

Attachment B

Redfern Neighbourhood Park Upgrades



Redfern neighbourhood public domain plan Park upgrades

Concept plan

15 March 2024

Redfern neighbourhood

Park upgrades

Park 1:

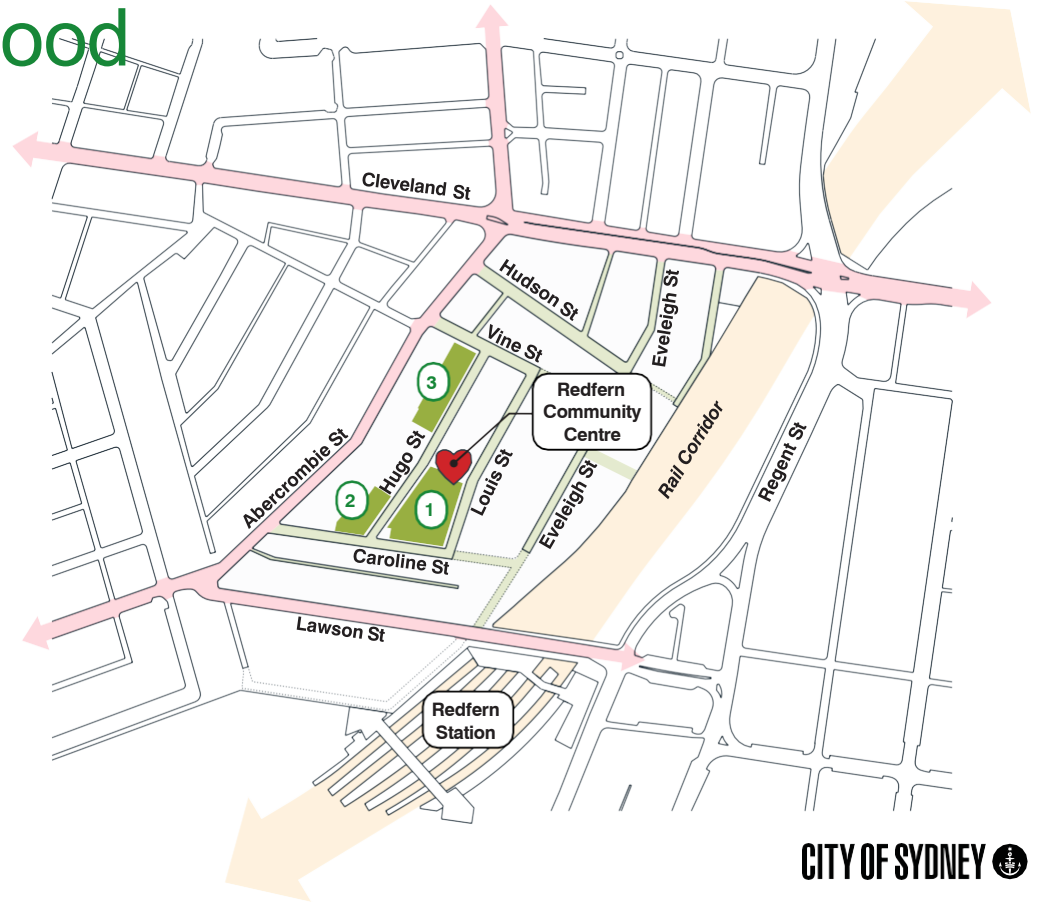
**Redfern Community Centre
open space (2,275m²)**

Park 2:

Yellomundee Park (1,000m²)

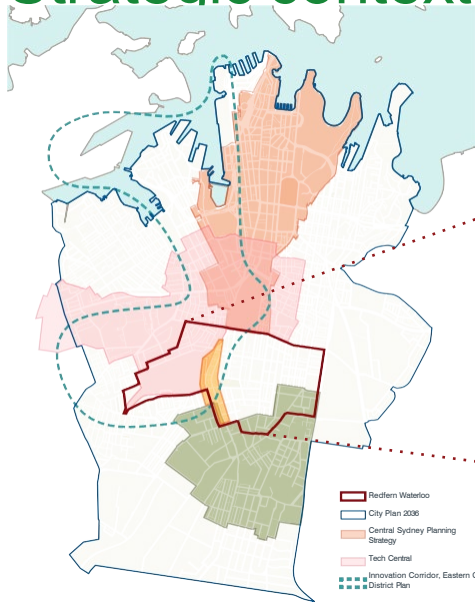
Park 3:

Hugo Street Reserve (1,360m²)

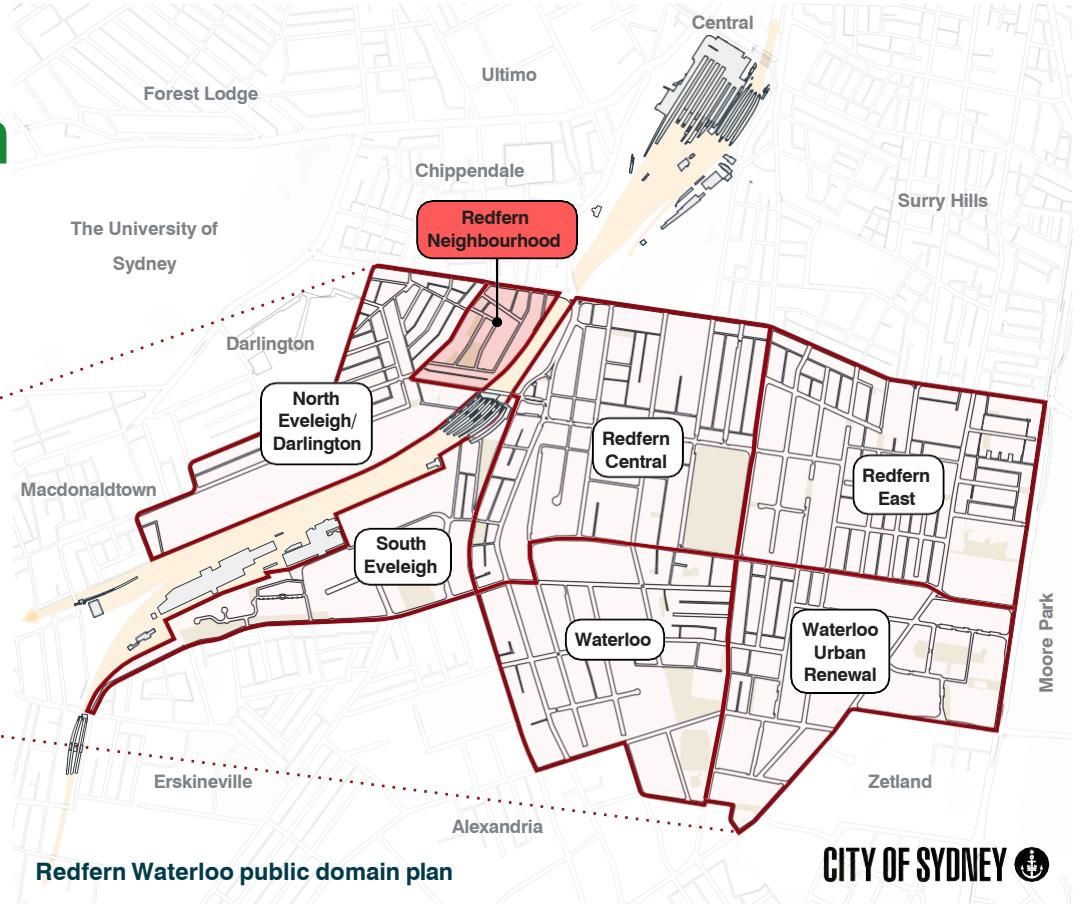


Redfern Waterloo Public Domain Plan

Strategic context



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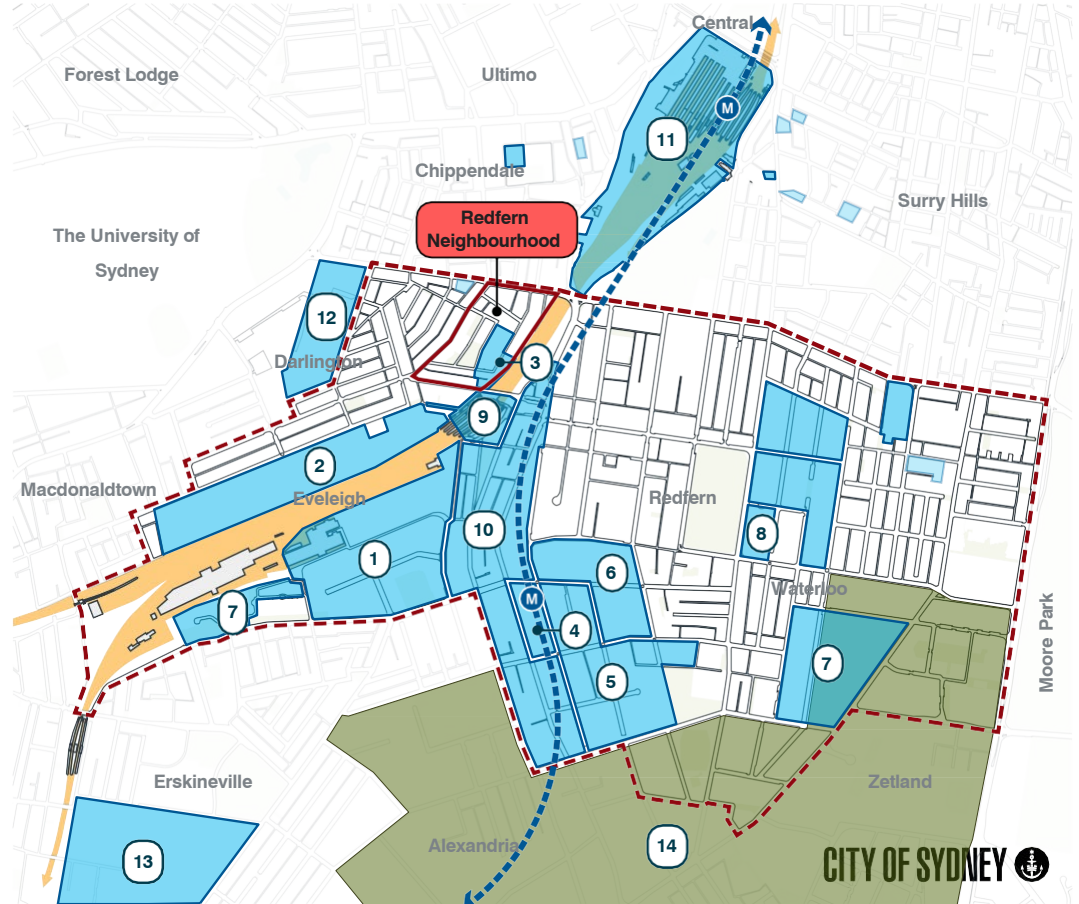


Redfern Waterloo public domain plan

Redfern Waterloo

A growing precinct

1. South Eveleigh
2. North Eveleigh
3. Pemulwuy Development
4. Waterloo Metro
5. Waterloo South
6. Waterloo Central and North
7. Danks Street South Precinct
8. LAHC Housing
9. Redfern Station upgrades
10. Botany Road corridor
11. Central Precinct Renewal Program
12. Sydney University
13. Ashmore Precinct
14. Green Square renewal and development



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Sub-precinct profile



Land area:
66,220m²

Population:
1,440 people

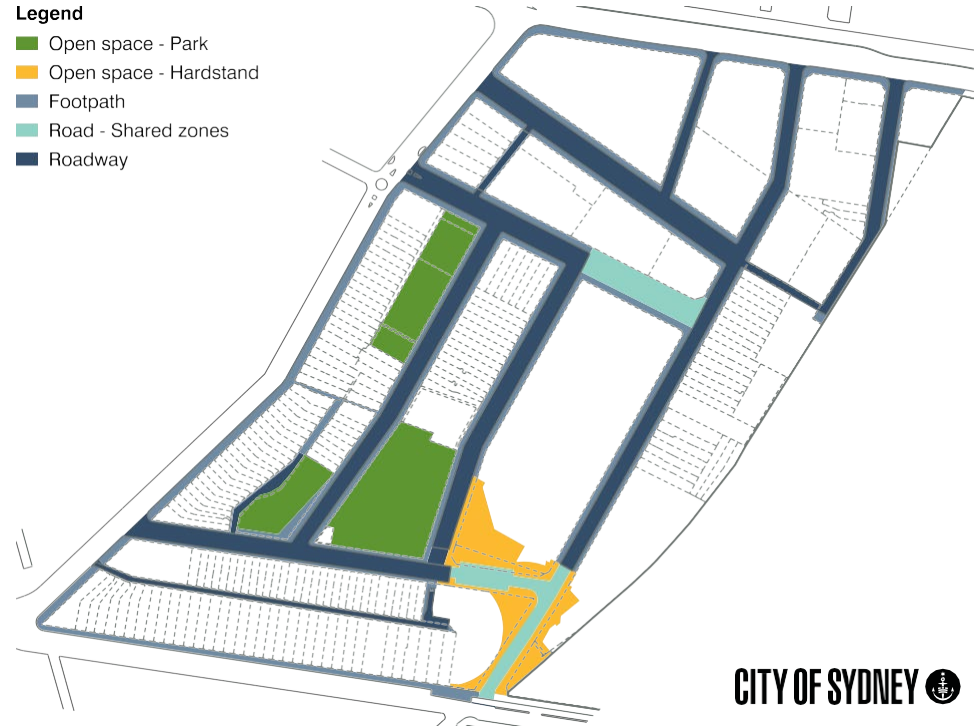
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Existing public domain

Public domain:

23,860m² or 36.6% of land area

- 19% is open space - park
- 8% is open space - hardstand
- 30% is footpath
- 6% is shared zone
- 37% is roadway



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Population

Approximate population:

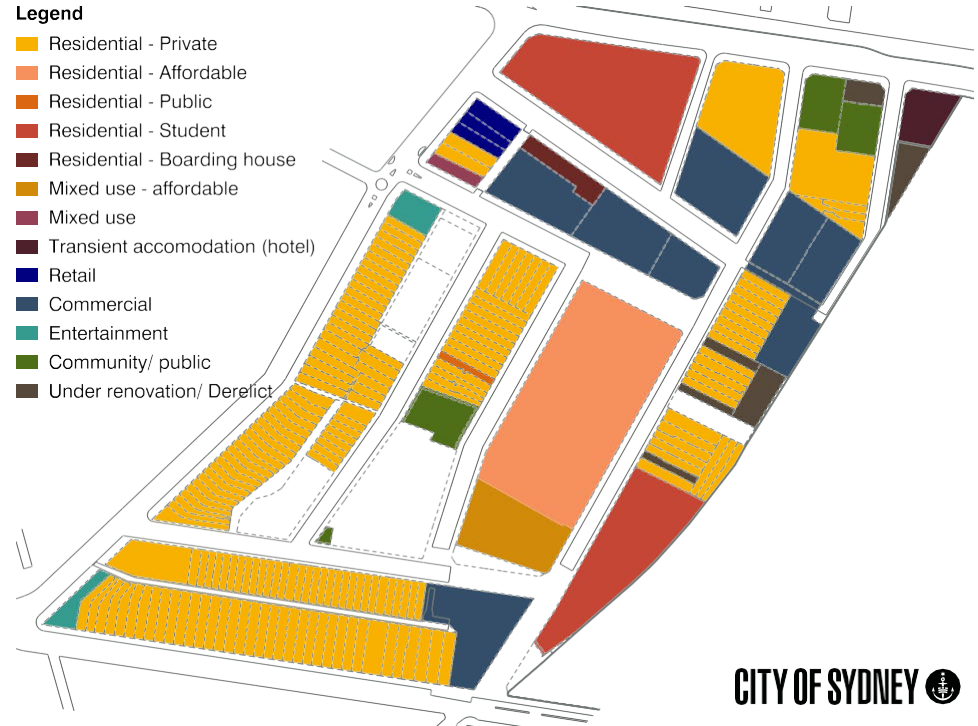
1,440 usual residents

Cultural diversity (2021 Census):

46% of the population was born overseas and 31% use a language other than English at home

First Nations cohort

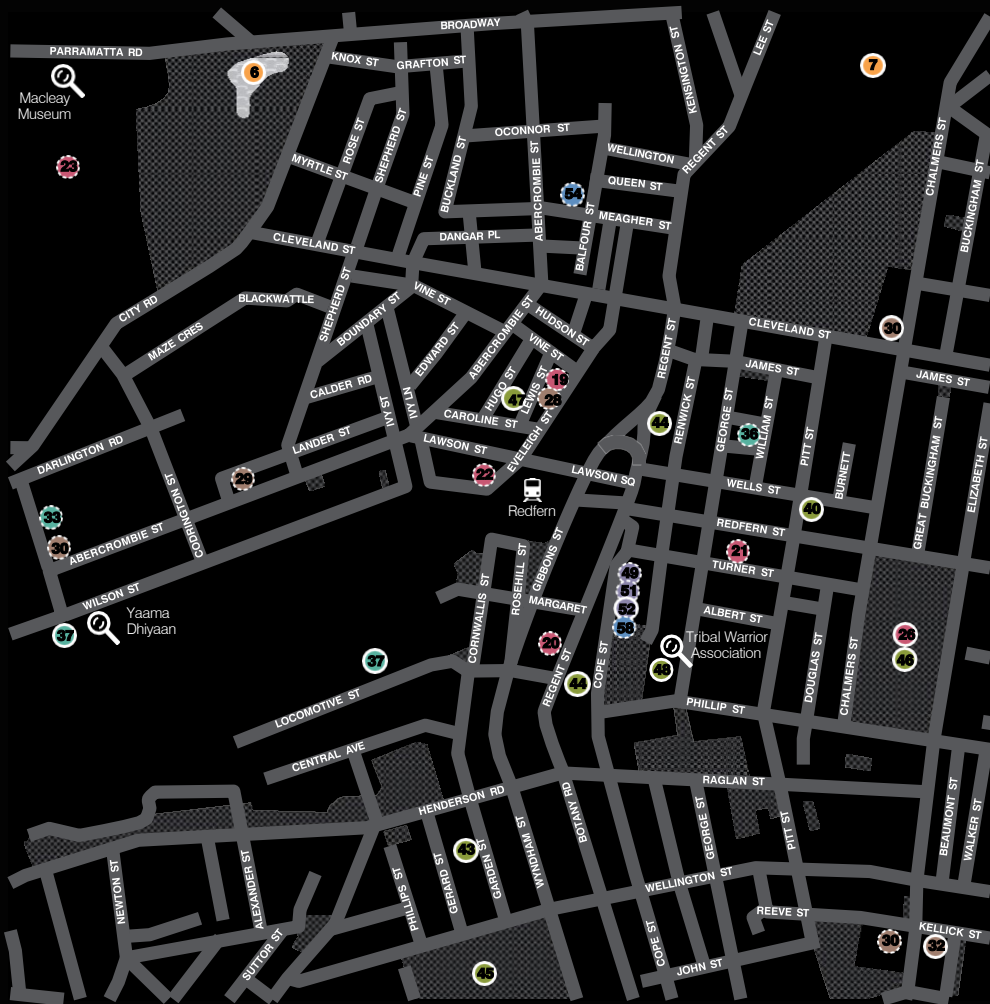
15.4% of the usual resident population



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Cultural and social significance





REDFERN, ALEXANDRIA AND WATERLOO

THIS JOURNEY TAKES YOU TO THE HEART OF OUR CONTEMPORARY ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY. THESE SUBURBS WERE A POWERHOUSE OF POLITICAL FERMENT AND ACTIVISM THAT CREATED THE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES THAT CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN THE CITY

SITE

-  Lake Northam, Victoria Park, Glebe
-  Freedom Ride & Macleay Museum, University of Sydney
-  Henry Jones & Co IXL Jam Factory, 12 Golden Grove Street, Darlington
-  Darlington Public School, Abercrombie Street, Darlington
-  Yaama Dhiyaan, 255 Wilson Street, Darlington
-  Eveleigh Railway Yards, Redfern (Australian Technology Park and Carriageworks)
-  Eora Centre, 333 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale
-  Boot Trade Union Hall, 122 Eveleigh Street, Redfern
-  Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern
-  Murawina, Eveleigh Street, Redfern
-  Aboriginal Housing Company, The Block, Redfern
-  Boomall, 14 Meagher Street, Chippendale
-  Prince Alfred Park (Cleveland Paddocks)
-  Cleveland Street High School, 244 Cleveland Street, Surry Hills
-  Francis Chocolates, 1-7 Stirling Street, Redfern
-  Empress Hotel, 87 Regent Street, Redfern & Clifton Hotel, 1 Botany Road, Waterloo
-  Aboriginal Medical Service, 36 Turner Street, Redfern
-  Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street, Redfern
-  Redfern Park and Oval
-  Waterloo Town Hall and Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo
-  Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, 2-6 Kellick Street, Waterloo
-  Alexandria Oval
-  Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden Street, Alexandria
-  Aboriginal Legal Service, 142 Regent Street, Redfern
-  National Centre of Indigenous Existence, 160-202 George Street, Redfern
-  Tribal Warrior, Gadigal House, 180 George Street, Redfern
-  Black Theatre, 31 Cope Street, Redfern & ADTR, 82-88 Renwick Street, Redfern
-  Radio Redfern & Gadigal Information Service, 27 Cope Street, Redfern
-  Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care, 35 Cope Street, Redfern

7 Eora Journey projects

1. Redfern Terrace – Stage 1

Redfern Terrace – Stage 2

2. Place Projections

3. Hyde Park Monument

4. Monument for the Eora

5. Yananurala (originally Harbour Walk)

6. Redfern Tour (Avenue of Hope)

7. Eora Journey Walk (Harbour to Redfern)

Welcome to Redfern 2013

'Living Museum' 2022 – 2026

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2019 - 2032 (9 projects)

2023 - 2025

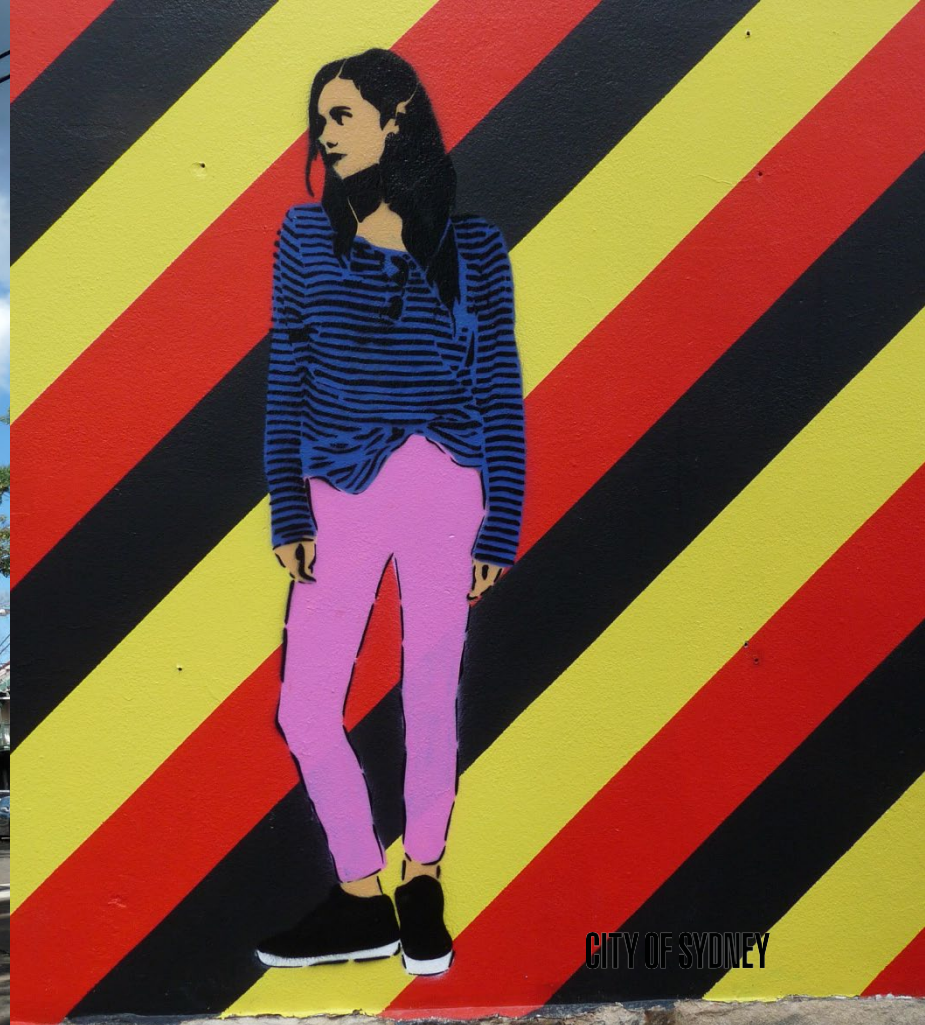
2024 - 2032

Redfern neighbourhood

Redfern Terrace



Welcome to Redfern Reko Rennie + young Aboriginal artists 2013



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Redfern neighbourhood Community engagement



Phase 1 (Nov/ Dec 2022):
Community vision consultation

Phase 2 (Jun/ Jul 2023):
Draft concept

Phase 3 (Oct 2023):
Concept development

Images (clockwise from top left):
Redfern community centre end of year celebration ; Edward Street Fair; Redfern community workshop 1; OOSH Session; Phase 3 engagement

Redfern neighbourhood

What the community values and thinks

People are strongly connected to the neighbourhood, valuing:

- the strength of Aboriginal culture and history on the neighbourhood
- The sense of community spirit, creating a safe, welcoming neighbourhood that is friendly and family oriented
- the walk-ability and cycle-ability of the area
- light car traffic
- low rise heritage
- green spaces and trees
- parks which are used as social gathering space, for sporting activities and play.

The neighbourhood is also considered highly accessible with proximity to transport, community support, education services, cafés, bars, restaurants, galleries and central Sydney.

What does 'connecting with Country' mean?

"Community education for all community led by indigenous people"

"Incorporate indigenous place names"

"We need a safe space to practice our cultural dance/ healing/ ceremony. More opportunity for us to show case the longest living culture"

"Connect with land via Elders and qualified individuals. Learn about culture, traditional dress, food"

"More communal events to celebrate our culture in the parks to connect with nature and culture and our people"

"...more local/ native plants and information about the history of the area in community spaces, public art celebrating Country"

"Having space for our families to practice culture daily. Not just performative culture here"

"A botanical garden featuring Aboriginal plants of cultural and healing significance open to the public..."

Redfern neighbourhood

Vision for the future



A place that celebrates its Aboriginal culture and history

- Connect with Country by learning about Country, healing Country, and practicing and sharing culture.
- Enable and facilitate cultural activities led by local Aboriginal people.
- Include culturally informed urban design, planting and wayfinding.



A place that is green and cool with native trees and plants

- Replace hard surfaces with grass and garden beds.
- Increase native trees and plants in parks.
- Create opportunities for bush tucker, community gardens and verge gardens.



A place where the community can come together to socialise and celebrate

- Improve open space planning - put the right things in the right places.
- Improve and add to existing facilities.
- Provide outdoor spaces for community events and activities.



A place where people feel a sense of connection and belonging

- Offer quiet natural spaces.
- Provide places for people to engage with culture and learning.
- Provide places for social events, gatherings and celebrations.
- Offer fun, safe and challenging play spaces.

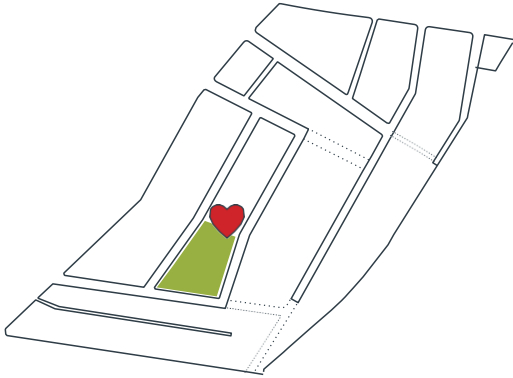


A safe place to move around and play

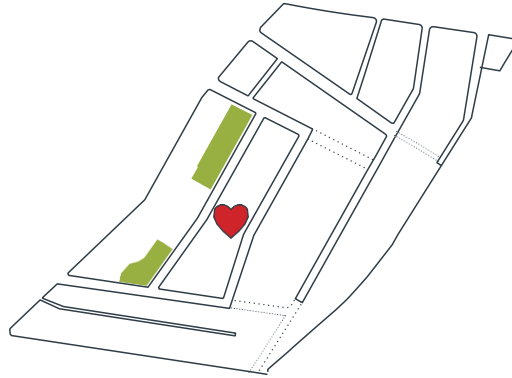
- Improve footpaths
- Improve seating
- Improve lighting.
- Create calmer streets.
- Create safe open spaces for children to run and play.

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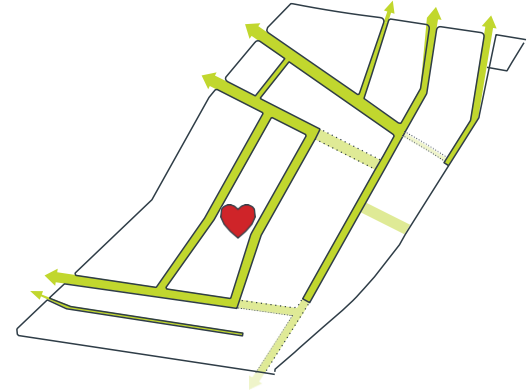
Public domain projects



Project 1:
**Strengthen the
community heart -
Redfern Community
Centre open space**



Project 2:
**Improve supporting
public open spaces -
Yellomundee Park &
Hugo Street Reserve**



Project 3:
**Calm traffic, improve
safety & increase
greening on streets**

RCC open space

Existing



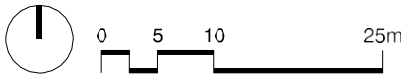


RCC open space

Existing

What the community told us:

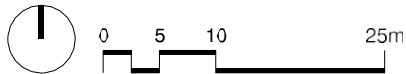
- More green space/ lawn for play and events
- Upgrade playground
- More social amenity - better seating, BBQ, places for multiple age groups
- Safer park edges
- Improved lighting
- Activate the Redfern Terrace



RCC open space Concept

Features:

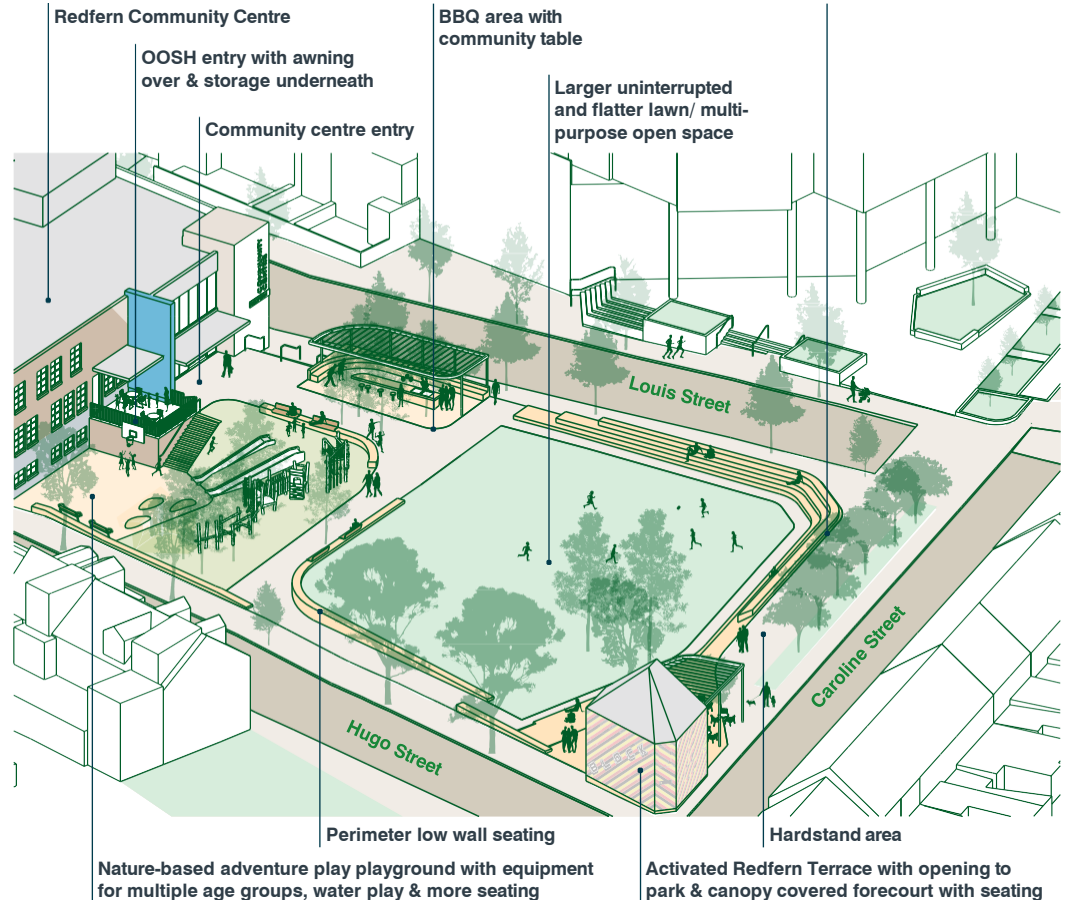
- New hub for the local community.
- Existing pedestrian path that divides the lawn has been rerouted.
- Larger fit-for-purpose open lawn/ community common for flexible play and community gatherings surrounded with perimeter low wall seating
- Existing amphitheater terraces is replaced with a playground integrated into natural slope of ground with flat multi-purpose area next to the community centre. Could include water play elements.
- Larger OOSH entry/ terrace area.
- BBQ and community table near community centre entry.
- Redfern terrace activated and opened up to the park with a canopy covered forecourt.
- More seating, lighting and power supply for events.



RCC open space Concept

How the community responded:

- Most people liked the larger green space, BBQ area, community table and the upgraded playground.
- Community centre and OOSH staff suggested making the hardstand area .larger with power supply to better accommodate food vans or gazebos during community events
- During phase 2 consultation we presented options which relocated the Hugo Street Reserve basketball court to Community Centre open space, reinforcing it as an activity centre. The majority of respondents did not support this move.



RCC open space now



What it could be...



RCC open space now



What it could be...



Yellomundee Park

Existing



Yellomundee Park

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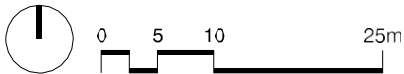
What the community told us:

- Good place for a community garden that could include native bush tucker and plants used to practice culture
- Needs more social amenities - better seating and lighting
- Opportunity for a yarnning circle or outdoor classroom to pass on knowledge and share culture.



Legend

1. Private lane
2. Garden
3. Lawn



Yellomundee Park Concept

How the community responded:

- Majority of the residents supported the concept for Yellomundee Park which included:
 - more seating
 - more lighting
 - a new path through the garden on the pedestrian desire line between Caroline and Hugo streets
 - potential sites for community garden plots containing bush tucker plants and vegetation used in Aboriginal cultural practice.
- The community supported the creation of an outdoor gathering space for sharing culture and knowledge within the garden.



Legend

1. Private lane
2. New path with seating
3. Potential for community garden space
4. Gathering/ social/ learning space



Hugo St Reserve

Existing





Hugo St Reserve

Existing

What the community told us:

- The basketball court is important for the community, however noise is impacting neighbouring residents.
- Requests for Hugo Street Reserve ranged from retaining the basketball court and making the reserve an active park to removing the court and making the reserve a passive space.
- Most residents wanted better social amenity - better seating and lighting.
- Protect the 'United we stand, divided we fail the future' mural along the western park edge.



Legend	
1.	Basketball court
2.	Garden and lawn
3.	Fenced dog park
4.	'United we stand, divided we fail the future' fence mural.
5.	Ausgrid kiosk
6.	Tight footpath



Hugo St Reserve Concept

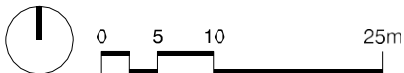
How the community responded:

- Supported upgraded lawn areas with more trees, greening, seating and lighting.
- Community sentiment surrounding retention of a gated off-leash dog area was split with a slight majority wanting to retain a gated off-leash area.



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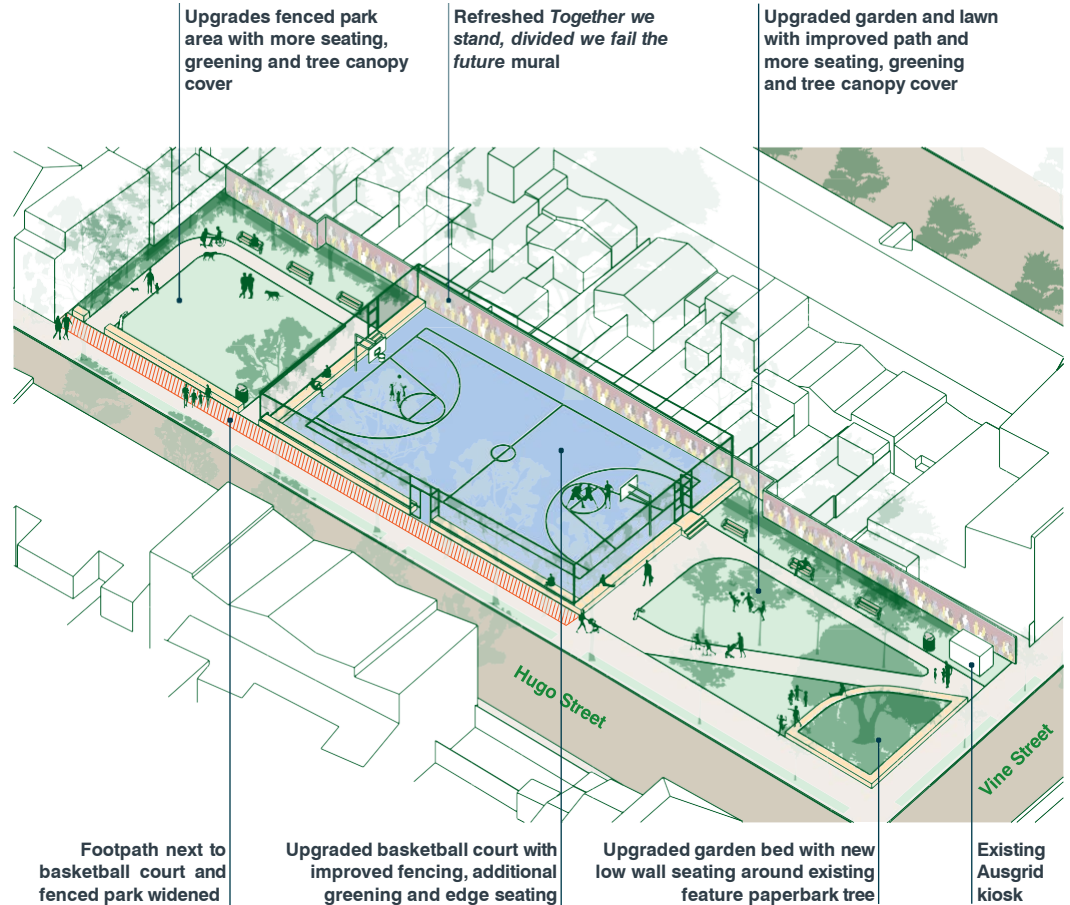
1. Upgraded basketball court
2. Upgraded lawn and gardens
3. Upgraded fenced park area
4. *'United we stand, divided we fail the future'* fence mural refreshed.
5. Ausgrid Kiosk retained.
6. Widened footpath



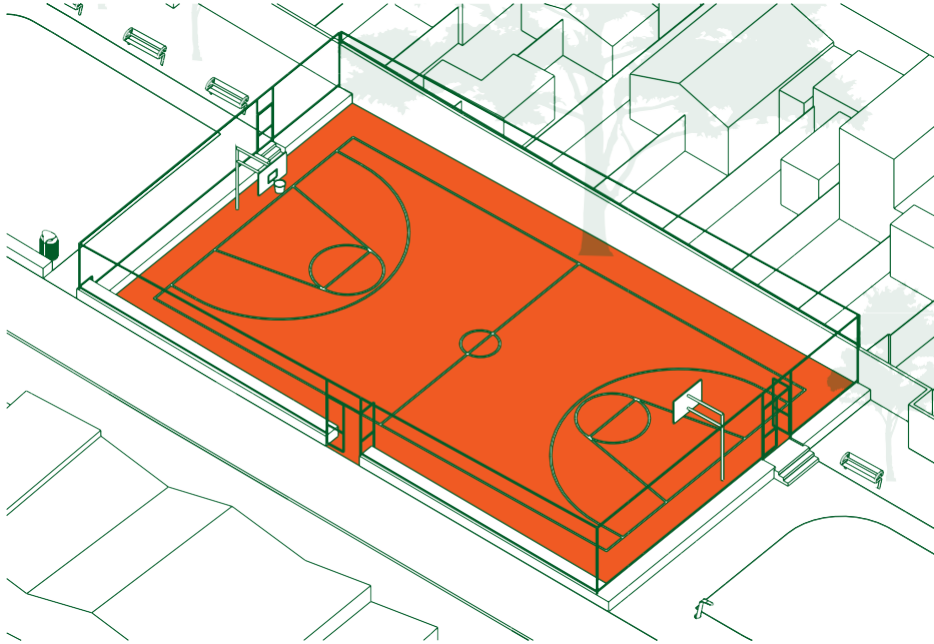
Hugo St Reserve Concept

How the community responded:

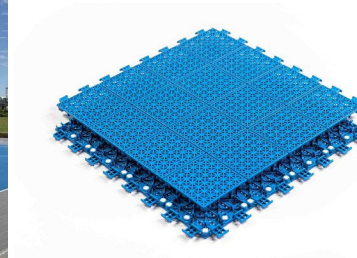
- Majority of residents supported retention of the basketball court in its current location.
- Some residents living next to the basketball court however have consistently complained about noise generated by activity on the court. The City has investigated with an acoustic engineer potential mitigation measures to reduce noise as best it can at the source



Basketball court improvements

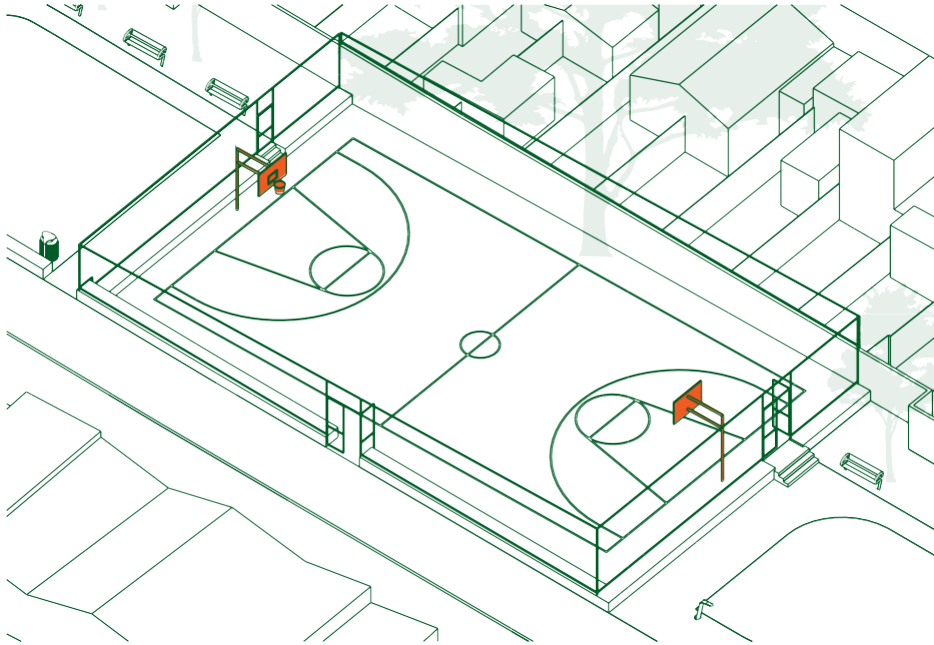


Move 1:
Replace court floor with noise
reducing surface

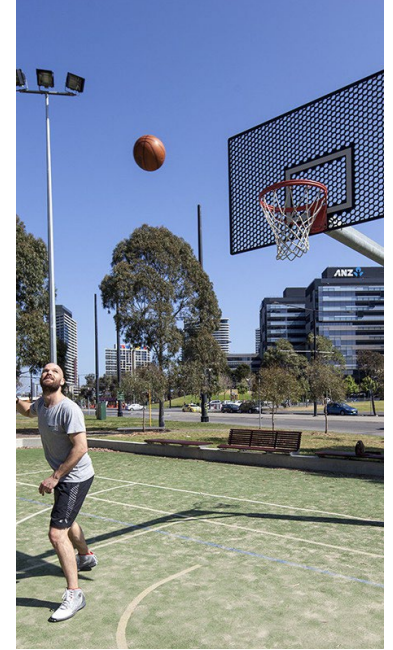


Images (clockwise from top):
OA_Hardcourt by Reko Rennie;
Dreamcourt Elite court tile;
Don Lucas Reserve basketball court, Wanda Beach

Basketball court improvements

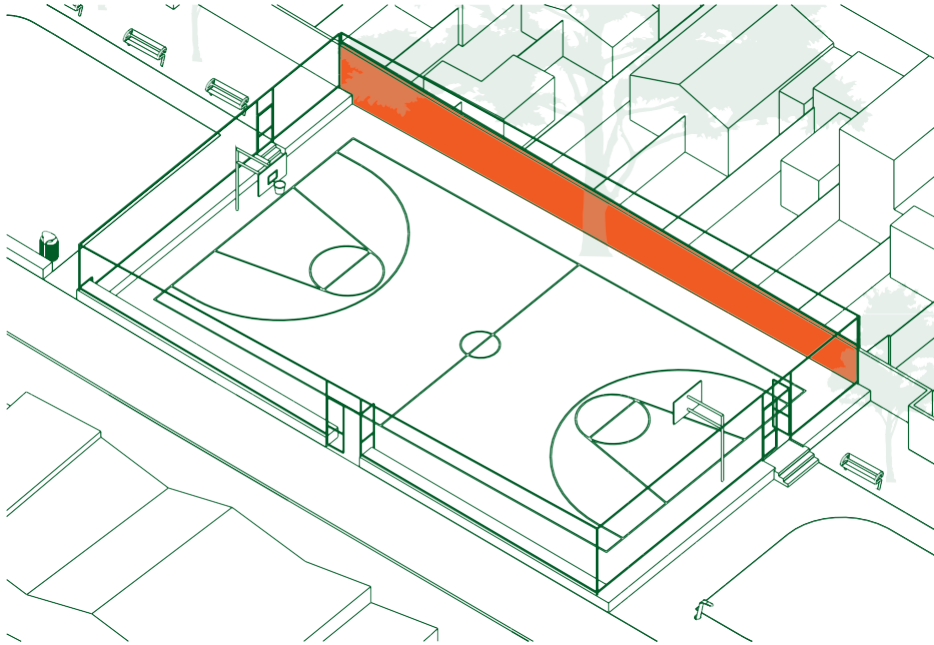


**Move 2:
Install sturdier basketball hoop towers with
noise reducing backboards**



Images (from left to right):
*Stiffer basketball hoop towers and backboards that do not reverberate when hit by a ball;
Perforated fibre-glass backboards being rolled out by the City of Melbourne*

Basketball court improvements



Move 3:
Investigate/ incorporate sound absorption
material into mural wall

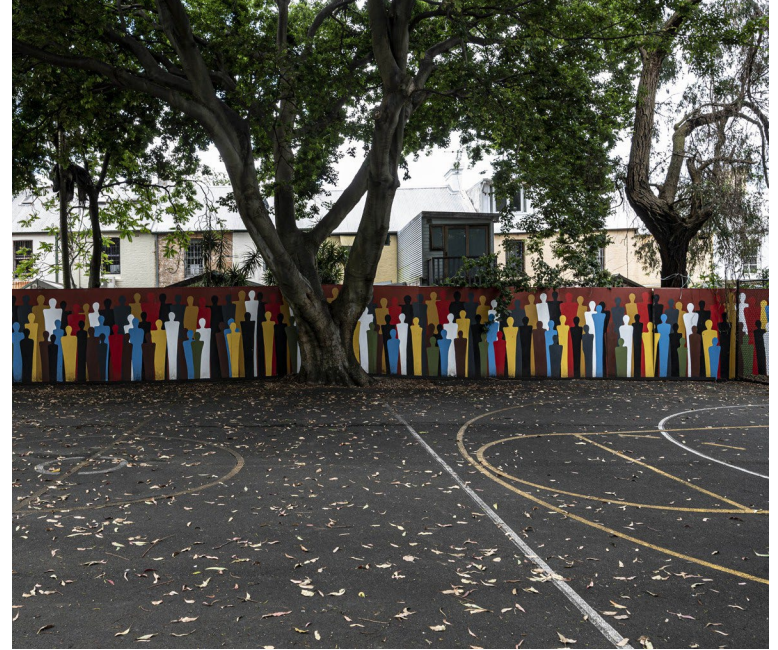
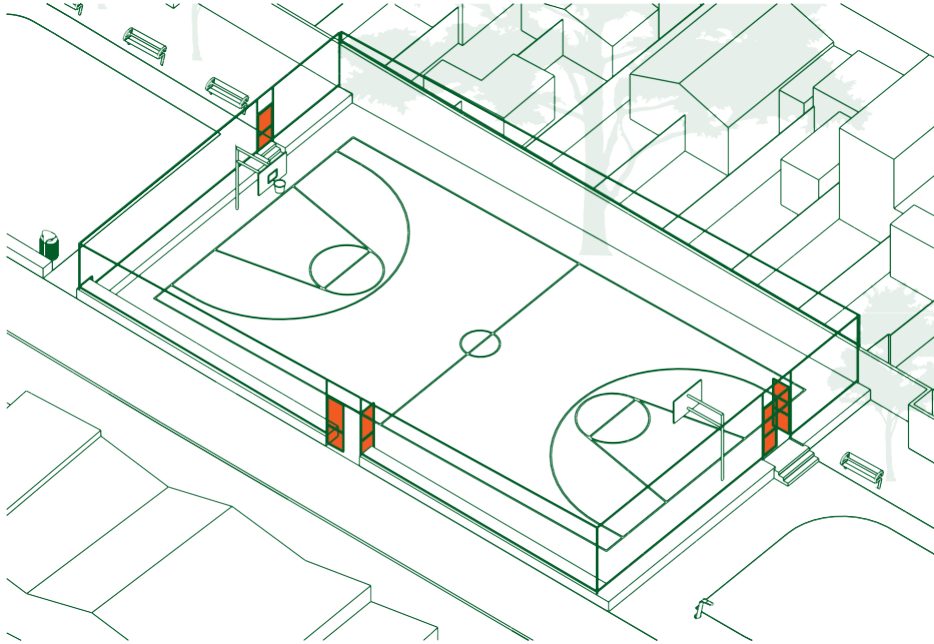


Image (above):
United we stand, divided we fail the future by
Bronwyn Bancroft and Dale Jones-Evans with
input from the local community

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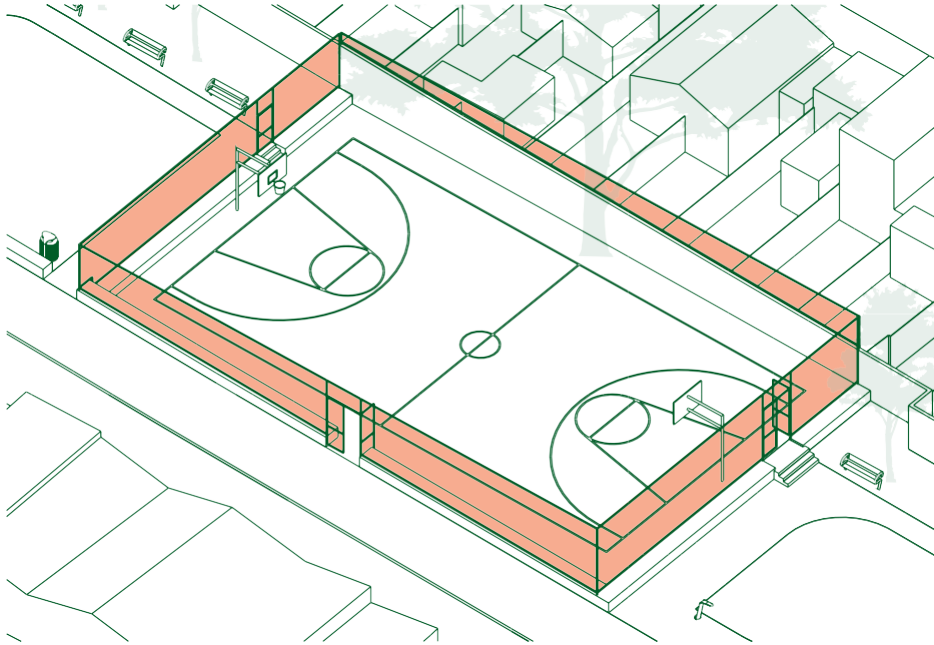


Move 4:
Reduce hours of operation. Close court at 8pm rather than 9pm



Image (above):
Automated security gates

Basketball court improvements

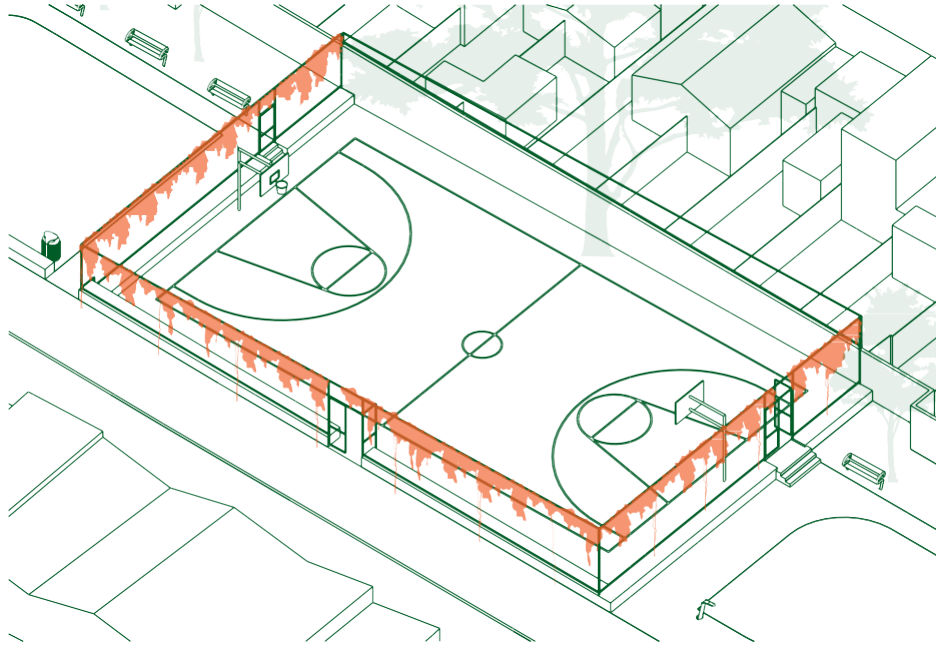


Move 5:
Investigate suitability of higher court fences to stop balls bouncing into neighbouring yards

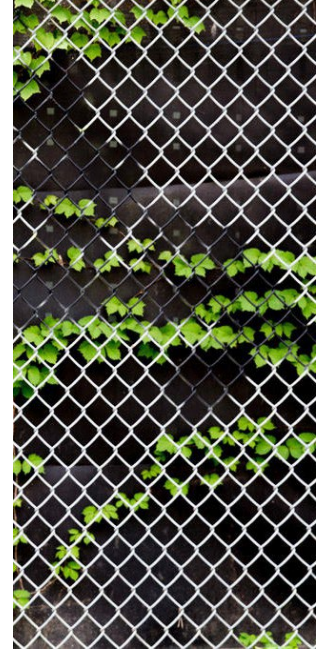
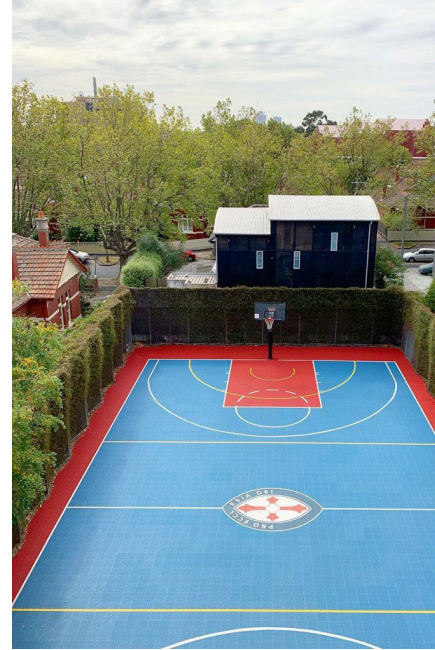


Image (above):
Higher chain link fencing above regular residential fencing

Basketball court improvements



**Move 6:
Introduce more greening on court fence to
soften hard edges**



*Images (left to right):
St Michaels Grammar, Melbourne;
Climbing vine on chain link fencing*