summary details the methods used to promote awareness of the draft Plan and the reach:

- onsite signage
- web page - 720 page visits, including:
  - 207 downloads of the location plan
  - 84 downloads of the Engagement Strategy
- Council's eNewsletters including:
  - Council eNews, Oct 2022 - 1,382 reach, 56.60% (776) opened, 35 clicks
  - Precinct eNews, 4 issues Sep/Oct 2022 (weekly) - 161 subscribers, 49% average opened, 8 clicks total
- social media posts:
  - Facebook 23 Sep 2022 - 4,357 reach, 4,596 impressions, 30 interactions, 384 engagements, and 80 link clicks;
  - Instagram, 23 Sep 2022 - 2,036 reach, 2,133 impressions, 51 interactions, and 27 link clicks;
  - Twitter, 23 Sep 2022 - 220 impressions, 9 engagements, and 1 link click.
- Civic Park and Stanton Library 'Your Say' noticeboards; and
- direct notification to Sydney Flying Squadron and Harbour Trust.

### 1.2 Submissions

Council received 104 submissions during the exhibition period. Submissions were from residents within the vicinity of the site, residents of adjacent suburbs and local government areas, as well as the Kayak Share Club (KSC) co-signed by 18 members, Milson Precinct Committee, the Friends of Sydney Harbour, the Harbour Trust, and the Flying Squadron. Duplicate submissions (by the same respondent) have been removed from the submission summary (attached).

Of the 104 submissions, 87% (91) supported the proposal while 11.5% (12) opposed, and one was neither/nor. Of the submissions in support of the proposal, 22 overtly backed the KSC submission. An additional 19 people completed the online submission form expressing interest in hiring a kayak storage space. These are discounted from the above total number of submissions, however, it can be reasonably assumed that they are supportive of the proposal.

The following reasons were given for not being in support of the proposal (not listed in any priority order):

- encroachment on well-loved/well-use public open space which is already scarce, and an increase in volume of people using the park;

- caters to a small segment/niche groups of the community;
- the Council-owned boatshed in Careening Cove is under-utilised;
- concern about increased vehicle traffic;
- concern about increased noise/impact on residential amenity;
- concern regarding slip hazard/moss on the ramp;
- vessel storage is considered a personal responsibility, not Council's;
- concern about clutter/eyesore, poor storage by users, and the management of such; and
- concern about the increased impact on (from a road/pedestrian safety perspective) and access via McDougall Street which is narrow and already busy/congested due to the Sydney Flying Squadron sailing club, Ensemble Theatre, restaurants, tourist traffic, and heavy weekend park activity.

Other issues raised via the submissions regardless of their level of support (not listed in any priority order):

- increased access to small watercraft storage will encourage/enable increased participation in kayaking, which is good for both physical and mental health;
- some respondents want the number of possible stored kayaks to increase above the proposed amount, while others suggested Sub Base Platypus or the Careening Cove boatshed is under-utilised and if the current occupancy were to be rearranged more efficiently additional storage for kayaks could be provided. A shared scheme could also be of benefit;
- kayaks are generally 15-25kg and the distance might restrict access for some users;
- the boat works on the side of Anderson Park is more appropriate;
- dinghy storage should also be included;
- a shared-use/low-cost hire facility is desirable at this location, with some of the spaces (10-12) to be dedicated to the Kayak Share Club;
- roof cover recommended if kayaks stored horizontally;
- requires monitoring to ensure fair access to the resource;
- signage needed re vessel size limits, and contact information re what to do if the gate is locked etc;
- education/signage needed to advise kayakers to be careful when there are large vessels nearby that are less maneuverable (e.g., Saturday afternoon sailing from Flying Squadron);
- putting the structure in the middle of the park is sub-optimal (1 submission); and
- one requested that the scheme not be managed the same as the Hayes Street Beach.

Of the submitters who indicated their locality, the following table details submitters' proximity to the proposed site. The majority of submissions came from Kirribilli, Neutral Bay and North Sydney.

<b>Suburb</b>	<b>No.</b>
Artarmon - outside LGA	1
Cammeray	2
Cremorne	4
Cremorne Point	3
Crows Nest	1

<b>Suburb</b>	<b>No.</b>
Kirribilli	31
Kurraba Point	1
Milsons Point	4
McMahons Point	3
Mosman - outside LGA	2
Mt Waverley - outside LGA	1
Naremburn - outside LGA	1
Neutral Bay	16
North Sydney	16
Northwood - outside LGA	1
Turramurra - outside LGA	1
Waverton	4
Wollstonecraft	3

## 2. Amendments

All submissions were collated and analysed in-house. Council's long-standing corporate submission assessment criteria was used to assess feedback on draft/amendments to plans and policies, and to determine whether the concept plan required amendment. No amendments are proposed to the final concept plan because of the feedback received.

### **Financial/Resource Implications**

Of the \$25,000 budget allocated to this project, \$2,035 has been spent on a location plan and heritage advice. The remaining \$22,965 is available for the design and acquisition of storage facilities.

## **MILSON PARK KAYAK STORAGE**

### **Summary of submissions received during public exhibition period (20 September to 31 October 2022)**

The following criteria are used to analyse all submissions received, and to determine whether or not the plan would be amended:

1. The Milson Park Kayak Storage proposal **would be** amended if issues raised in the submission:
  - a provided additional information of relevance.
  - b indicated or clarified a change in government legislation, Council's commitment or management policy.
  - c proposed strategies that would better achieve or assist with Council's objectives.
  - d was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic and is considered a better option than that proposed or;
  - e indicated omissions, inaccuracies or a lack of clarity.
  
2. The Milson Park Kayak Storage proposal **would not be** amended if the issues raised in the submission:
  - a addressed issues beyond the scope of the proposal.
  - b was already in the proposal or will be considered during the development of a subordinate plan (prepared by Council).
  - c offered an open statement, or no change was sought.
  - d clearly supported the proposal.
  - e was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic but the recommendation was still considered the best option.
  - f was based on incorrect information.
  - g contributed options that are not possible (generally due to some aspect of existing legislation or government policy) or; involved details that are not appropriate or necessary for inclusion in a document aimed at providing a strategic community direction over the long term.

**Colour code:**

Green = Support

Amber = Oppose



No.	Name and Address	Key Points Raised	Code
1	Graham Steer 9/1 Hipwood St, Kirribilli	The rack should accommodate various watercraft including rowing dinghies. These may just need a rail to tie up to when stacked on end. Surface below and access from footpath to be provided that does not get wet and muddy. Simple sun and rain protection over rack also required.	2b
2	Andre PO Box 246 Milson Point	I have utilised this boat ramp on many occasions at this location with a small boat. It is very unclear as to who can utilise this facility giving the perception of private ownership. The ramp itself is frequently closed for public access to the street with the gate locked and no viable information as to who what when how or why in regards to public access availability. Presuming the boat ramp itself is Council owned? Is the ramp also the intended general public access point for smaller boat storage? Other than historic vessels Is this ramp exclusive for only small vessels? There is no indication of boat size limitations and nothing in terms of trailer information. Noted there is also a small storage facility with pontoon slightly further down street and the signage on this indicates private use for pontoon and storage by arrangement with council. If anything there needs to be reasonable signage provided making clear the park and ramp is a public facility and maybe also a good idea as to what vessels should be utilising the ramp (given grass top and lack of trailer parking it could be bit of a guess for anyone not familiar with area finding the Google listing of a boat ramp and just having a try). As for additional storage. Sure. Maybe even have a time share facility where people can share a designated small vessel. QR the booking of the kayak library style along with basics and a disclaimer. Basic use for local residents paying rates? That may work for the many locals who use these kayaks on the rare occasion or would like to without collecting dust. Thanks for all you do.	2b
3	Jonathan Lesquereux 70b High St, North Sydney	I am supportive of the proposal	2d
4	Daisy Collins 1 McDougall St, Kirribilli	I fully support this application. I live on McDougall St and would love for there to be greater access to shared kayak use in our area.	2d
5	Siddharth Parameswaran 118 Kirribilli Ave, Kirribilli	I think the idea is great! It shouldn't take up too much space and would greatly increase access to people in the area to use the water.	2c
6	Geraldine Doney 15 Onyx Rd, Artarmon	Having storage facilities for small water craft is extremely necessary to enable access to Sydney harbour to those unable to store or transport kayaks or other small watercraft. If storage facility is implemented at Milson Park, it would be highly desirable for some of that storage to be allocated to share craft or low cost hire craft, to further increase access to paddlers without their own vessel.	2b
7	Gail Hamilton 55 McDougall St Kirribilli	I am a resident and ratepayer in McDougall Street opposite the park, as well as a Community Gardener. I think it's a great idea to provide kayak storage. The proposed location seems practical and won't impact other park users.	2d
8	Robin Low 41 Willoughby St, Kirribilli	I support the storage proposal. The only thing that I ask is consideration be given to having space for public kayaks which can be used "go get" style. The current proposal will end up with a few people with a permanent spot when they may use their kayaks rarely. A public scheme would allow people to rent and use kayaks in a way which provides access to a greater number of people and encourages kayak use.	2b
9	Julie Auger 62 Wycombe Rd Neutral Bay	Great idea - kayaks just need to be careful with Saturday afternoon sails from Flying Squadron as the boats are less manoeuvrable than the average vessels.	2d
10	Greg Joosse 43 Palmer St Camberay	Desperately needed, kayaks being stored everywhere. Perfect location and needed.	2d

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11	Maureen Ayre 403/1 Premier St Neutral Bay	Sounds like a good idea. That area really isn't utilised and doesn't affect anyone. Good idea	2c
12	Lyle Tamlyn 44 Cremorne Rd Cremorne Point	I support the creation of an additional kayak storage facility. The existing ones are quite full and these racks are a great way of making kayaking feasible for apartment residents.	2c
13	Fleur Dickinson 14 -28 Blues Point Rd McMahons Point	We need so much secure kayak storage. I don't kayak, but did think about buying one, and my limiting factor was the storage. I live on the harbour in a unit, so have no room for a blow-up kayak, and have nowhere to store one outside. When I investigated the options, I realised that we are severely lacking in storage. If you want ratepayers to care about the harbour and local environment, and perform a non-polluting exercise the kayaking is perfect, make it as easy as possible.	2c
14	Diana Bridgford 3/26 Carr St Waverton	This is a brilliant idea offering shared use of the land and benefitting the health and fitness of the community.	2c
15	Deborah Mosman 34/100 High St, North Sydney	I am strongly in agreement with the proposal for kayak storage. Kayaks are a low impact, healthy, enjoyable exercise option open to many people. Particularly suitable for solo exercise, for before and after work, it's also very beneficial for mental health. The share kayak group running from Hayes Street Wharf is already extremely popular and I would like to see a small number of the kayak racks at this site reserved for a similar/same set-up.	2b
16	David Bachmayer 18 Adderstone Ave, North Sydney	I strongly support storage for small watercraft at Milson Park	2c
17	NJeya 3 Christie St, Wollstonecraft	Access to watercraft storage near ramp facilities would be extremely helpful to the local community to allow us to engage in water sport. There are currently extremely limited watercraft storage facilities available. This therefore limits the number of people (who don't live right on the harbour) who can readily engage in water-based recreation on our magnificent harbour. Outdoor exercise (in particular water-based sport) is highly beneficial to physical and mental health and as COVID demonstrated, will play an important part of the socially distanced exercise regimes of the community in the longer term.	2c
18	Sean Longman 80 McDougall St, Kirribilli	We would like to support application as it would be awesome to have somewhere to store our kayaks.	2c
19	Will Manning 62 Willoughby St, Kirribilli	The Council already has a dinghy storage shed and launching pontoon only 150 meters away at the end of Willoughby St. The pontoon/piles are currently in poor condition (held on with ropes) because maintenance has not been kept up to the pile rollers. This is in immediate need of attention. If Council audits what watercraft are currently in the boatshed (and seeks to remove the disused/non complying craft) you may find there is room for 35 kayaks there!	2b
20	Daniel Murphy 67B Broughton St, Kirribilli	As a local resident on adjacent street, I support this kayak storage initiative. On a separate note, I would be grateful if Council made more effort to engage with local residents on issues relating to traffic and people movements during jacaranda season.	2c
21	Harrison Conlon 2/9 Hipwood St, North Sydney	Great location for small watercraft, all for making the space more multi purpose.	2c
22	Josey Oldfield 12 McDougall St,	This would be a great asset to the water front and local residents.	2c

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	Kirribilli		
23	John Richardson 68 Upper Pitt St Kirribilli	I'm in support of a kayak storage facility at Milsons Park. The park has direct access to the water, an existing ramp and the area is already used by the skiff club for launching yachts. Kayaking is becoming increasingly popular in the lower North Shore. It is a healthy and popular form of exercise, yet it's currently limited by the ability of people to own a kayak as storage of kayaks in units or apartments is just not possible. If a storage facility was available my wife and I would look to purchase a kayak and use the storage facility. I'm certain there are many others who are in a similar situation to ourselves.	2c
24	Rachael Manning 7/183 High St, North Sydney	This would be fantastic. As local residents we have to load our kayaks onto our car every day and find a parking spot near the park to then unload the kayaks again. We have been told the North Sydney boat shed has a waitlist of approx. 3 years and is incredibly expensive for kayak storage. North Sydney/Kirribilli needs additional kayak storage. It would promote use of the park/nearby cafes thus promoting local business.	2c
25	David Hayden 78 Spofforth St, Cremorne	Supportive of the proposal rack design and location is appropriate. I believe this project will be well supported by the local community in usage and additional space provision should be considered for adding any racks in the future. A sign should be erected on/near the loading ramp reminding that it is slippery and may have some oyster shells.	2c
26	Robert Dunn 8/1 Kiara Cl North Sydney	Submission 1: I am most interested in the kayak storage spots. I live in the unit complex above the old submarine base and walk my kayak on a set of wheels up and down to the launching ramp near the yacht Squadron. I am 80 and the return trip is starting to get hard therefore I put my name down for a spot in the nearby Council boat storage shed but this would be a several year wait. Being able to store my kayak in the park would be perfect. Submission 2: I have already made a supportive submission however, following attendance of a precinct meeting where objections were raised to the proposed kayak storage in Milson Park, I feel some of the comments have merit. Several of the attendees believed the Willoughby Street Council storage facility was underutilised (notwithstanding that I advised I was on a three-year waiting list). If the storage facility could be better utilised it could reduce or eliminate the need for additional storage. As a kayaker that launches from the Milson Park ramp, I see a lot of the kayakers that might be interested in an adjacent storage area. However most of these kayakers are high end and the owners might be reluctant to store them in the proposed facility unless the design provided security against malicious damage.	2c
27	Jane MacGregor 2/10 Woolcott St Waverton	I think the kayak storage on the foreshore is a great idea and would like to see more such facilities	2c
28	Nicky Lock 1/6 Tobruk Ave Cremorne	I am entirely supportive of the proposal	2d
29	Claudia Gallardo 7 Rawson St Neutral Bay	I'm concerned about additional traffic (cars and people) and additional people affecting the peace and quiet of people at the park/benches, reading, with their families	2e
30	Diana Cross 48/1 Kiara Cl North Sydney	I strongly support the proposed kayak storage installation facility at Milson Park. This park provides easy public access to safe harbour entry. The harbour and park should be available for use for all community members to use equitably. I do acknowledge that this park is already quite busy with the Cafe and restaurant, family picnics, etc, dog walkers and is also used by the Flying Yacht Squadron, who, at times, take over the harbourside section of the park. However, I still believe that the varied park users can work cooperatively together and the mixed use of the area only adds to the interest and diversity of the park. I think that the placement of the storage racks is important. I believe they are best placed on the concreted area already in existence near the McDougall St entrance where a small building is in place. The reasons for this are firstly the access is easy from this street. Also there is less pedestrian traffic over the grassed area of the park which is already often quite busy and in recent times (especially with the wet weather) water logged and the grass in poor condition. It also allows for dog walkers and family groups to have better use of this grassed area without kayakers	2c

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		being transported across this area. I also think some kayaks could be made available for a hire system for those not able to own their own craft.	
31	Fred Adam 2/41-45 Sutherland St, Cremorne	There are too few boat launching sites and storage facilities in North Sydney. I fully support establishing a site in Milsons Point.	2c
32	Anna C Booy 5 Winslow St Kirribilli	I am not in favour of this proposal. We are short enough of public green space in North Sydney. This is not the place to put such a structure if one is needed at all. There is already the boat shed at the end of Willoughby Street. The boat works on the side of Anderson Park is more appropriate. Please do not take any more of our space away for individual interest groups. If kayaks, then bicycles, then cars etc. Please leave our few parks alone.	2e
33	Peter Lok 8/1 Manns Ave Neutral Bay	Please ensure there is a temporary car park spot and easy access to unload kayak for day users.	2c
34	Serge Grebert 1 Kiara Close, North Sydney	Please do not encroach even further on green space! Keep green space green! There is very little of it left as it is.	2e
35	John & Sally Kell 52/1 Kiara Cl North Sydney	We support this idea on the one hand and also concerned the numbers are limited to the 36 spots shown on this application. We do not support any increase in numbers that would be stored on Milson Park, it is a very popular, busy and well used park.	2c
36	Neil Els 3/142 High St, North Sydney	I kindly request a storage space on the new Milson Park Kayak Storage rack. I am an avid outdoorsman and have trouble making use of my kayak in Kirribilli due to not being able to store it in a garage or storage space as I have neither. This has resulted in me having to store my kayak in Turramurra, having to drive to fetch it, bring it down to Kirribilli to use it and take it back upon completion. I believe that installing a kayak storage rack would encourage higher levels of watersport activity for those who are not inclined to run or train. It also gives those who would like to spend their days adventuring around the harbour or angling the opportunity to do so. I strongly advise that you consider this course of action and humbly ask you to consider me as a recipient of one of these spaces.	2d
37	Kate Mura 11/60 Carabella St, Kirribilli	This is a wonderful proposal and great use of an otherwise unused part of this beautiful park. As a member of the Kayak Share Club based at Neutral Bay but a resident of Kirribilli, it would be fantastic to have access without having to drive.	2c
38	Name and address withheld	This is a good idea. There does need to be some monitoring so that people are not just keeping junk kayaks in the storage that they do not use and are blocking the option for another resident to have a storage space.	2b
39	Catherine Pemberton 2/107 High St North Sydney	Looks like a good plan. I'd love to hire two spots and will apply for a space.	2c
40	Alex Mura 28 Ridge St North Sydney	This is excellent! It would be great if club share arrangements could be made to maximise the number of people who could benefit.	2b
41	Sean Mura Carabella Street Kirribilli	It would be absolutely fabulous if this park could be used to store the kayaks. There's plenty of space, it won't interfere with the boats and dog walkers and just adds another dimension to the useability of the park.	2c
42	Rick Johnson 47/1 Kiara Cl	I am very happy to have policed and organised storage of canoes in the park.	2c

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	North Sydney		
43	James Reynolds 11/31-39 Elamang Ave Kirribilli	All for it. Current kayak users are using the Careening Cove wharf via Willoughby Street (waters edge) and quite often illegally park and block access to resident properties. They also appear very early in the mornings (pre 6am) and leave their car running in Willoughby Street while the either unload or load their watercraft.	2c
44	Kate Hodges 9/6 Waruda St Kirribilli	I think this is an excellent initiative that will enable interested local residents to access and enjoy the harbour with minimal impact on park users. It will improve the health and fitness of local residents and allow them to maximise the benefits of living near the harbour. I will be interested in further information on how users of the facility will be selected if there is high demand.	2c
45	David Dobbin 500A Miller St Cammeray	I don't support the building of this kayak racking/storage in Milson Park, this is public land the storage facility will be used by kayak owners using their own craft to be stored at ratepayers expense; if people own these craft they should be responsible for their storage at their own homes, if they can't store them it's their responsibility to deal with it not Council. This is a family park and the added movement of people with kayaks moving from the storage area to the ramp for launching will diminish the safety and enjoyment of these residents using the southern/waterfront area of the park, it will be a danger to young children who roam across that area constantly. It will be a physical eyesore, I understand the bigger problem Council has in dealing with vagrant water craft along the foreshore but this new proposal is not in keeping with a plan of management and open space for this area.	2b
46	J Maclaren 25 McDougall St Kirribilli	The proposed kayak storage at Milsons Park might sound feasible however access is not discussed. The storage would only be accessible from McDougall Street. Traffic along this narrow (one way at a time) park lined street is already extremely problematic and hazardous to the safety of foot walkers, residents, children, etc. The prospect of dozens of kayak owners attempting to reach their storage and adding to parking congestion is not a sensible one. A boat ramp in a less congested vicinity should be considered for storage. McDougall Street already copes with 18' sailing club, Ensemble Theatre, 2 Restaurants, tourist traffic and heavy weekend park activity. Kayak storage is a commendable idea and one that needs a quieter and less dangerous location.	2e
47	Josephine Mura 11/60 Carabella St, Kirribilli	I live nearby and I think it would be a great use of this space to allow kayak storage. I hope in doing this, it will be another fabulous and inclusive way that Millions Point/ Kirribilli can become more centred around sharing and community. If the Council could arrange a type of share club for the kayaks, that would increase community spirit, promote outdoor activity, and boost endorphins for all! There is a similar share club nearby at the bottom of Hayes St in Neutral Bay (I think that's where it is at the top of my head). However, that is a very small beach and can only accommodate a few people, so opening up another sharing club/kayak storage will alleviate some of the traffic on Hayes St, as well as making kayaks nearer to train stations. So yes, I support this idea of creating Milson Park Kayak Storage.	2d
48	Kayak Share Club c/o Loretta Moy (incl. 18 member signatures)	The Kayak Share Club (KSC) fully supports the proposed installation of the kayak racks at Milson Park. The club is most interested to store 10-12 kayaks for running a sister club. This would give the club the ability to cater for many more in the community who wish to paddle on the harbour without the need to purchase a kayak. With the club being able to store kayaks it could provide the opportunity for hundreds of residents to paddle rather than if all spaces were hired out to individuals. The racks at Milson Park would allow the club to extend its sustainability concept further to the community and save the foreshores of paddle craft getting left, lying idle or abandoned. Currently, the club uses racks provided by the Council at Hayes St Beach and has 160 members using 9 kayaks. The usage of the kayaks has doubled each year from when the club was established in 2019. Attached is a graph of kayak bookings from a recent six month to Council. In the first six months of 2022 there were 653 kayak bookings which was remarkable given the record number of wet days experienced. It demonstrates the value of the facilities to the community. The club has over 50 applicants waiting to join. Most of these applicants are locals living within walking distance of Milson Park. KSC has sought extra kayak storage as club membership has had to be restricted at Hayes St beach for several years to ensure there were sufficient kayaks for its existing members. Milson Park is ideal for kayak storage as like Hayes St Beach it's centrally located for most members to walk or ride there, has bathroom facilities, an easy boat launching ramp and coffee facilities. Other areas as Kurraba Point were not seen as suitably accessible. With the increasing population density of North Sydney area and most residents living in apartments, more facilities that cater for active recreation	2d

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		<p>as paddling need to be provided. The racks would be a low-cost facility to the council/the community for the many benefits gained of utilising the open spaces of Sydney Harbour. It would blend in and cross-over with other communities in the park as the gardeners, skiff sailors and the dog walkers. The community-run club for a small membership fee, provides good value to the community with paddle safety training, free use of paddle craft, regular harbour excursions and off-water social activities. It is valued by newcomers to the area and the many who don't wish to buy or are not able to store or haul a kayak to water.</p> <p>The club sees the proposed 36 kayak storage as highly suitable to the area, fitting in aesthetically, and meeting the community's increased interest in paddling for fitness. Paddlers typically use kayaks early mornings and hence not in peak park use times to not over utilise this public space. Consideration could be given to the use of security cameras or other security means as many may wish to store better quality small watercraft.</p> <div data-bbox="533 459 1473 938" style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>KSC monthly booking from 2019 to 2022</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>2019</th> <th>2020</th> <th>2021</th> <th>2022</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Jan</td><td>20</td><td>60</td><td>150</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb</td><td>45</td><td>40</td><td>120</td><td>85</td></tr> <tr><td>Mar</td><td>45</td><td>65</td><td>110</td><td>65</td></tr> <tr><td>Apr</td><td>55</td><td>115</td><td>125</td><td>125</td></tr> <tr><td>May</td><td>45</td><td>70</td><td>80</td><td>165</td></tr> <tr><td>Jun</td><td>25</td><td>95</td><td>80</td><td>115</td></tr> <tr><td>Jul</td><td>0</td><td>45</td><td>145</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug</td><td>20</td><td>55</td><td>220</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Sep</td><td>10</td><td>45</td><td>185</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Oct</td><td>20</td><td>80</td><td>145</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov</td><td>40</td><td>105</td><td>60</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>Dec</td><td>45</td><td>85</td><td>90</td><td>0</td></tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	Jan	20	60	150	100	Feb	45	40	120	85	Mar	45	65	110	65	Apr	55	115	125	125	May	45	70	80	165	Jun	25	95	80	115	Jul	0	45	145	0	Aug	20	55	220	0	Sep	10	45	185	0	Oct	20	80	145	0	Nov	40	105	60	0	Dec	45	85	90	0	
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49	Caralyne Hart 301/10-18 Cliff St Milsons Point	Support for Milson Park Kayak storage	2c																																																																	
50	Siddharth Parameswaran 118 Kirribilli Ave Kirribilli	I wish to endorse the submission made by KSC to provide some spots for shared kayaks in Milsons point which will limit the number of overall storage spots needed.	2c																																																																	
51	Shirley Watt 25/2 Jersey St Turramurra	I support the storage of kayaks at Milson Park in an orderly fashion. The KSC has proved their ability to manage sites at Neutral Bay and Pearl Bay. This is an inclusive group with demonstrable leadership in safety and training accessible to all members. Kayaking provides the community with a healthy, environmentally friendly form of exercise and socialisation.	2c																																																																	
52	Laura cleaves 61 Ellalong Rd Cremorne	Great concept! It will benefit many residents within the community	2c																																																																	
53	Henry Chapple-Cox 23 Raymond St Neutral Bay	I am supportive of kayak storage at Milson Park	2c																																																																	

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54	Daniel Kydd 4 Military Rd Neutral Bay	I endorse KSC in seeking to gain rack storage in Milson Park	2c
55	Claire Deakin 7 Mandolong Rd Mosman	Kayak sharing is a wonderful initiative. I am very supportive of this proposal	2c
56	Debbie Oktriana 19 Northwood Rd Northwood	I've seen a great example how this works so well in Neutral Bay (Hayes St Beach). I myself find it hard to paddle around the harbour if I have to purchase my own kayak, transport it to the beach, and paddle on my own. A club just like KSC caters all my need in regards to start kayaking and it also provides the sense of community. I fully support the installation of Kayak Rack in Milson Point to cater more people who would like to join in the future.	2c
57	Katrin Stoecker 6/100 Kurraba Rd Neutral Bay	I am endorsing the submission lodge by the Kayak Share Club. Having a KSC able to store 12 kayaks with the purpose to provide a large number of people in the community to share these kayaks for enjoyment on the harbour is in the interest of the community and as such I like to endorse the application from the KSC.	2c
58	Elizabeth Adams 23 Undercliff St Neutral Bay	Hayes Street is great but quite limited. I fully support a proposal that seeks to give easy access to explore the harbour	2c
59	Deborah Solomon 1501/88 Alfred St Milsons Point	The ability to access Sydney's harbour by boat is all too often the privilege of those with ample funds to purchase a vessel. By joining a kayak share club I have been able to be trained in safe kayak usage, had companions to go out on the water with and yet not have to purchase my own kayak and search for a place to store it. Belonging to a share club also gives you access to many types of kayak, learning to handle different craft being another advantage. Please consider reserving half the proposed kayak storage places for a local 'share club' as many more people will benefit from each kayak stored than if it were all for private use.	2c
60	Gemma Cook 40 Carabella St Kirribilli	This is a fantastic idea. It would be so wonderful to have these kinds of storage areas for Kayaks at Milsons Park. This is something my family have been talking about for years.	2d
61	Scott Spencer 4/46 Carabella St Kirribilli	I believe having kayak storage facilities at Milson Park is a fantastic idea and in addition, I support the submission by the Kayak Share Club (KSC) to have 10-12 kayak spaces available for club use. I've been a member of the KSC since 2020 and I cannot overstate how rewarding this experience has been, both in terms of physical, and mental well-being. The club provides training and I've found it very rewarding developing new skills (I was a complete kayak newbie before I joined). Paddling around harbour is a great form of exercise. In addition, the Club has social events including group paddles and monthly meetups. I've met a lot of great people thanks to the club. All this for an annual membership fee that costs less than one month at a gym.  I live in an apartment in Kirribilli and don't have a car. Without the KSC it would very difficult for me to do any kayaking, especially given the high demand for the limited kayak storage around North Sydney.  Extending the KSC facilities to Milson Park will mean that the fantastic benefits of the club can be offered to more members of the community. It will also provide an additional location for the club, more convenient to members, like me, living on this side of North Sydney (compared to the other KCS kayak locations at Hayes St Beach and Pearl Bay).  In summary, I strongly support the proposal to have new kayak storage at Milson Park and I strongly support having a number of kayak storage spaces allocated to the Kayak Share Club.	2b
62	Peter Wilson 6/183 High St North Sydney	Welcome the proposal to install formal small water craft storage at Milson Park. However, I request that you please include racking suitable for storing dinghies. This may be done by installing vertical stacked storage which is wide enough to accommodate all types of small watercraft, or by installing a combination of kayak specific vertical stacked storage and toaster or horizontal tie ups for dinghies.	2b

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		I recognize that the conclusion of the 2018 Small Water Craft Storage Strategy was to increase the amount of kayak storage, however I submit that this goal can be achieved while also providing for other craft. They two aims are not mutually exclusive. Arguably Milson Park is one of few sites that is suited to dinghy storage rather than kayak storage, given the sheltered waters, boat ramp, and good vehicle access and parking. As such, it arguably makes sense to include some dinghy storage here, and to prioritize kayak storage at subsequent sites.	
63	Sally Roach 1/2 Newlands St Wollstonecraft	Having recently joined the KSC, an additional storage venue is a wonderful idea for this very popular sport. The Kayak Share Club is a great initiative offering a wonderful opportunity for many to get out on the Harbour who may not otherwise be able to do so. The club is very well organised, ensuring members have preliminary training sessions before joining. An additional site for kayak storage at Milson Park would be ideal to ensure greater accessibility for members.	2d
64	John Watt 1/122 Milson Rd Cremorne Point	It makes sense to leverage the ramp and create a way for more paddlers to access our harbour	2c
65	Janet Henegan 2/13 Carr St Waverton	I support the proposal for more kayak storage	2d
66	Friends of Sydney Harbour c/o William Manning	On behalf of Friends of Sydney Harbour ( <a href="http://www.friendsofsydneyharbour.org.au">www.friendsofsydneyharbour.org.au</a> ), I would like to register our support for the proposed kayak storage rack in Milson Park. In the interests of providing the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people, we propose a share kayak model be adopted for such a facility. An example of how this would work can be seen by visiting <a href="https://kayakshareclub.org">https://kayakshareclub.org</a> . This system is currently in use at Hayes St Beach, Neutral Bay. We also note the existence of the nearby Council dinghy and kayak storage facility at 62 Willoughby St, Kirribilli and believe this facility may be better utilised. The boatshed could also benefit from the proposed share system, which could be applied to dinghies for access to yachts moored in the bay. The wharf adjoining the council boatshed used to be maintained on a regular basis by Hope Diving, however this arrangement appears to have stopped perhaps 2 years ago. Since this time and without simple maintenance, the pontoon has suffered damage and is currently closed. We hope that Council considers the usability and maintenance of this nearby dinghy and kayak storage facility as it takes steps to build a new one nearby.	2b
67	Chris O'Brien 1/74 Wycombe Rd Neutral Bay	I'm full supportive of the proposed addition of kayak storage in Milson Park. As a local living in Neutral Bay, and a keen paddler, it's a wonderful initiative to support people who wish to enjoy our beautiful harbour. Kayak's provide an affordable way to enjoy the harbour, and provides an accessible and equitable way for people to get out on the water without the expense and status of yacht clubs and private boat ownership.	2d
68	Jonathan Coultas 93-95 Cremorne Rd Cremorne Point	The area and the community need more structured access to the harbour via these sorts of facilities. Kayaks, especially communally owned and shared kayaks are a fabulous way to provide access to natural resources. I support the proposal.	2d
69	Nicole Oldfield 59 Upper Pitt St Kirribilli	I have tried to join Hayes St Neutral Bay for the last few months however all places are gone within half an hour of posting applications. There is obviously a big need for another storage vicinity. Perhaps it could be run on similar lines as Neutral Bay. Population density and lack of parks is pushing people to the water and kayaking has become very popular. It's impossible to get a park close to Milsons Park especially in the weekend so storage facilities would be greatly appreciated. Kayaking is becoming number one amongst seniors who have difficulties with gyms and again parking or bus deficits. Please consider the application as kayaking has many health benefits and those of us who are apartment dwellers find storage extremely difficult.	2c
70	Milson Precinct Committee	Milson Precinct recognises the community need for easier water craft access to the harbour, and commend North Sydney Council for trying to provide options. Our precinct comprises of members of all demographics, and we all interact with Sydney Harbour on a daily basis in a range of different ways, including kayaking. However, as a precinct, we strongly object to the proposed kayak storage plans for Milson Park for the following reasons:	2b/e



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		<p>1. This area of Milson Park is highly trafficked, by picnickers, dog walkers, people who exercise and the like. It is the only area of Milson Park that is shady during summer, and gets sun during winter.</p> <p>2. This kayak storage area will exacerbate parking issues, as it will be frequented by those who do not live locally.</p> <p>3. Storage exists nearby, at the Willoughby Street Boat Shed (62 Willoughby Street, Kirribilli). This boat shed has a capacity of eleven kayaks (up to 5.2m in length) and ten dinghies (up to 3.0m in length). This boat shed is currently under-utilised and messy. An audit of the water crafts currently occupying this boat shed should be undertaken to ascertain whether more storage can be provided. The boat shed is also in a far better position for easy access to the harbour. A reassessment of the exorbitant fees should also take place, with discounts for local residents.</p> <p>4. HMAS Platypus would be a far more suitable location, and North Sydney Council should open up dialogue with The Harbour Trust to ensure a safe spot for launching is installed.</p> <p>5. The privatisation of public open space should never be an option, and if this proposal is accepted, that is exactly what North Sydney Council will be doing. We strongly urge North Sydney Council to investigate existing kayak infrastructure, and take stock of what is already there and what can be expanded, instead of taking up valuable space in a heavily frequented park. More kayak storage is needed, but this is not the place.</p>	
71	Thomas Virgona 5-7 Lower Wycombe Rd Neutral Bay	Fantastic project for Kayak storage on Council land. Milson Park is an ideal spot for such a facility with its vast open space and suitable access, other harbourfront beaches are highly constrained and at capacity especially in summer. I would think more than 36 spots are required since demand will be well in excess of this number. Priority should be given to KSC or similar share groups (this is a more equitable way to give LGA residents access).	2b
72	Paul Walsh 70 Carabella St Kirribilli	I agree with the concept of the proposal as small watercraft users currently have no where to store watercraft. I think putting the structure in the middle of the park is sub-optimal and would think that placing it on the northern boundary would make more sense.	2e
73	Stephen Grenville 34 Elamang Ave Kirribilli	<p>I oppose this proposal, which seems to generously favour one tiny group in the community.</p> <p>There is already kayak storage in the Council boatshed in Willoughby Street. Many of the kayaks there are rarely used (this suggests that the fee is too low), and at least one owner has multiple kayaks stored there. There should be preference for local ratepayers. There are other possibilities nearby. When the Landseair marina was developed in Careening Cove, it included small-boat storage for the public. The Council has never enforced this planning requirement and it is currently used for garbage bins. Instead, it could store a number of kayaks, in vertical racks, on a commercial basis.</p> <p>The larger issue is that this proposal prioritises the provision of storage facilities for a piece of individual sport equipment that can be readily transported on car-top, for the benefit of a tiny group of users. If this is appropriate, why not build storage for gym equipment used in the park, or for the Kirribilli 18 footers which have run out of storage at the club? Or the 12 footers which are brought each week by trailer? Indeed, why not let us all have permanent parking spot allocated to us in the park. The absurdity of this proposal is, I hope, clear.</p> <p>Milson Park showed its value in the Covid period, when it was crowded with people and dogs. Even now, it is still intensively used. No more of this scarce and precious park-space should be alienated for individual benefit.</p>	2e
74	Melinda Perrottet 5c/50 Whaling Rd North Sydney	More public access to small watercraft would be a great addition to our area. It is ideal for those who don't own a kayak or haven't been able to secure one of the limited storage spots on the harbour. This is a way of making the harbour more accessible for everyone.	2d
75	Mary Craven 38 Prince St Mosman	The benefits of kayaking cannot be understated in regards to health and mental wellbeing. Easy access to craft is essential particularly to retirees who benefit from a non-weight bearing exercise while providing essential resistance exercise. The KSC has proved to be an active and responsible club looking to increase activity for the growing community interested in using kayaking as a recreational activity.	2c
76	Angela Guildford 25/50 Aubin St Neutral Bay	I strongly support the idea of allowing Kayak storage at Milson Park. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.	2d

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77	Lara Anne Patterson 3/40A Barry St Neutral Bay	I am supportive of this application. As a member of the KSC located at Hayes St Beach, I enjoy all the benefits of kayak ownership, without the cost of purchasing my own kayak, and the burden of storing it. It is a fantastic initiative for the community.	2b
78	Belinda 152 Kurraba Rd Kurraba Point	As a long term local resident and mother of three active water-loving teenagers, I fully support the proposed installation of the kayak racks at Milson Park. With the increasing population density of North Sydney area and most residents living in apartments, more facilities that cater for active recreation such as paddling need to be provided. I called Council over 12 months ago to register for kayak storage and was told the waitlist was so long that they were not taking any further names. How can a regular family access and use the harbour if we can't store kayaks close to shore? This is why the proposed sister club of KSC is so positive, as it democratises access to the harbour and enables so many more residents to enjoy water sports in our local area. It also builds a rich and vibrant community, as we have seen develop around the local Hayes St kayak racks that are supported by council. Thank you for considering this proposal and I very much hope we have the opportunity to increase community access to the harbour.	2b
79	Name and address withheld	I am pro Milson Park kayak storage as long as it is under different and improved management from the 62 Willoughby Street boat storage facility and it implements section 3.3.1 of the SWCSS; "North Sydney residents ....will be eligible for a reduced hire fee". The boatshed at 62 Willoughby St. has been mismanaged by the Property team for years including allowing outrigger canoes into the shed which are 25% longer than the allowable length under the SWCSS, letting a club dominate and do business from a Council facility, non-communication to boatshed tenants when it was recently repainted and when the launch pontoon was blocked off to name a few examples of mismanagement. If the addition of Milson Park kayak storage will be managed by the current Property team then I am against building the additional storage.	2b
80	Daisy Collins 1/1 McDougall St Kirribilli	Please approve this	2d
81	Jerome Guyot 13/26-28 Northcote St, Naremburn	I would like to endorse KSC's submission to North Sydney Council's proposal for kayak storage at Milsons Park, Kirribilli.	2b
82	Sara Carter 108 Wycombe Rd, Neutral Bay	There is a large number of people who would like to join the KSC and are currently unable to enjoy paddling on the harbour. It is a great community with all members acting in good faith and looking after the areas where kayaks are stored and the environment. I strongly urge you to prove more storage so that more people can paddle and gain better health and wellbeing	2b
83	Judie 503/26 Clarke St Crows Nest	I support KSC application for storage of kayaks at Milson Point. Please allow kayak storage for KSC.	2b
84	James Cerven 8 Glen St Milsons Point	Increasing access for all users through a kayak club is a great idea. The kayakers get much more use and people without the means to buy an expensive kayak of their own can get on the water.	2c
85	Timo Schmechel 2/100 Kurraba Rd Neutral Bay	I wish to endorse KSC's submission as attached	2b
86	Robert O'Connor 26 Carr St Waverton	I am supportive of the proposal as it will provide more facilities to allow the public access to boating on the harbour and (hopefully) reduce the scattering of kayaks elsewhere. It's a great idea and one that will increase provide a great facility for public use. One comment is that the rack could be situated closer to the ramp. Kayaks are generally 15-25kg and the distance might be restrict access for some users.	2c
87	Nathalie Spencer 4/46 Carabella St	I support the proposal to build storage facilities for kayaks in Milson Park for use by the KSC. This would make it easier for residents of Kirribilli (especially those who are car-free or trying to drive less) to access of the kayaks and will allow more people to access this great club. As a resident	2c

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	Kirribilli	of Kirribilli for 5 years and counting, I make use of the park many weekends. Having the kayak storage would add even more reason to visit the park, cafe, and surrounds.	
88	Deirdre Smith 54/17 East Crescent St McMahons Point	A kayak storage rack is of great benefit to the community as it allows for greater participation in sport and for residents to enjoy our fabulous harbour. It is extremely democratic in that anybody can participate, they do not need to have their own water access or storage facilities. It also stops or minimises 'dumping' of kayaks and other craft as occurs extensively at other nearby waterways, particularly around Waverton.	2c
89	Jillian Christie 119 Carabella St, Kirribilli	I object to the kayak storage in Milsons Park. It will impact on the use of the park by residents, sailors, dog people, sun in summer, shade in winter and usage of the park. There should be no permanent commercial structures in our open green spaces. Would owners of expensive kayak want them readily accessible to others or damaged in the park? Or is it likely, that it will be 'filled' with the lesser quality craft, that will be used very infrequently and left there to decay from UV exposure. I think that NSC should 'free-up' the storage of small water craft under Wrixton Park and also check on the conditions for small water craft storage a 1 Bradley Avenue, which I believe was a condition of developments over the years, but has never come to fruition. An alternative option is for storage at Playtpus, with a method of launching small craft being provided by Sydney Harbour Trust.	2b/e
90	Cathryn Zenkis 11 Malcolm Court Mt Waverley	I think storage racks for kayaks are a great idea for this location, particularly if KSC is able to secure some racks. The park space taken up would be relatively small, club/shared racks and kayaks would be used by a large number of club members, kayaking is a health-promoting and quiet activity, and the ramp would be further utilised. The local community would certainly benefit. I use Kayak racks at Neutral Bay quite often. They are very convenient. I wouldn't paddle nearly as much if I had to store and; transport paddlecraft. I'm certain I'd use racks at Milson Park and that KSC's growing membership would as well.	2b
91	Sydney Flying Squadron	Thank you for your request for input towards the proposed kayak rack in Milson Park, please note the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have had involvement with a number of sailing clubs where Council/Maritime have installed kayak/dinghy racks at locations where access to the water is suitable for launching kayaks etc.</li> <li>Generally there are a large number of kayaks etc that rarely get used/maintained in the racks and result in an unsightly state, mould and general grime accumulate over time if not maintained. Vandalism/theft is also an issue.</li> <li>Depending upon the method of storage the kayaks need to be sheltered from rain to avoid filling with water. If stored horizontally then a roof cover is recommended. Very often the racks are located under established trees to mitigate visual impact and provide some shelter, but being shaded mould tends to proliferate. The rack should also be positioned over a paved area as grass won't grow under the rack.</li> <li>We note that North Sydney Council's boat shed and floating pontoon is located in Careening Cove 100 metres from Milson Park on the southern side of the Cove adjacent to Pattons Slipways. The boatshed provides for secure storage of vessels and equipment with easy access to the water via the gangway and floating pontoon. The vessels are stored out of the weather and out of sight.</li> <li>The boatshed is a purpose built facility that I believe is under-utilised, it may be worth investigating what the current occupancy of the boatshed is and the possibility of rearranging the storage racks to accommodate more kayaks.</li> <li>I was involved with the design and installation of the kayak rack at the Dalbora Spit marina, this was a roofed structure with rolled shelving for easy location and retrieval of the kayaks, lockers were also installed to store lifejackets etc. This was a few years ago and the cost to keep a kayak there was \$1,000.00 pa.</li> </ul> As noted I believe that it would be worth investigating how the Council boatshed and pontoon could be used more efficiently and avoid an open structure in the park. I would be happy to assist Council in this, perhaps a meeting could be arranged on site that I would be happy to attend.	2a
92	Name and address withheld	I am writing to support the submission of the KSC for storage facilities at Milsons Point. When moving to Sydney to work in the Covid sphere two and a half years ago, I chose to live in McMahons Point. When exploring, I was shocked by the amount of kayaks and other craft randomly dumped on the west side of the peninsula and around nearby bays, such as Berrys Bay. Even if some were used, which did not appear to be the case, I resented the eyesore and presumption of public land that this involved. Most were dirty and covered in leaf litter, essentially abandoned. Funny how nobody would do that with an old couch or a television but it's okay with a kayak!	2b

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		<p>I believe there has been some opposition to the above proposal but the big advantage of organised kayak storage is that it prevents disorganised kayak storage! It's a bit like prostitution really, pretend it doesn't happen and then have it on every street corner or acknowledge that it exists and regulate it properly.</p> <p>I also have a personal interest in the kayak club as when I arrived in Sydney, I knew almost nobody but as an older, single woman, living in a small flat, the club has provided me with exercise, leisure and a new social network. I can honestly say it is the best thing about my time here.</p> <p>Apart from the benefits it offers to me, I respect it for being truly democratic. Anyone can join, regardless of ability or income, you do not need a water frontage or your own storage facilities to be able to appreciate this wonderful harbour of ours.</p> <p>The word 'share' is of central importance here. Members donate their own kayaks, which can be pricey craft, to the club for communal use. Even though I could purchase my own, I would not be able to store it, I would need a car and parking to get it to the waters edge and somebody to help me lift it. Club storage solves all these problems. It allows people to get out of the house, enjoy themselves and celebrate their luck in living in such a great corner of the world.</p> <p>I would also point out, that a quick look at club events around reveals that most members are 60 or older, some significantly so, and the benefits of keeping this age cohort active and engaged are innumerable. With these factors in mind, I hope you will throw your support behind the KSC proposal.</p>	
93	Name and address withheld	<p>Thanks for the recent consultation regarding kayak storage which I strongly support both at Milsons Point and more broadly within the LGA. I've completed the survey. I have been on the waiting list for a space at Sawmillers kayak storage for a long time - I made the request soon after it was set up so several years ago. Can you please confirm that you will be using that waiting list to allocate spaces as they become available e.g. at Milsons Point - should that project be approved by Council?</p>	2c
94	Susanne Greeves	<p>I would dearly love a new facility for kayak storage. I have had my name in line for several years waiting for a spot to open up at the existing shed near the Ensemble Theatre in Kirribilli. I would like to store a two person kayak there with access to the water. That is a great idea</p>	2c
95	Andre Denize	<p>Interesting and progressive concept re new storage of Kayaks. Yep sure - go for it - great idea.</p> <p>Although as a boat ramp user utilising this ramp - I'm not entirely sure what the intended boating demographic use of the existing boat ramp is? Is this ramp intended more for private use? micro craft? or more for general public use?</p> <p>I know technically this is listed as a "public access boat ramp" (or at least this is how google maps defines this particular ramp).</p> <p>However, every time I have attempted to utilise this ramp with a small boat- it is either locked or both locked with a car parked in the only viable access driveway.</p> <p>There is signage that shows no trailer parking unless priorly organised with Council - and this is a great idea, however it also omits any further details of the boat ramp use.</p> <p>No opening times, no contact details etc etc etc.</p> <p>These details may be helpful for anyone wishing to utilise this ramp.</p> <p>I have sort of come to the conclusion this zone has more or less become an exclusive use for the coffee shop or sailing club.</p> <p>If however the boat ramp is intended more for use for community personal craft such as Kayaks then there maybe some future need to address significant build up of slippery algae for this purpose? Try walking down the ramp to see what I mean.</p> <p>I know its just feedback under time duress October deadline (reminding me somewhat of hitchhikers guide to the galaxy notice for earth) but there are a few minor considerations other than just building a storage shed that maybe helpful towards the overall community enjoyment or however the Council's best intended use is envisioned.</p> <p>Out of interest only, here is photo of what most external boat ramp users encounter when trying to utilise the ramp from the street access, either a locked gate, or a locked gate plus a parked car lol.</p> <p>The solution is usually just to go and find another boat ramp, but it is sort of annoying so maybe worth looking at <b>IF</b> the intended use of ramp is for more than just microcraft use.</p>	2b

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		Out of interest? Who provides access to this locked gate? what are the usual opening times? I luck out just about every time I go to use this ramp as a local - so have called it the 50/50 ramp.	
96	Harbour Trust	The Harbour Trust supports Council's proposal for a kayak storage facility at Milson Park, Kirribilli. The Harbour Trust manages nearby Sub Base Platypus, which is being renewed for public access, with public parkland and buildings restored for new uses. The Management Plan for Sub Base Platypus provides for the creation of a pontoon (subject to funding) to facilitate water-based access for kayaks and small boats. Due to the site constraints at Sub Base Platypus, the Harbour Trust is not proposing to provide kayak storage at Sub Base Platypus. The proposed kayak storage facility at Milson Park will complement the proposed pontoon at Sub Base Platypus and facilitate visitation to Sub Base Platypus and Kesterton Park	2d
97	Name and address withheld	<p>A number of points and my reasons why I reject the proposal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise levels which will affect residents. Having first hand experience of noise made by existing kayakers using Milsons Park as an entry point. Most are in the water before first light and are not considerate about the amount of noise they make, usually arriving in groups.</li> <li>Parking. As we or North Sydney Council should know parking in Bradley Ave, Hipwood and McDougall Streets are at a premium and with 36 Kayaks spots and possibly more in the future strained parking for residents and anyone other than kayakers will become extremely difficult.</li> <li>The proposed site to the water on most spring to autumn weekends is fully utilised by the SFS Historic 18 ft sailing fleet which covers most of the space with sails, masts and associated gear. Trying to navigate through this is dangerous at the best of times let alone trying to carry a 4-6 metre kayak. Accidents waiting to happen!!!! Who is liable on public space?</li> <li>Willoughby St public boatshed. The boatshed is more of a tip than boat storage facility. There looks like household goods such as carpet being stored in the racks and it is pretty filthy. There are also a number of empty racks that do not look like they have been used for some time. Racking could have been or should be changed to metal racking and the space between shelves could be substantially reduced allowing for more kayaks to be stored in the existing space. Therefore, no need to build new facilities in Milson Park.</li> <li>An option if Council thought it was that important would be to use some of the space at the Platypus site which is meant to be public space and is extremely underutilised and has PARKING and would have no noise impact on residents.</li> <li>Milson Park is a beautiful park and is enjoyed by picnickers, sailors, school sports, a large number of dog owners, many from outside the area, the Flying Bear Café, the Flying Squadron and for about six weeks about 3,000-5000 people a day to see the Jacarandas. We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful location but I think we already are doing enough as rate payers and residents for guests to the area.</li> <li>On Saturday the 22 Oct there was a commercial operator in the park with a van full of kayaks and paying customers arriving. Is the proposed facility going to become a commercial operators paradise? If the storage was to be built it should be for local residents, drivers licence details and utilities invoice should be a requirement to obtain use of the storage.</li> <li>How about Council thinks about the residents and rate payers!!!</li> </ol>	2b
98	Name and address withheld	I wish to endorse and support the KSC's submission below. It is a wonderful idea and a great resource for the community.	2b
99	Name and address withheld	The current storage facility, situated below Wrixton Park, appears to be under-utilised for proper storage of kayaks and could be better managed and potentially be redesigned to accommodate more vessels. Currently it seems to be in quite a mess. The area suggested by Council in Milson Park is a shaded area and well used by many people during the warmer months therefore, I do not support Council's statement 'The proposed design would not interfere with other park users.....' An alternative solution to storage would be Platypus, where there would be ample parking and access. This solution doesn't involve taking up valuable green space. I support Council in finding proper long term solutions to storage in our area. Platypus could provide the solution and potentially provide room for future expansion.	2e
100	Helen MacDonald	Please kindly add my support to the KSC Submission	2b
101	Rachael Logie	I wish to endorse the KSC submission. I have been a member of the club for 2 years using the Hayes Beach, Neutral Bay facilities and am a resident of Lavender Bay.	2b

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102	Caralyne Hart	As a local and member of I endorse the KSC submission	2b
103	Vilma Bowers	<p>I wish to state my objection to the proposal to instal a kayak storage unit in Milson Park.</p> <p>As a resident of many years and a frequent user of the park, I am aware that it must be one of the busiest parks in North Sydney and certainly does not need any additional foot traffic and movements through an already very congested park. During recent times with so much rain the area becomes very wet and soggy which is understandable given the park was reclaimed and also the creek bed for Rainbow Creek in former times. It is an extremely busy park with many people having picnics, is a popular venue for children’s parties, people sitting on the seats and grass drinking coffee, and many dogs with their owners. During the racing season on the weekend, the area is packed with the 18 footer boats and rigging set out across the park. The ramp which I assume will be used can also be an OH&amp;S issue because it becomes very slippery with moss. Who is responsible for keeping the ramp in a safe state?</p> <p>There is already a kayak storage unit in the nearby council boat shed at Wrixton Park which needs to be updated and could be more efficiently managed. I believe there are far more appropriate places on the harbour foreshore for a kayak storage unit other than an already very congested Milson Park.</p>	2b
104	Ramil Neri	I wish to endorse KSC’s submission.	2b



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