

Attachment B

Community Engagement Report

Engagement report – Daranggara Park



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Overview

Project Background



Location of park

A small park was established in 2012 at 19–25 Lyons Road, Camperdown, bounded by Lyons Road and Lambert and Purkis streets.

The park was recently redesigned, with advice from an Indigenous consultancy, to include native plantings, a playground, a fitness area and multiple seating areas.

Naming this park is important for wayfinding and access for emergency vehicles.

Daranggara is the word for cabbage tree palm in the Sydney Aboriginal language. The word is pronounced durran-garrah. This name references the hardy, resilient plants that are now planted in the park and endemic to the area.

This proposal recognises local Aboriginal cultural heritage through naming and related interpretive signs.

Council resolved at its meeting on 17 March 2025 to seek community feedback on the proposed name. This is the first step in officially naming the park.

Purpose of engagement

To notify the community of the proposal to name this open space Daranggara Park and to gather feedback to determine community sentiment towards this proposal through multiple channels: online, onsite notices and physical letters.

Engagement findings summary

Overall sentiment

Sentiment towards the proposed name was evenly split with 3 submissions in favour and 3 against.

Outcomes of engagement

We received a total of **6 submissions** during the consultation.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 136 times during the public exhibition period.

Quantity	Description of activity
6	Total submissions received
4	Survey submissions
2	Written submissions received via emailed
136	Sydney Your Say webpage visits
12	Document downloads

Demographic Data

Demographic data was captured from 4 of the consultation respondents.

Age

1 respondent was in the age range of 18 to 34, 1 was between the ages 45 and 54 and 2 were older than 65 years.

Gender

2 participants were men, 1 was a women and 1 preferred not to say.

Relationship to the area

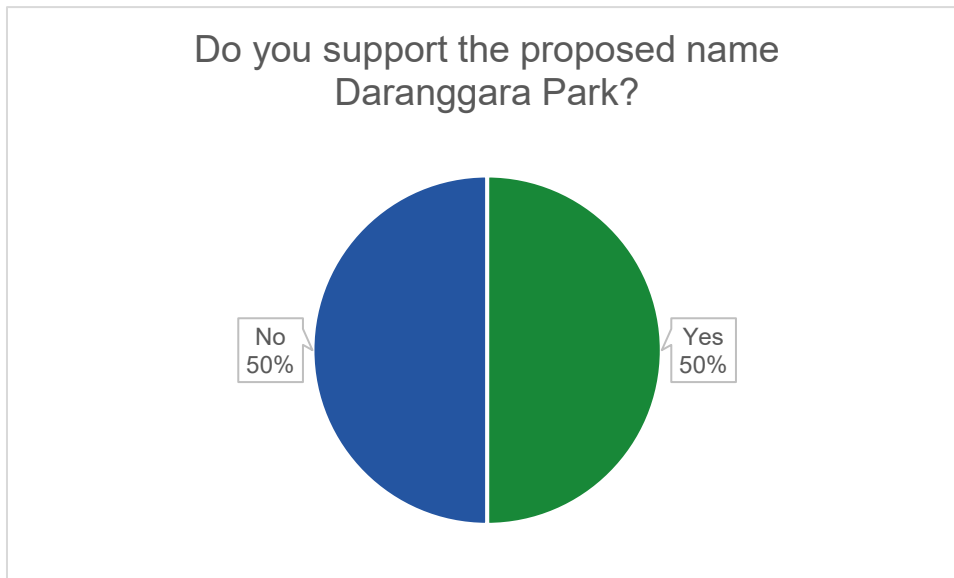
All 4 of these respondents live and own property in the area. 3 also work in the area.

Key findings

Overall sentiment

Sentiment towards the proposed name was evenly split.

Overall, 3 submissions (50%) supported the proposed name and 3 submissions (50%) did not support it.



Why people support or did not support the proposed name

People were given the option to comment on why they supported or did not support the proposed name. People often mentioned more than one reason.

The most common reasons given in support of the proposed name were:

- Support recognition of traditional owners (1 comment)
- Support recognition of Indigenous history and continued presence through place naming using Indigenous language (1 comment)
- Support Indigenous language for place names (1 comment)

The most common reasons given in opposition to the name were:

- Objection to 'virtue signalling' and names should reflect the wishes of local residents (1 comment)
- Name lacks genuine cultural connection. Aboriginal language does not help generate recognition of the park or its location. Naming should recognise the cultural contribution of other groups who live and work in the area. (1 comment)
- Place names should be in English (1 comment)

Appendices

Appendix A: Communications overview

The following is a snapshot of outcomes of communications activities undertaken to support the consultation. Activities reached a range of audience segments via City of Sydney channels.

Activity	Outcome
Sydney Your Say webpage	136 views
City of Sydney letter	Delivered to 723 local residents and businesses on 15 July (75-meter radius from the park).
On-street signage	On-street signage was erected in 3 locations around the park.
Sydney Your Say e-news	Consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletter on 15 July sent to 5003 subscribers and on 5 August sent to 4981 subscribers.
Cos News story	The proposed naming of Daranggara Park was featured in City of Sydney News article 'New Aboriginal names for city spots', 29 July, 2025.

Appendix B: Communications activities

Sydney Your Say web page:

The screenshot shows a blue web page titled "Your say on the proposed name Daranggara Park". Below the title, it says "We're proposing to name a small park in Camperdown, Daranggara Park." and "Camperdown" is highlighted in a green box. A dark blue box at the bottom contains the text "Under review" with a clock icon, followed by "Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review. The project team will report back on key outcomes." and "PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD 14 July 2025 to 11 August 2025".

Public notices

Your say on the proposed name Daranggara Park

We're proposing to name a small park in Camperdown, Daranggara Park.

Camperdown

 **Under review**

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD
14 July 2025 to 11 August 2025

Why we're doing this

A small park was established in 2012 at 19–25 Lyons Road, Camperdown, bounded by Lyons Road and Lambert and Purkis streets.

The park was recently redesigned, with advice from an Indigenous consultancy, to include native plantings, a playground, a fitness area and multiple seating areas.

Naming this park is important for wayfinding and access for emergency vehicles.

Gareth Jenkins

SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COORDINATOR – CITY ENGAGEMENT

 [02 9265 9333](tel:0292659333)

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COPY EMAIL ADDRESS

What we're doing

Daranggara is the word for cabbage tree palm in the Sydney Aboriginal language. The word is pronounced durrangarra. This name references the hardy, resilient plants that are now planted in the park and endemic to the area.

This proposal recognises local Aboriginal cultural heritage through naming and related interpretive signs.

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Web page continued:



Location map



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Next steps

We will report the results of this consultation to Council for consideration.

How you can give feedback

Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 11 August 2025.

1 Complete our survey

You'll need to log in with a City of Sydney account to complete the survey. If you don't have an account, it's easy to create one.

2 Email or post your feedback

You can give your feedback by email to sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or post to:

Gareth Jenkins
Senior Community Engagement Coordinator
City of Sydney
456 Kent Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Other ways you can give feedback

Talk to us in person



If you are Deaf or have complex communication needs



If you need an Interpreter



Sydney Your Say E-newsletter

The naming proposal was featured in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletter in July and August 2025.



Photo: Trevor Mein / City of Sydney

Naming proposals open for feedback

We invite your comments on a proposal to name [a small park in Camperdown, Daranggara Park](#), a [new road in Alexandria, Wiriyan Place](#) and the [public space at 180 George Street, Ngana gili Plaza](#).

Read the proposals and give feedback by Monday 11 August.

[Read more](#)

On-site signage was displayed in the park



Consultation Letter

A letter from the Executive Director, Strategic Development and Engagement was delivered to 723 local residents and businesses on 15 July.



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Your say on naming Daranggara Park, Camperdown

We invite your feedback on our proposal to name a new park in Camperdown, Daranggara Park.

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Next steps

We will report the results of this consultation to Council for consideration.

You can provide your feedback and find more information about the proposal at sydneyyoursay.com.au

Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 11 August 2025.

You can also email submissions to our senior community engagement coordinator Gareth Jenkins at sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or call 02 9265 9333.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kate Deacon", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kate Deacon
Executive Director - Strategic Development & Engagement

The City of Sydney acknowledges
the Gadigal of the Eora Nation as the
Traditional Custodians of our local area.

City of Sydney News Story, 29 July

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

New Aboriginal names for city spots

Trees and the night sky inspire titles for a local plaza, park and street.



📍 Daranggara Park, Camperdown. Credit: Abril Folman.

Ngana gili Plaza, Sydney

Pronounced nga-nah-gilly. Ng as in sing.

A suspended canopy created by renowned contemporary artist and Kudjia/Gangalu man Daniel Boyd defines the plaza at 180 George Street.

The proposed name for the space, Ngana gili, means 'black light' in the Sydney Aboriginal language.

It references astronomy and the movement of the sun and moonlight seen through the circles cut out of the artwork's black canopy.

Daranggara Park, Camperdown

Pronounced durran-garrah.

Cabbage tree palms have inspired the name for a redesigned small park on Lyons Road.

Daranggara is the Sydney Aboriginal word for these hardy local trees planted in the park.

Wiriyagan Place, Alexandria

Pronounced wirr-ie-yay-gan.

Wiriyagan Place is a private road that connects Alexandra Canal depot with Bourke Road.

Wiriyagan is a Sydney Aboriginal language word for a low-growing fruit-bearing tree, either a banksia or melaleuca.

These are resilient plant species common in the local area.

Employees at the depot care for Country, which includes looking after these trees.

Have your say

We're recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage in public spaces.

These names are drawn from the Sydney Aboriginal words documented in Jakelin Troy's book [The Sydney Language](#).

We're asking for your feedback on the new names.

[You can provide feedback](#) on the proposal by 5pm, Monday 11 August. Feedback will be reported to Council for consideration later this year.

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