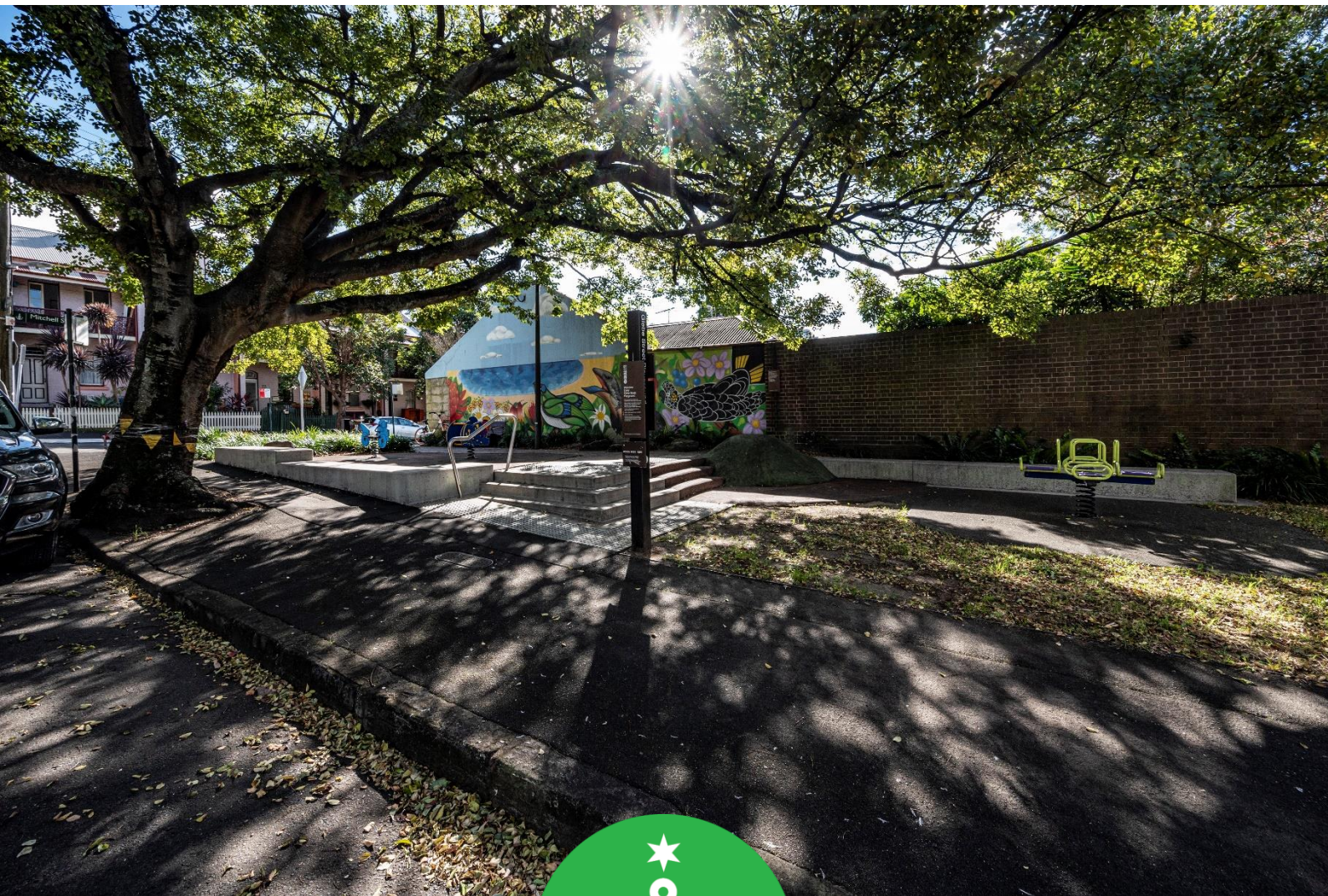


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Engagement Report



Engagement report

Glebe Street Playground, Glebe
May 2024

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Background

Over the next 10 years, we're upgrading more than 60 parks across the City of Sydney area, from small pocket parks to larger local parks.

Quality green open spaces are a high priority for our residents, workers and visitors. This network of park upgrades will create better quality open spaces for everyone to enjoy, help keep our city cooler, and support biodiversity in our local areas.

Prior to finalising the designs, we are consulting the community and stakeholders on these proposed park improvements. In 2023, we consulted on our stage 18 parks, which include:

- Robyn Kemmis Reserve, Glebe
- Minogue Reserve, Glebe
- Ada Villa Terrace, Erskineville
- Regent Street Reserve, Paddington
- **Glebe Street Reserve, Glebe**

Engagement summary

From 29 January to 4 March 2024, we asked the community for feedback on a concept plan to improve Glebe Street playground in Glebe.

Consultation on the plan provided an opportunity for stakeholders and the community to review and comment on the design.

Consultation activities included online engagement, a letter to residents and project signage at the park.

This report outlines the community engagement activities that took place to support the consultation and summarises the key findings from the consultation.

Purpose of the engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- gather feedback from stakeholders and the community about the proposed upgrade
 - determine the level of satisfaction with the revised concept design.
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Outcomes from the engagement

Submissions received during consultation

We received one submission via Survey Monkey during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 300 times during the consultation period.

Key findings

Online feedback form - rating elements of the proposed upgrade

Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them.

The elements of the design that the responded supported were:

- New paved plaza area with seating
- Low walls to paved plaza area
- New entry point from glebe Street
- Maintain through site access
- Nature play trail, steppers and planting
- New timber deck/seating edge
- New low fencing to play area

The responded did not support:

- New consolidated play space to lower area

Pop up information session

A pop up consultation feedback session was held on Tuesday 20 February from 4pm to 5:30pm.

Council staff were available to answer questions and obtain feedback about the proposed concept plan. Two residents attended this session.

Feedback from this session is captured in the table below.

Subjects/topics raised in submissions

Several subjects/topics were raised in the feedback received. These were presented as concerns, suggestions and/or requests and are summarised below.

General	
Comments	City of Sydney Response
More play equipment should be included in the design	The footprint of the play area is constrained by the small size of the site. The design focuses on providing a more diverse play offering, including a deck for imaginative play, a stepper balance trail for nature play, a multi-play tower and nest swing.

<p>Low boundary wall is used for seating so would be nice to include seats along it</p>	<p>The existing low boundary walls will be built up to a comfortable seating height. Several new park seats are proposed inside the wall</p>
<p>The grass area is well used by local dog owners so should be maintained</p>	<p>The grass area will be removed due to poor performance in the shade, however there will be increased access and areas of planting in the paved plaza area to provide more green character.</p> <p>The nearest dog off-leash parks are Mary Ann Street Park Ultimo, Fig Lane Park Ultimo, Wentworth Park Ultimo and Victoria Park Broadway.</p>
<p>Concerns with the safety of the intersection of Mitchell and Glebe Street</p>	<p>Not within the scope of the park upgrade.</p>

Early consultation feedback

Prior to undertaking general community consultation on the proposal, the City undertook some early consultation work in mid-2023 to ask local residents how often they use the park and what they would like to see in the new design.

Six responses were received during the pre-consultation period. Ideas and suggestions helped to shape the Concept Plan. Key themes from the pre-consultation were:

- All respondents expressed support for barrier protection for the playground
- Most did not see retaining the lower lawn space to be important
- 2/5 respondents prioritised a greater number/variety of seating
- One email respondent favoured larger play equipment pieces e.g. towers

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-works-maintenance/your-feedback-proposed-design-glebe-street-playground-glebe> was created. The page included an electronic copy of the revised concept design, survey and other key information about the consultation.

2. Online feedback form via Survey Monkey

The community and stakeholders were able to give feedback using an online feedback form. A link to the feedback form was provided on the Sydney Your Say website.

3. Consultation letter

A letter was posted to residents, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 342 letters were distributed.

4. Community pop up session

A pop-up consultation feedback session was held on Tuesday 20 February from 4pm to 5:30pm.

5. Signage

Two signs were placed in the park directing people online to leave their feedback.