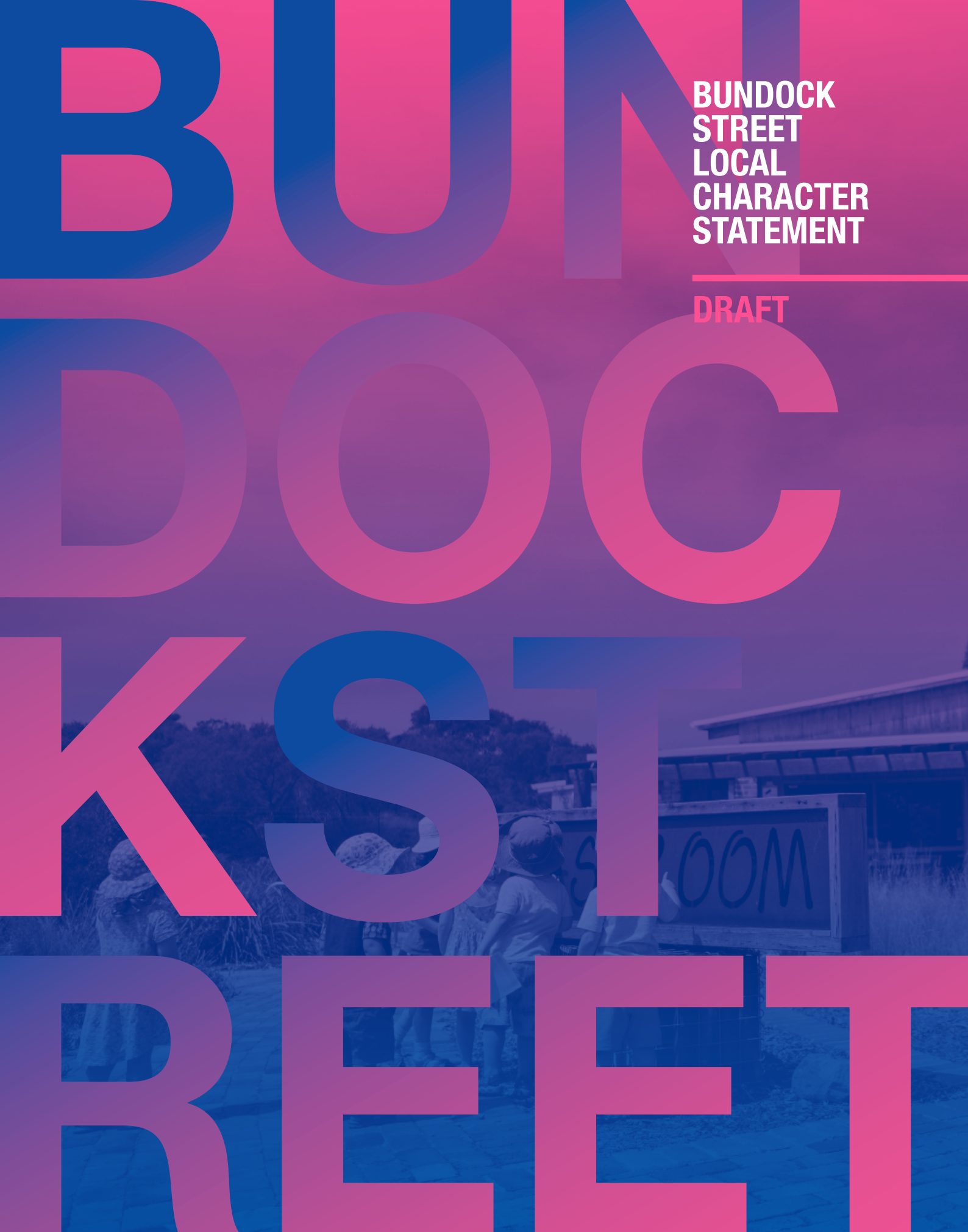




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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statement

Randwick City Council acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Australians of this land, and the Bidjigal and Gadigal people who traditionally occupied the land we now call Randwick City.

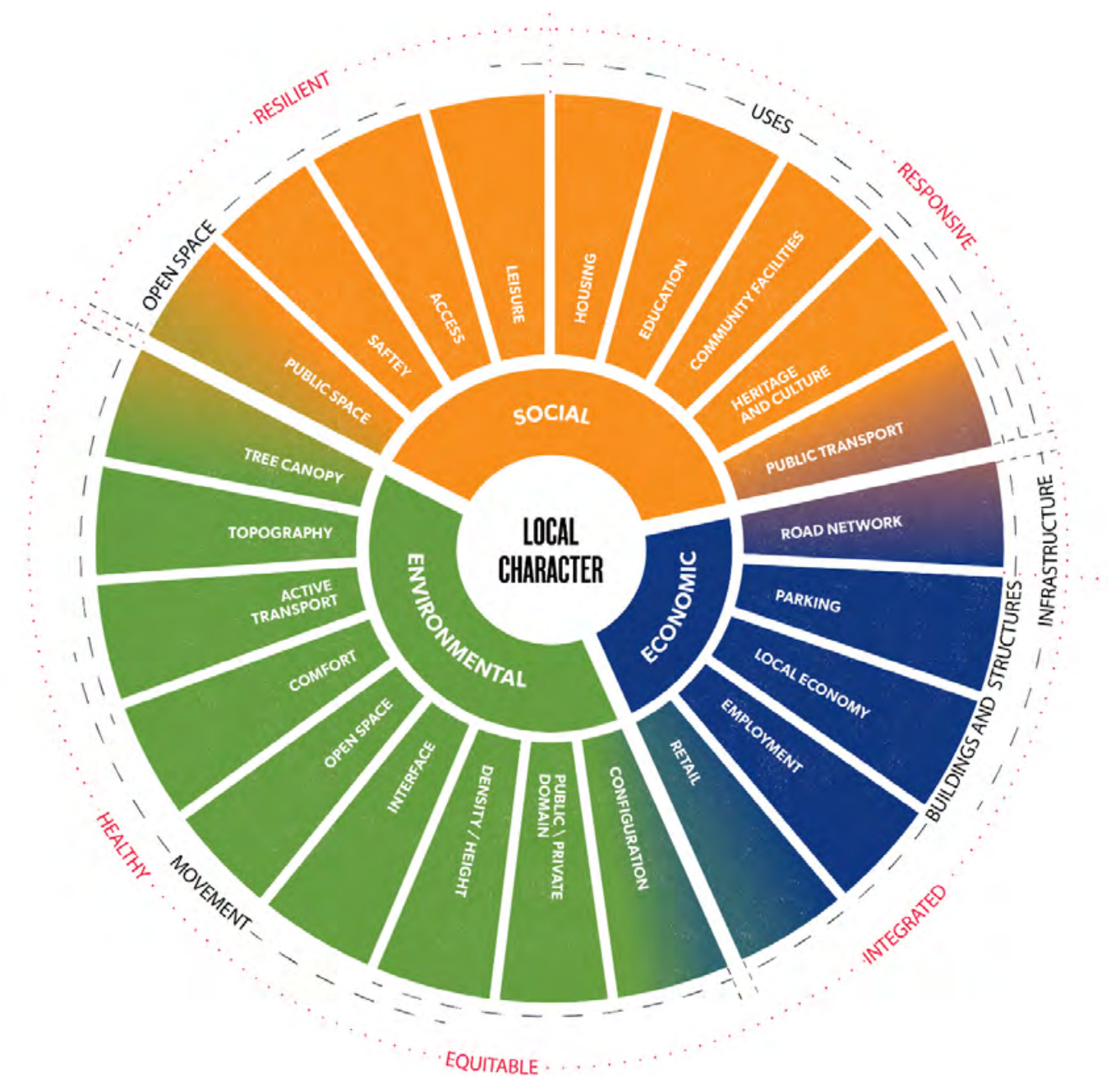
Randwick City has a rich and unique Aboriginal cultural history, with La Perouse being the only area in Sydney where the local Aboriginal community have had an unbroken connection to the land.

We recognise and celebrate the spiritual and cultural connection Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have with the land which long pre-dates European settlement and continues today.

Building on our Statement of Recognition and commitment to Reconciliation, Council wishes to support the vision and plans of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait community in order to close the gap on disadvantage, build stronger local and regional economies and support culturally rich and healthy communities.

Our Approach

Local character is the identity of place and what makes a neighbourhood distinctive. It is a combination of land, people, the built environment, history and culture and looks at how these factors interact to make the character of an area.



The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Local Character Wheel.



Childrens activities at Randwick Community Centre.

Council’s methodology for identifying local character has involved two main streams of research – expert and local knowledge. Our expert knowledge is drawn from Council’s databases and is based on the three indicators of local character – environmental, social and economic. Local knowledge is drawn from extensive community consultation conducted in 2019 and social media analytics. By mapping and overlaying all of this data, we have generated spatial representations of local character and have identified draft Local Character Areas (LCAs) and draft Special Character Areas across the LGA.

Eleven draft Local Character Statements have been prepared that will outline the key features and desired future character of each LCA. In addition, Council has identified draft Special Character Areas where local character indicators and community engagement outcomes emerge as a dense layer based on the methodology. Each LCA has one Special Character Area, while the Maroubra Central and Bunnerong Creek LCAs each have two.

For more information on local character, please refer to the the Department of Planning Industry and Environment’s *Local Character and Place Guideline*.



Bundock Street Local Character Area

Bundock Street Local Character Area (LCA #05) is located in the middle of the Randwick LGA and it includes two significant local items, the Army Barracks and the Environment Park as well as a small pocket of residential land to the north east.



Bundock Street LCA Key Features



Significant remnant bushland and wetlands area



Randwick Community Centre is a leader in environment sustainability and community activities and events



Randwick Army Barracks is a large area with a mix of old and new military buildings

Community Feedback

To inform our local character analysis, Council undertook comprehensive community engagement in 2019 through online surveys, interactive mapping, interviews, community workshops and pop up stalls.

In workshops and online, participants were asked to put points on the map for places they consider have changed for the better, stayed the same and changed for the worse. They were also asked to map their special place.



- Places considered to have changed for the better
- Areas that have stayed the same
- Places considered to have changed for the worse
- Special place

Social media analytics were not undertaken for this LCA.

Key findings from our community engagement on Bundock Street LCA include:

- The community values the Randwick Community Centre and Environment Park
- Improved wayfinding is needed to and within the Environment Park
- Mixed responses in relation to active transport connections to the site in the form of a separated bike path along Bundock Street
- Many people in the community are still not aware of the Community Centre and Environment Park

Environmental characteristics



Bundock Street LCA is characterised by a large percentage of unbuilt surface belonging both to the Army Barracks and the Environment Park.

At the Randwick Environment Park, aeolian sand dunes (which are now vegetated) cover much of its area. Outcrops of Hawkesbury Sandstone are present to the east of the picnic area and on the eastern side of the wetland.

The environmental values of this LCA are mostly related to the Randwick Environment Park. The Park, which is listed as a Heritage Conservation Area under Randwick's planning controls comprises of 13 hectares of parkland, bushland and wetland containing over 92 species of indigenous plants. It includes the endangered sunshine wattle and 3.6 hectares of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, which is a critically endangered ecological community. The bushland and wetland provide valuable habitat for a range of fauna.

The Randwick Environment Park contains an ephemeral wetland which contains some aquatic flora species, the presence of which is influenced by periods when water is present in the wetland. The wetland is a window to the groundwater table forming part of the extensive Botany Aquifer, and drains an urban catchment of 89 hectares. The wetland has a sparse to open cover of vegetation, reflecting both past disturbance and extended periods of dryness.

The Park supports four main habitat types - shrubland, exotic grassland, wetland and rock outcrops. The shrub land provides shelter and food for small animals such as birds and reptiles, while the grassland supports birds such as Australian magpies, galahs, and masked lapwings. The ephemeral wetland has some periodic habitat



Bushcare at the Environment Park

values for waders, waterfowl and frogs. In 2002, a great egret (a migratory water bird listed under the Commonwealth's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999) was observed foraging within the shallow waters of the wetland, however no great egret roosting colonies have been recorded on or in the vicinity of the Randwick Environment Park. Six different varieties of frogs and nine reptile species have been identified in the Park.

The remnant bushland sites and their main items of natural value within Bundock Street LCA are:

REMNANT BUSHLAND SITE	ITEMS
Environment Park	Threatened species, indigenous plant species rare in Randwick, aeolian dune sands, wetland, sandstone outcrop, remnant heath and scrub, native revegetation, exotic grassland, migratory species.

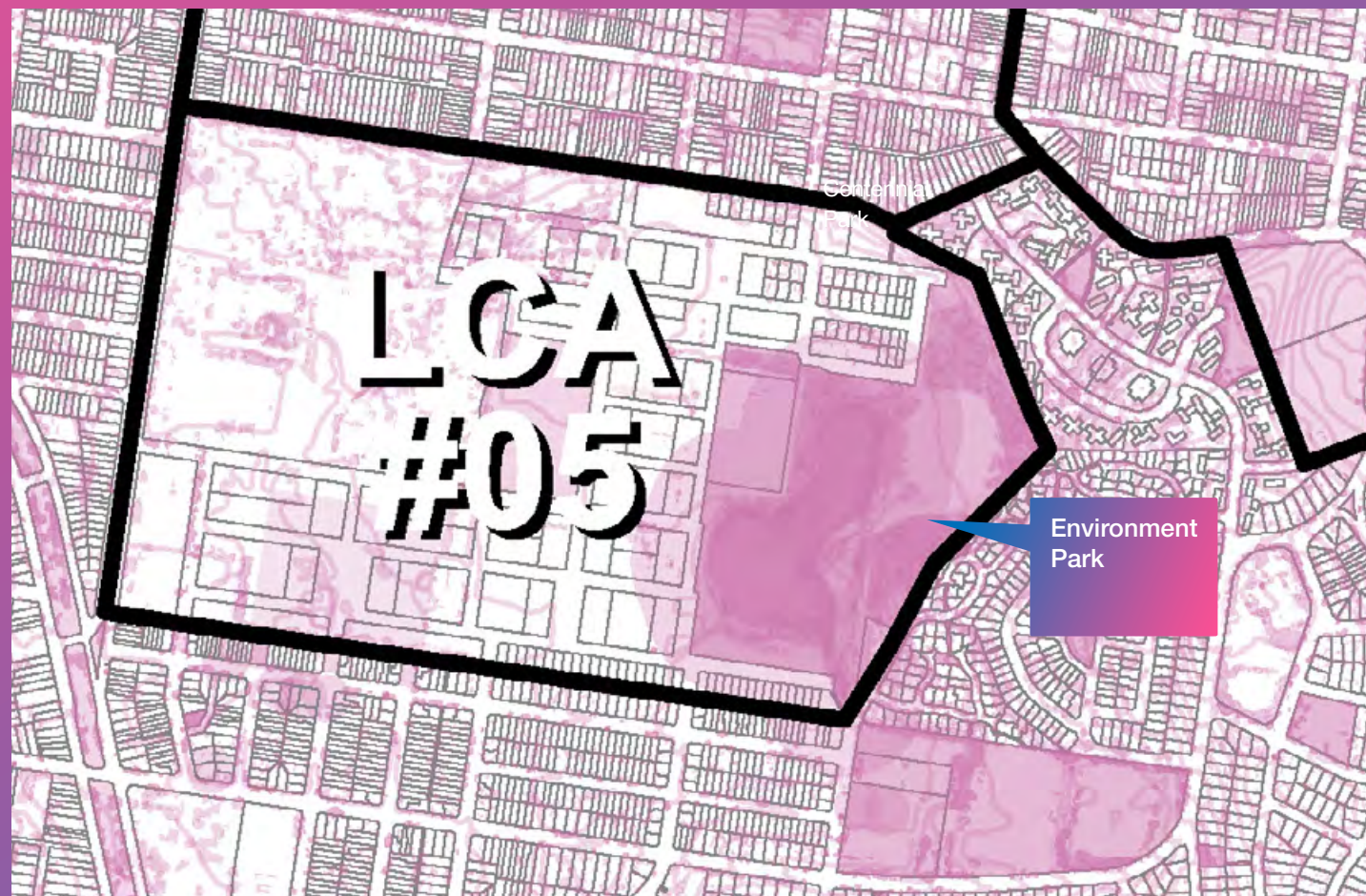
Randwick City Council manages the Environment Park and in accordance with relevant management documents such as the Randwick Environment Park Plan of Management, works to restore, protect and enhance its habitat values. It is important that endangered species such as ESBS and sunshine wattle are protected for future generations to experience and enjoy.



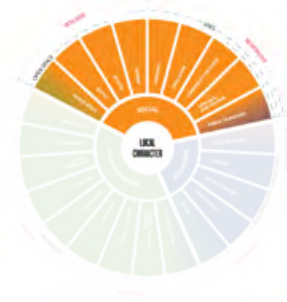
The Environment Park wetlands

Environmental indicators density map

The following map is the spatial representation of the environmental indicators mapping overlay. It shows the concentration of indicators such as topography and tree canopy, hydrography, open space and protection areas. It provides evidence of nodes where environmental indicators emerge as a dense layer (i.e. dark pink) over the Randwick Environment Park.



Social characteristics



The social and historic values of Bundock Street LCA relate to the historic presence of the Randwick Army Barracks and the significant contribution the Environment Park and Randwick Community Centre makes to the local community.

The Environment Park was originally part of the Randwick Army Barracks with the eastern part used during WWII as a site for storage sheds. It hosts a scenic wetlands walk, the Randwick Community Centre and a community garden.

The Randwick Community Centre has a reputation as a leader in environmental and community education, activities and events. The Randwick Community Centre is a modern building with environmentally sustainable features including a large community hall. The Randwick Community Centre has a reputation as a leader in environmental and community education, activities and events. The Centre is adjacent to a children's playground featuring sunshades, soft flooring and nautical themed equipment including a slide, fort climb and spring ride. A permaculture interpretive

community garden provides residents with the opportunity to meet, garden and learn about local species.

It is considered that walking access between the Community Centre and Joongah Street is inadequate for all members of the community.

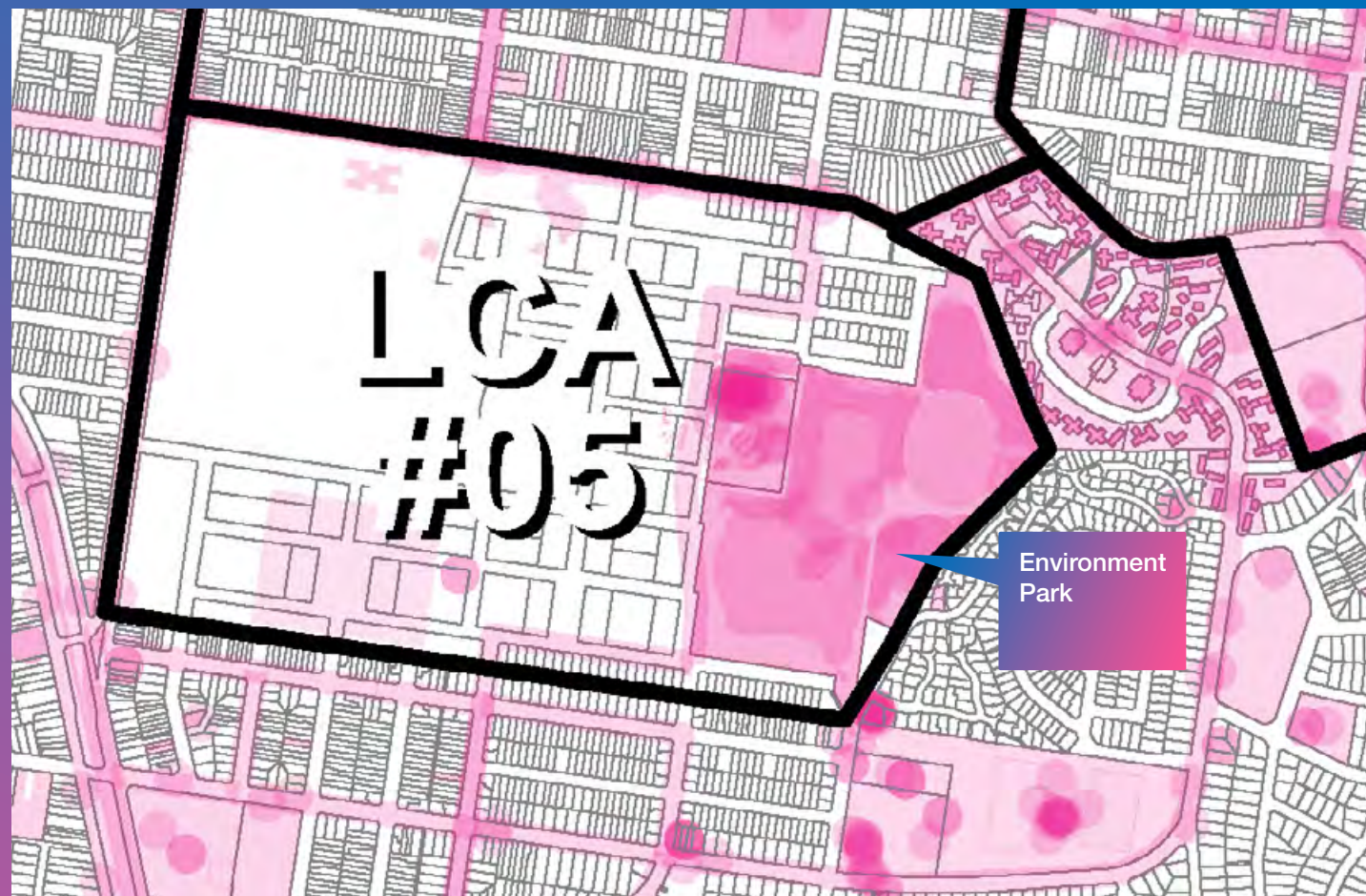
Council has designed a separated cycleway along Sturt Street and Bundock Street and is awaiting funding for construction. With additional landscaping and pedestrian facilities, this project will enhance the streetscape and provide a safer environment for people to cycle to the area. Council is also investigating a paved pedestrian access from Joongah Street through to Munda Street Reserve and the Community Centre.



Childrens activities at Randwick Community Centre

Social indicators density map

The following map is the spatial representation of the social indicators mapping overlay. It shows the concentration of indicators such as community facilities, heritage and culture, leisure and recreation, public transport and social housing. It provides evidence of nodes where social indicators emerge as a dense layer (i.e. dark pink) at the Randwick Environment Park.



Economic characteristics



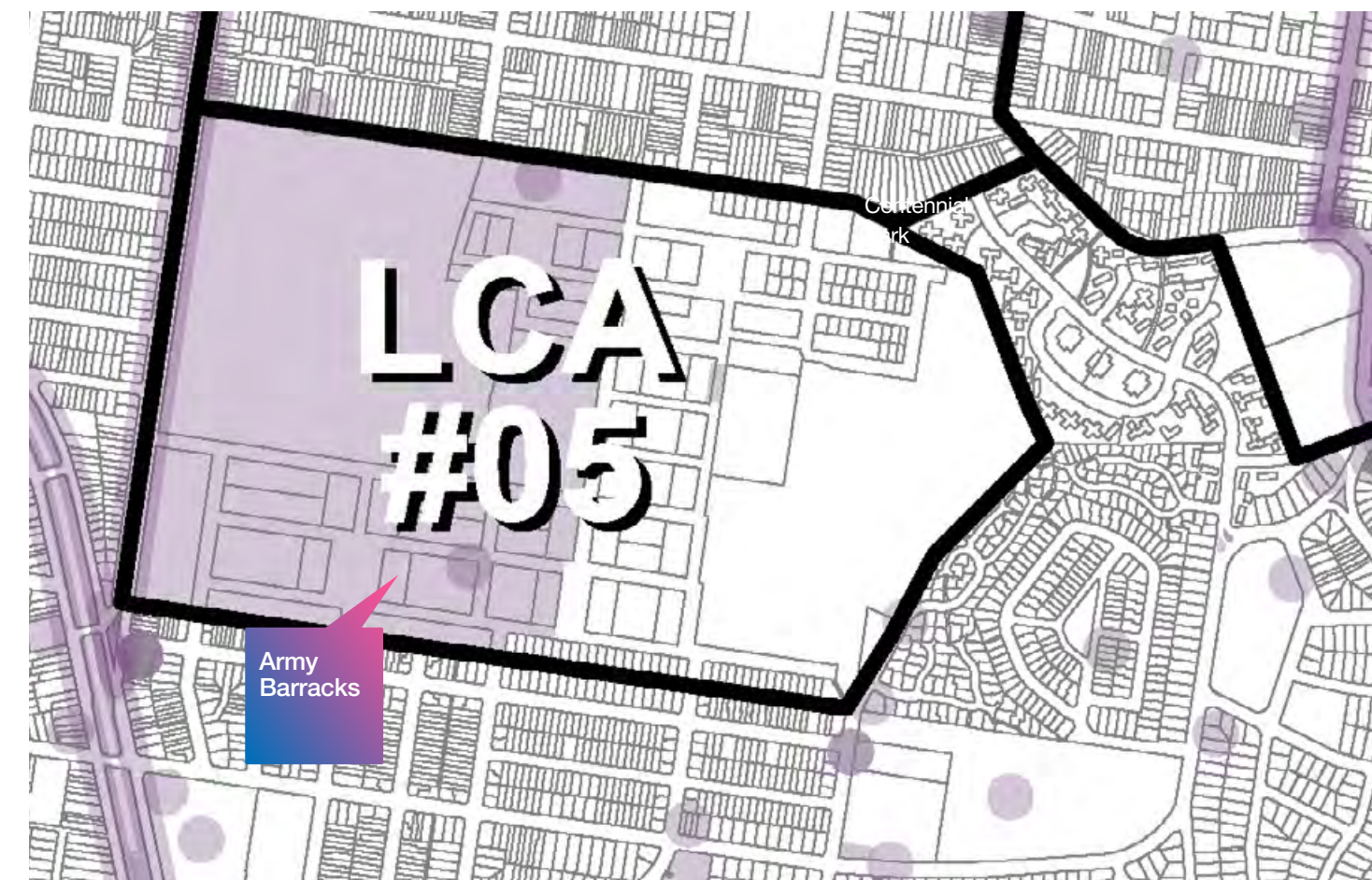
The Randwick Army Barracks are located in the LCA. The base provides administrative support and supply services to units of the Australian Defence Force.

The economic value of the Army Barracks as a significant place of employment and training for army and naval personnel is noteworthy.

The Randwick Community Centre occasionally hosts events, including the Eco Living Expo which is the eastern suburbs' biggest

community and sustainability-focused festival. Notwithstanding, these events are free and for the wider community to enjoy.

While the LCA has a pocket of low density housing stock, lot size and frontage analysis has not been conducted for this area.



Economic indicators density map

The above map is the spatial representation of the economic indicators mapping overlay. It shows the concentration of indicators such as local economy, commercial areas, food and health-related activities, road network and parking.

Environment Park Special Character Area

The Environment Park Special Character Area has been derived from the values density overlay analysis and the community shared values and future aspirations.

Its overall characterisation is to enhance the facilities and activities of the Environment Park and support a greater interaction with surrounding areas.

The Randiwick Environment Park and Randwick Community Centre situated within it has high environmental and social value for the community, and consultation indicated that people value this area. The Environment Park is home to many indigenous plants

and endangered species such as ESBS. The Community Centre provides valuable space for community focused recreational, educational and arts programs with a focus on sustainability. The characterisation of this area is to protect and maintain the environmental values and provide greater accessibility to the area for the wider community.



Character principles

These character principles have been prepared to set the desired future character of Bundock Street LCA. The character principles have been formulated based on the analysis documented in this statement.

Bundock Street LCA character principles:

- Ensure new development within the vicinity of the LCA does not impact on the ecological and social qualities of the Randwick Environment Park
- Future north-south connection through the LCA to improve accessibility in the local area
- Maintain mature trees in the LCA to support local wildlife
- Improve access to the Randwick Environment Park and Community Centre for the wider community

These character principles will inform the comprehensive review of the Randwick *Local Environmental Plan 2012* occurring in 2020 and guide future provisions in the *Randwick Development Control Plan 2013* which will be reviewed and updated following the adoption of the new LEP.

By elevating local character in the local planning framework, we will deliver better place-based planning outcomes for the community.





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