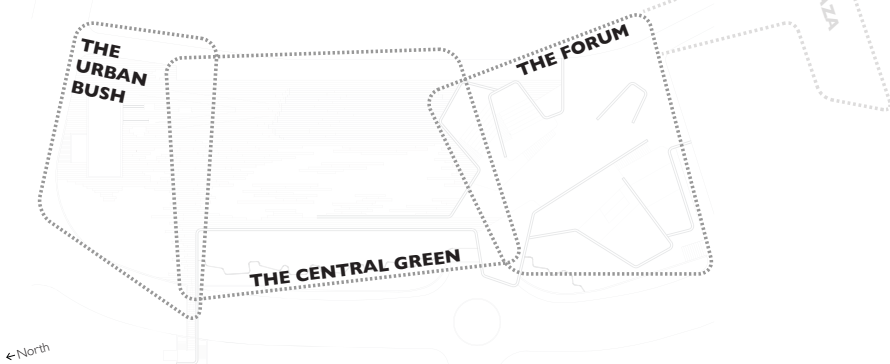


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'LIFE BETWEEN BUILDINGS' IN LANE COVE

'Life between buildings' includes all the very different activities people engage in when they use common city space; purposeful walks from place to place, promenades, short stops, longer stays, window shopping, conversations and meetings, exercise, dancing, recreation, street trade, children's play... and street entertainment.

- Jan Gehl, 2010

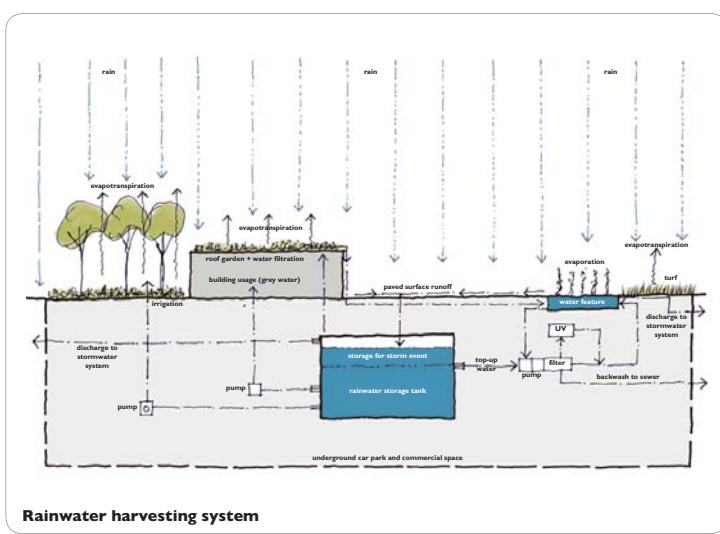


The Forum.
Entering the park from the lane connecting it to Lane Cove Plaza you walk into the new urban space of The Forum. Providing a venue for people to engage in a number of ways, the character of the place changes throughout the day, during the week and at different times of the year. Here, people meet, sit, discuss, watch, learn, play, dine, perform and are entertained. They can engage with the place as individuals, small groups, large groups and crowds. The Forum is welcoming and encourages a sense of belonging and engagement in a place that presents a rich variety of opportunities. An interactive water feature marks the entrance and encourages play by adults as well as children. The timber terraces provide comfortable seating for casual use by individuals as well as groups to meet, socialise and engage in impromptu performance. The terraces also provide a venue for major performances and events that attract large audiences. The Community Studio provides a flexible space for functions, classes and events and incorporates an outdoor breakout space.

The Central Green.
The eastern and northern edges of this large flexible space are defined by shops, galleries and eateries that use the adjoining paved and turf areas. The sky garden adjoining Birdwood Lane provides outdoor dining with elevated views over the park. Pop jets in the water play plaza are a great attraction to children. The Scribbly Gum Terrace is used for various recreation activities, such as ping pong, tai chi, yoga and bowls. There are also opportunities to sit, socialise and relax below the shade structure and adjoining smooth-barked gum trees. The water misting system incorporated in the shade structure provides welcome relief during hot summer days. A growers market and community events regularly create vibrant activity and community engagement in the Central Green.

The Urban Bush.
The distinctive Lane Cove bushland character established in the northern part of the park provides a unique playspace for children. Tree canopies provide dappled shade for a series of engaging play spaces located along a discovery trail. Careful planting design ensures that parents can see their children from the outdoor dining area of the adjoining coffee shop. The broad set of stairs at the north east corner of the park provides a generous and inviting entrance to the park. The sound and movement of water cascading in ribbons down the wall at one end of the stairs and falling in a wall of water at the other end, creates a popular urban space to meet, sit, hang out, see and be seen.

The concept explained



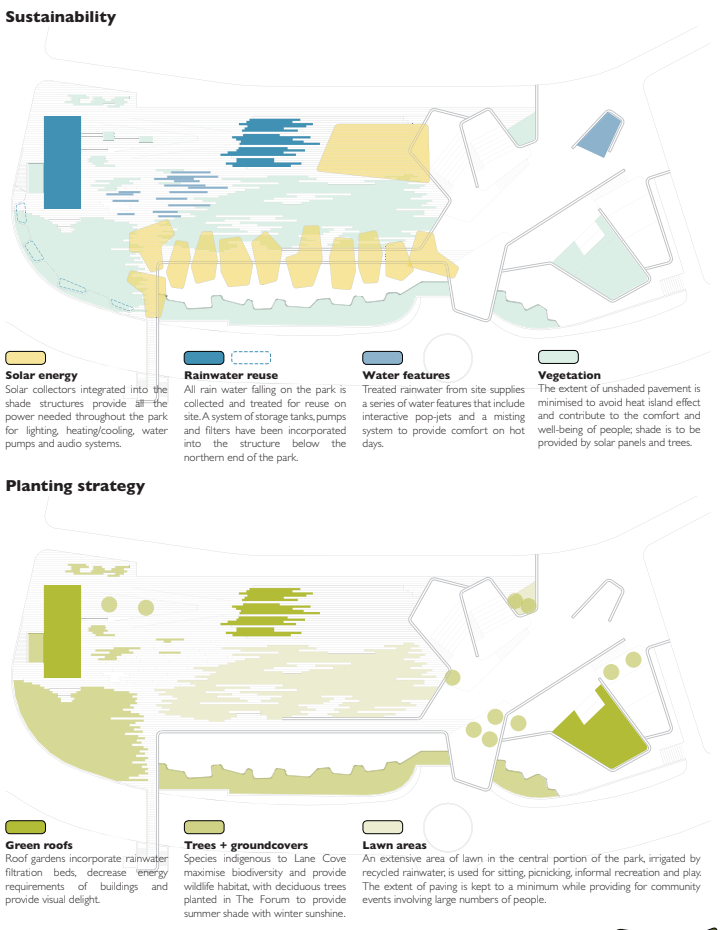
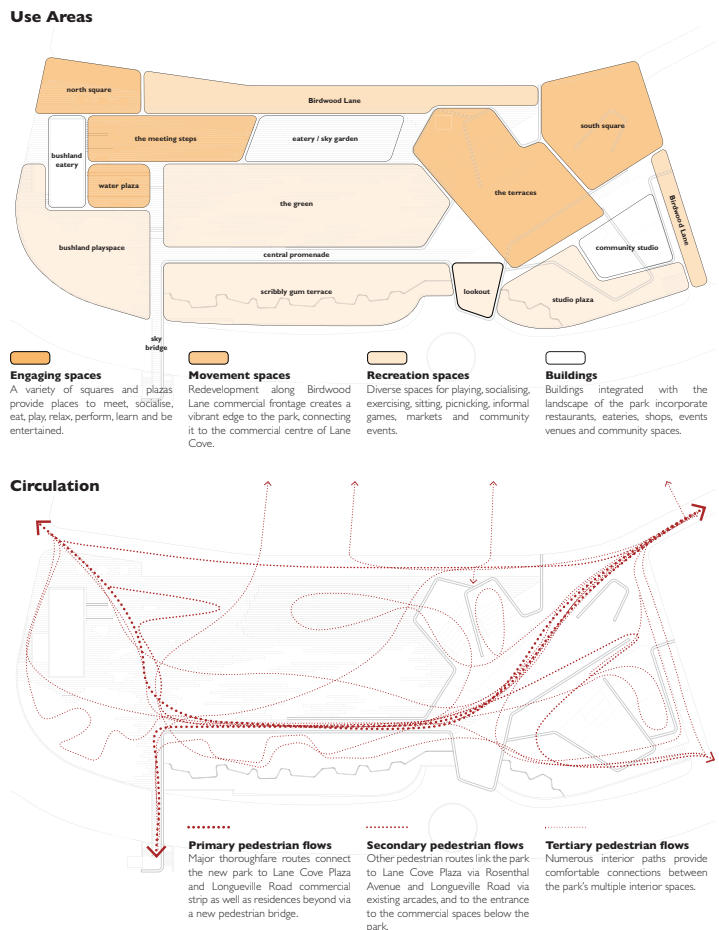
Vision statement

The Lane Cove community has embraced Rosenthal Park as their new central civic place. The Park provides an enduring sense of place that nurtures the community values of engagement, purpose, inclusion, mutual support, cohesion, adaptability, resilience and fun.

The diversity of spaces encourages and supports people of all ages to meet, play, perform, participate, learn, relax and reflect. As the Park evolves and adapts over time with the community, it will provide a strong sense of continuity and connection to the broader community of Lane Cove.

The Park forms a key element in a precinct that includes Lane Cove Plaza, Library and commercial development, connected by a network of pedestrian paths, lanes and arcades.

Commitment to sustainability includes recycling rainwater, collection of solar energy to generate all power on site and a landscape that contributes to the health and well-being of people using the Park and greater biodiversity.





Montage View **X**



LEGEND

- 1 Civic square** _ cafes define the eastern and southern edges of the square with pop jet water play and deciduous tree planting.
- 2 The terraces** _ a timber amphitheatre incorporates seating structures, a performance stage, deciduous tree planting and the entrance to the commercial level below.
- 3 The laneways** _ shared zones for safe and comfortable pedestrian access with redevelopment of existing buildings to create vibrant linear plazas.
- 4 Community studio** _ a public building and breakout space for community functions, classes and performances.
- 5 The green** _ central turf area providing a flexible space for informal recreation, relaxation and community events.
- 6 Sculptural solar structure** _ shade structures incorporating solar cell mesh for harvesting solar energy.
- 7 Scribbly gum terrace** _ a crushed sandstone plaza incorporating ping pong tables and flexible space for varied recreation (bowls, exercise classes, etc).
- 8 Central commercial building** _ new restaurant or cafe building with sky garden for outdoor dining and roof garden for stormwater filtration.
- 9 The meeting steps** _ new entry to park and casual gathering space incorporating native shade tree planting and disabled access.
- 10 Water plaza** _ water play plaza incorporating shallow pools, pop jets and misters providing a cool, playful space on hot days.
- 11 Bushland playspace** _ a playspace within a native bushland setting incorporating unique play elements inspired by the Australian bush.
- 12 Northern commercial building** _ new restaurant or cafe building with roof garden and water feature for stormwater filtration.





“This is a cool place to hang out because there are heaps of different places to sit and chat. After school we get take away and sit on the steps. Our school sometimes uses the space for performances... and I’ve been in one too!” - Chris, aged 12

“For me, getting out of the apartment to sit in the sun is the best... and catching up with friends. We love the ping pong tables and throwing the Frisbee on the grass” - Josh, aged 18





“The pop-up water jets are fun to play in, especially when it’s hot in summer. There is lots of room on the grass to run with my friends. The play area is really fun and is different to what is at other playgrounds.” - Natasha, aged 9



“Our family enjoys it here at weekends... there is always something happening. Besides the weekly markets, there are performances, or movies in the park organised by Council. The public art is fun for the kids to play with and gives the park a special character.” - Lisa, aged 36

