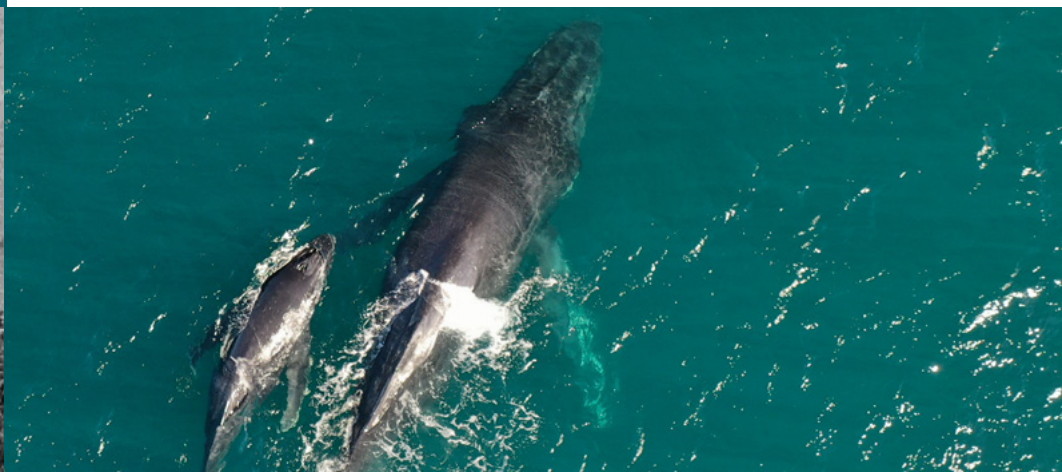




Whale watching and educational platforms

Connecting with our marine environment



WHALE WATCHING STATION

FUNDING AREA

Biodiversity & habitat

BUDGET

\$2.5M

TIMEFRAME

2024-29

LOCATION

Various

STATUS

Proposed



DID YOU KNOW?

Buriburi (Humpback Whale) is a significant spiritual figure for local Aboriginal people. In the dreamtime story, it was the buriburi's baranga (large vessel) that the people stole to travel across the sea to Dharawal country.

Thousands of visitors and locals alike visit our coastline to catch a glimpse of the annual whale migration. Council is proposing to build whale watching platforms to support and help educate visitors about this natural phenomenon.

WHAT IS IT

Randwick City's 29km of coastline provides the ideal vantage point to observe one of nature's great journeys.

Around May and June, approximately 16,000 whales make their annual migration from the feeding grounds near Antarctica to breeding grounds in the south Pacific and return back from around August to November.

Humpbacks and southern right whales are the main species you'll see, but you may spot blue whales, minke and orcas too.

This project would provide a number of viewing platforms to not only see the whales on their annual migration but also increase community understanding of these remarkable creatures, the purposes of their migration, their relationship to First Nations history, conservation requirements and much more.

BENEFITS

Whale watching platforms could add to the experience of residents and visitors alike coming to Randwick City.

Well-planned and designed facilities could encourage and support the local economy contributing to tourism, cultural and place-making outcomes.

Millions of people are estimated to do Sydney's Coastal Walkway each year providing substantial economic benefits for the Randwick City economy and local businesses.

For the number of species and number of whales taking the migratory path as well as their importance in the marine food chain, the opportunity exists to increase community knowledge, understanding and appreciation of these remarkable mammals.