

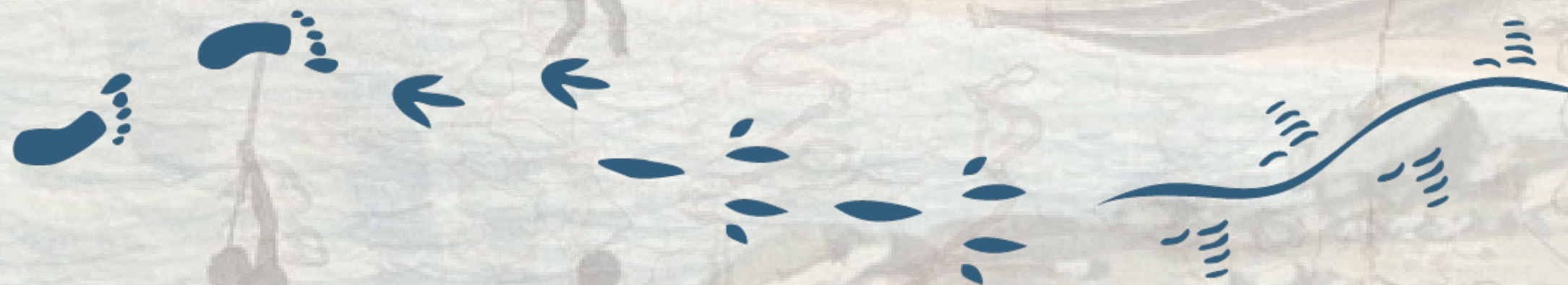
Attachment A9

Initial Connecting with Country Concepts

383 KENT ST

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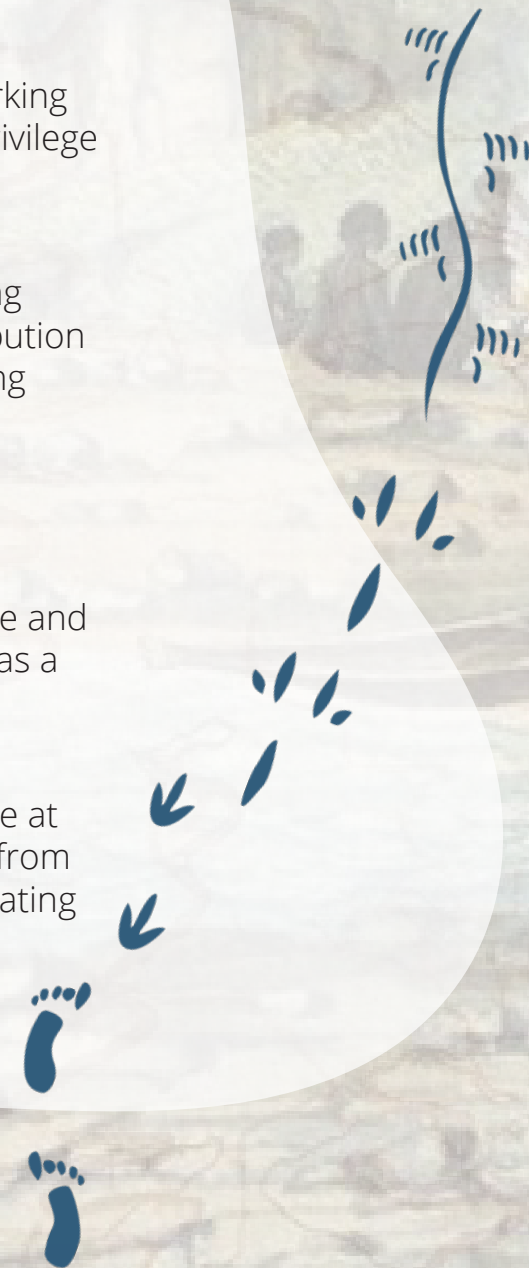
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge Country, the Cultural Landscape that we are working upon, We acknowledge the custodianship of its people and the privilege and responsibility to Connect with Country.

We acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people and their ongoing connection to culture, lands and waters and their valuable contribution to the community. We recognise and acknowledge the surrounding clans to the North, South, East and West whilst honouring and celebrating their Elders past, present and emerging.

We are part of the system of Country, our actions must always be Country positive. Being connected to Country transcends language and culture - a connected system of action, emotion, and experience, as a Custodian of Country.

Importantly, including First Nations knowledge of lands and culture at the onset of a project leads to design responses that are derived from knowledge of landscape variables and bio-cultural knowledge, creating meaning in placemaking conceptualisation and function.



GADIGAL AND WANGAL COUNTRY AT 383 KENT ST

The 383 Kent St site sits in a unique location close to Tumbalong which has been known to be a shared space of the Gadigal and Wangal, as well as a transition space between two extremely diverse ecologies, casuarina swampland and harbour foreshore.

The site is on a sandstone rise, with the Tank Stream valley catchment to the east and the Darling Harbour / Barangaroo shoreline to the west. The site would have been very close to the original shoreline, as much of the land west from about Sussex Street is reclaimed land along that coastline.

Pre colonisation the shoreline was close to the current Sussex Street, with a semi-circular rise or promontory along the eastern coastline of Darling Harbour close to 383 Kent Street. This would have been a place to view across the water to Pirrama (Pyrmont) and beyond to Wanne Country (from Darling Harbour along the western harbour shore towards Parramatta) as well as back eastwards into the Tank Stream valley in Cadi Country.



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THROUGH SITE LINK

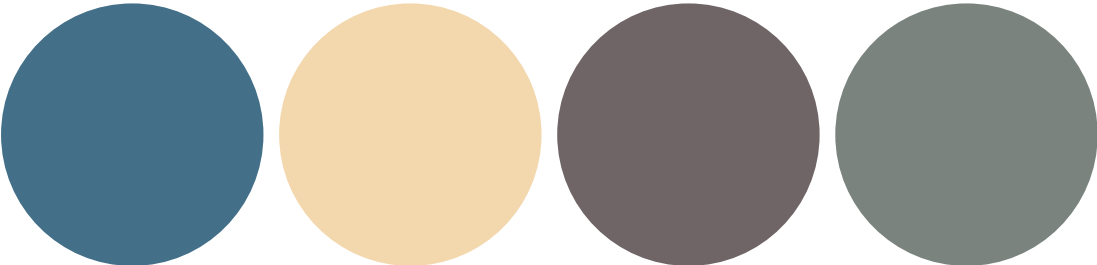
As an area of high pedestrian traffic, the through site link provides an opportunity to reconnect two diverse ecologies. The 383 Kent Street site sits between the saltwater environment of the Eastern shore of Tumbalong and the freshwater environment of the Tank Stream valley catchment.

Through the design, we can highlight the natural forms, colours, and features of Country to allow people to further experience the natural landscape and develop a further understanding and appreciation of Indigenous life on site, and how the site has changed over time.

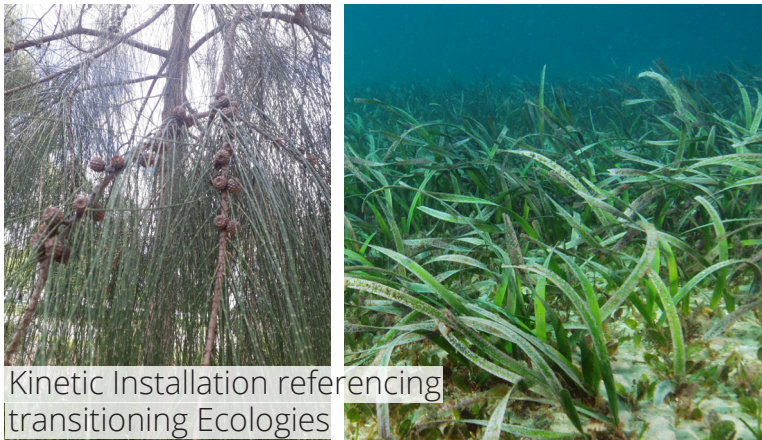


Celebrating the Ecology and Natural Landscape

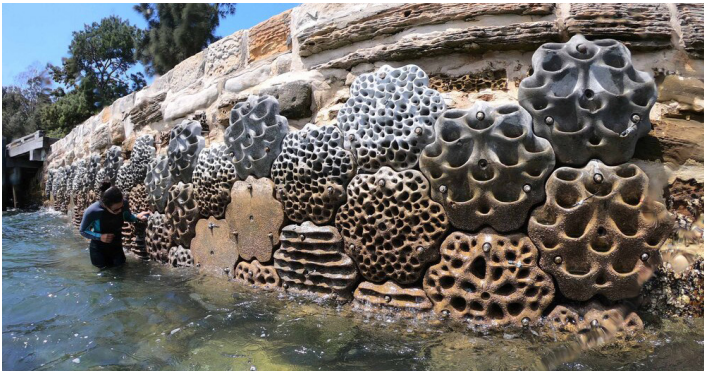
Natural Eco-tones



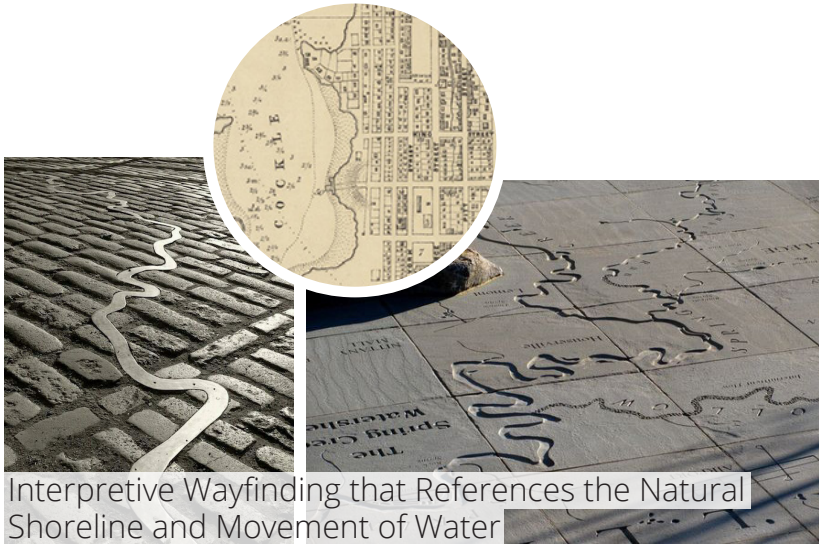
Highlighting Views of Country



Kinetic Installation referencing transitioning Ecologies



Sculptural Form Referencing Country



Interpretive Wayfinding that References the Natural Shoreline and Movement of Water

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GREEN FACADE + TERRACES

The unique location of the building can celebrate the diverse ecologies of Wanne and Cadi countries through materiality, colour and planting. We can explore the different qualities of the neighbouring Countries through colour and materiality on different faces on the building. We can increase biodiversity at the site by adding seasonal plantings to encourage non human kin back to the site. Implementing sustainable water management at the site and using sustainable materials will help to improve the health of Country.



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Seasonal Endemic Planting Scheme

