

Barangaroo South Masterplan

Sydney, Australia

I have been impressed by [RSHP's] imaginative design skills, their drive to challenge past achievements and find new approaches to masterplanning and delivering a world class outcome on the Barangaroo site

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Location Sydney, Australia

Date

2009 - 2015

Area

22 hectares (of which 6 hectares has been developed for commercial, residential, hotel, cultural and transport uses) Client

New South Wales Government / Lend Lease

Co-Architect PTW

Service Engineer ARUP

Landscape DesignGustafson Guthrie Nichol (GGN)





Barangaroo South Masterplan was part of a 22-hectare site masterplan to transform a former container port on Sydney's harbour. The masterplan was split into different zones: Barangaroo South for commercial and residential development as an extension of the city's central business district, (CBD); Central Barangaroo as a low density, predominately residential neighbourhood overlooking a harbourside city park, and Headland Park as a reconstructed, naturalistic landscape for all.

Covering six hectares of built development, Barangaroo South has become a new city quarter that integrates with the existing urban fabric. At the heart of the scheme are the International Towers Sydney, (2017), three office buildings organised on a fan-shaped grid which adopt the scale and density of the CBD whilst maintaining a fully accessible waterfront.

Over two-thirds of the development was set aside as public and recreational spaces, including a continuous waterfront promenade that was previously broken by the port, (Wulugul Walk, 2021); an amphitheatre-style boardwalk stepping down to the water, (Watermans Cove, 2025) and a one-hectare park, providing a green retreat for the community, (Hickson Park, 2020).

The plan reconnects the area with the rest of Sydney by creating strong pedestrian and public transport links, including Wynyard Walk – which brings Wynyard Station to the doorstep of Barangaroo – and Sussex Street Bridge (2016); a new ferry terminal (Barangaroo Ferry Wharf (2017), and a metro station (Sydney Metro Barangaroo Station, 2024) at Barangaroo Central.

Part of the Clinton Climate Initiative's Climate Positive Development Program, Barangaroo South became Australia's first carbon-neutral precinct in 2019. The area, as well as the International Towers have all been WELL Certified at the Platinum level – making it one of the world's most sustainable multi-use precincts. In addition the towers have all been recognized with a 6 Star Green Star rating – the highest level of sustainability for a building - from the Green Building Council of Australia.