

Tidal Pools and White's Seahorse

Balancing community needs in a sensitive marine environment
Northern Beaches Council



Tidal Pools

- 8 tidal pools: 5 are in the harbour and 3 in Pittwater
- 29 wharves and jetties





Sensitive Environment

- Little Penguins – endangered population
- White's Seahorse – currently protected species, recommended by Fisheries Scientific Committee to be changed to endangered species
- Posidonia – endangered population in Sydney Harbour







Outcomes

- One year on
 - Condition surveys
 - Ecological surveys
 - Environmental approvals
 - Relevant permits and licences in place
 - Using new products and materials that require less maintenance




Community and Partnerships

- Community engagement
- Partnerships with agencies and contractors
- Internal Council partnerships
- Creative management methods

Tidal Pool Renewals
Little Mermaid and Forty Boulders

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Background







Key learnings

- Don't underestimate your marine assets
- Regular maintenance is key
- Baseline data - ecological and condition
- Talk to the experts
- WHS considerations

Next Steps

- Management Plans
- Alternative artificial habitat eg seahorse hotels
- Monitoring impact of practices
- Ongoing maintenance and upgrades



