

ATTACHMENT B

**ELIZABETH MCCRAE PLAYGROUND –
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
PRESENTATION INITIAL CONCEPT DESIGN**

Overview

The City's Small Parks and Playgrounds Renewal Program is continuing to improve the quality of our open green spaces for all the community to enjoy.

We invite you to comment on the proposal for Elizabeth McCrae Playground.

Aerial photograph • Elizabeth McCrae Playground



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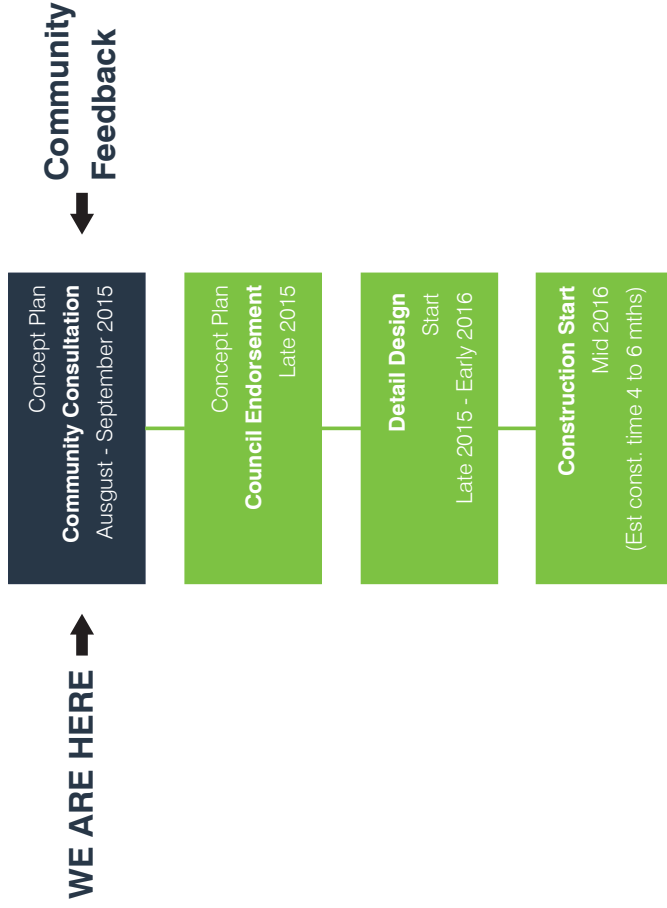
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Website

You can also view these plans and make comment online at:
www.sydneyyoursay.com.au

Project Timeline



Next Steps

We will use your feedback on the concept plan to develop the detailed design.

The draft concept plan is open for comments until **13 September 2015**.

Send your comments to:
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Elizabeth McCrae Playground was occupied by glass work factories from 1905 to 1933. In 1933, the building was leased to Cinesound Studios. The land was vacant from 1947 until acquired by the council and transformed into a park around 1952-53.

The site has a northern aspect with street frontage on Zamia and Kepos Streets and Kepos Lane. An existing terrace house wall adjoins the park along the southern boundary.

Design approach

The proposed design retains the informal neighbourhood park character, improves the playground and enhances the function of the park for local children and their families.

The design for Elizabeth McCrae Playground retains the existing park layout including the lawn, play space, basketball area, seating and fencing.

The lawn area is maximised for passive recreation and a range of seating opportunities are provided. Two new deciduous trees planted in the corner of Zamia Street and Kepos Lane will provide shade in the summer while making the best use of the sun shine during the winter months.

New play equipment will be introduced in the southern edge of the park. The addition of natural materials, such as timber and sandstone for informal seating and play will enhance the experience for children and provide a greater level of comfort for parents and carers.

The improvements will include:

- A range of seating options
- New playground equipment for a variety of activities including sliding, climbing and swinging
- Improved entry to the park
- New sandstone path, fence and gate
- Planting new shrubs, trees and lawn to enhance the park character
- Refurbishment of the existing basketball court



Site photos • existing conditions & considerations



Improvement of lawn area



Opportunity to improve seating area



Basketball court retained and refurbished



Playground upgraded

Legend

Perimeter fencing, gate and path

1. New gate access to improve accessibility
2. Retain existing gate access
3. New sandstone path
4. Relocation of existing brick edge to increase lawn area
5. Remove existing mesh wire fence along adjoining property
6. New mesh wire fence around basketball court
7. Replace fence and wall

Garden, trees and hedges

8. Open grass area for passive recreation
9. Retain and replant existing hedge
10. New garden bed to enhance park character
11. Retain existing tree
12. Tree to be transplanted to a suitable location
13. New deciduous tree

Seating

14. Sandstone blocks seating and gathering area with pavement game
15. Existing seats refurbished and relocated

Children playspace

16. Play area with soft-fall surface
17. Nature play area
18. Interpretative glass/mirror panels
19. Basket swing
20. Climbing structure
21. Slide

Other features

22. Existing shade structure retained and extended
23. Water bubbler
24. Existing basketball court refurbished



Elizabeth McCrae Playground Redfern • Concept Plan • Playground facilities

Examples of possible playground facilities



Play opportunities will be provided for a range of ages catering from young children up to 8-9 years old.

Sandstone blocks that can be used as informal seating will be provided around the paved games area.

New play equipment with timber elements will complement the nature play setting and provide opportunities for climbing, sliding, balancing and imaginative play.

A basket swing is provided that can be enjoyed by children across a range of ages and abilities. The mirror panels representing the past use of the site as a glass factory will create a focal point in the play area.

The basketball area will be retained and refurbished with seating added close to the northern end.

Reconfiguration of the shade structure will provide shade during summer with the potential to remove the shade material during winter to maximise the sunshine in the park.

Nature Play



Pavement Games



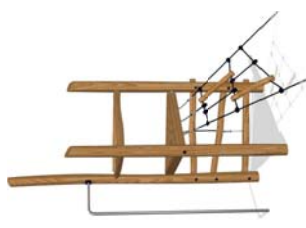
Basket Swing



Mirror Panels



Climbing Structure and Slide



Examples of materials, finishes and planting being considered



Materials and Finishes

The proposed materials and finishes will introduce a “natural” character with recycled sandstone and new play equipment constructed using tree-like timber poles. While this character contrasts to some extent with the surrounding neighbourhood, it achieves the goal of creating more nature-based play opportunities for children.

The small portion of the park is defined by a careful arrangement of sandstone blocks to function as an informal gathering space incorporating a children’s pavement game in the centre.

Existing seating on the site will be rejuvenated and re-used together with additional benches of similar style.

Planting Strategy

To expand the usable area of the park the width of the existing hedge is to be reduced while still retaining it as a landscape element.

The two small deciduous trees recently planted in the lawn will be transplanted to a new suitable location in order to expand the usable grass area. Two new medium size deciduous trees will be planted on the edge of the park providing summer shade and winter sunlight.

The garden bed along the Kepos Street frontage of the park will be planted with groundcovers that are resilient and allow for children’s nature play. Stepping stones and timber blocks are to be incorporated in the planting bed.