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Engagement Report



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Upgrading Alexandria Park, Alexandria

June 2026

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Engagement summary

From 20 April to 18 May, 2025⁶, we asked the community for feedback on a concept plan to upgrade Alexandria Park, Alexandria

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

Consultation activities included:

- Letters to nearby residents and businesses
- project signage in the park
- two pop-up events in the park
- emails to key stakeholders

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 concept design.
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Outcomes from the engagement

Submissions received during consultation

We received a total of 80 submissions during the consultation period.

70 submissions were received via the Sydney Your Say survey portal and 10 email submissions.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 1,215 times during the consultation period.

Key findings

Online feedback form – rating the design and elements of the proposed upgrade

Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked whether they supported the proposed design as well as to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them.

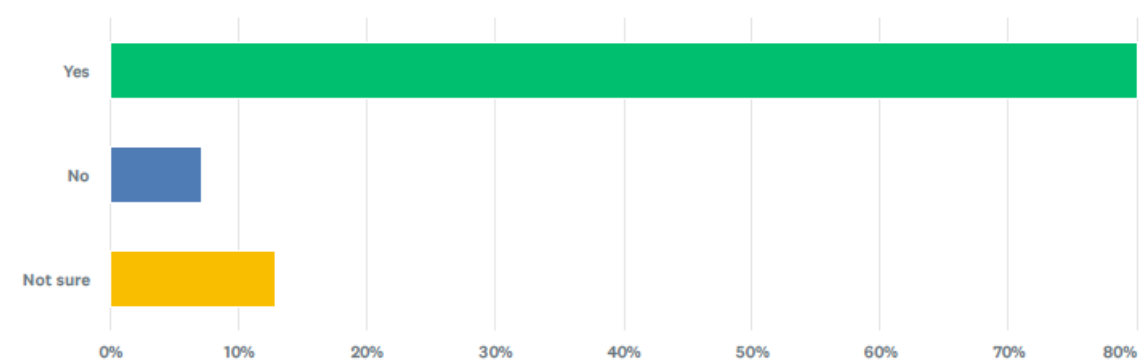
The overall design was strongly supported by **80%** of survey responders.

The six design elements in the park were also strongly supported or supported by survey responders:

- a new playground was strongly supported or supported by **75%** of survey responders
- new tennis courts were strongly supported or supported by **65%** of survey responders
- refurbished tennis amenities and toilet block was strongly supported or supported by **89%** of survey responders
- improved park furniture and signage was strongly supported or supported by **90%** of survey responders
- improved lighting was strongly supported or supported by **93%** of survey responders
- upgraded pathways for better accessibility were strongly supported or supported by **88%** of survey responders

The full results from the survey are below:

Do you support the proposed improvements to Alexandria Park?



Answer Choices

Yes

No

Not sure

Total

Percentage

80.00%

7.14%

12.86%

Responses

56

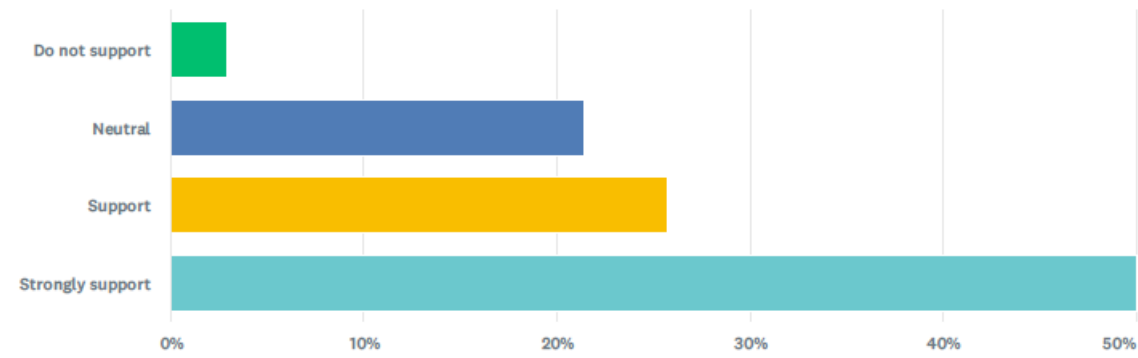
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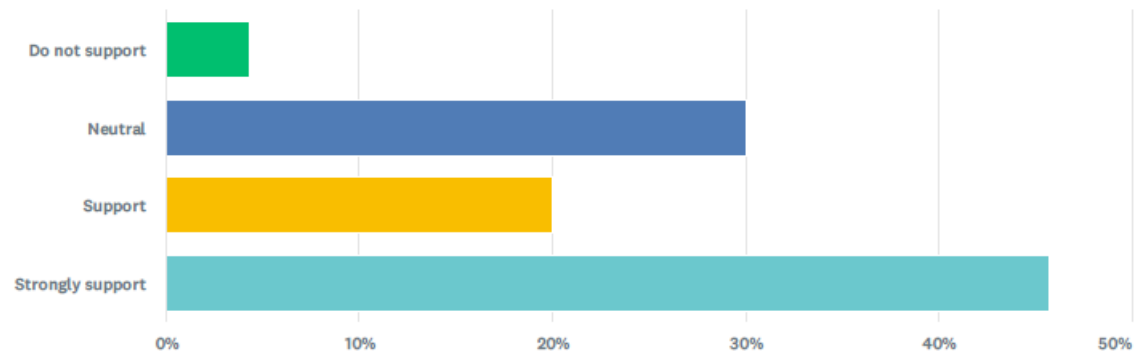
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A new playground



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Do not support	2.86%	2
Neutral	21.43%	15
Support	25.71%	18
Strongly support	50.00%	35
Total		70

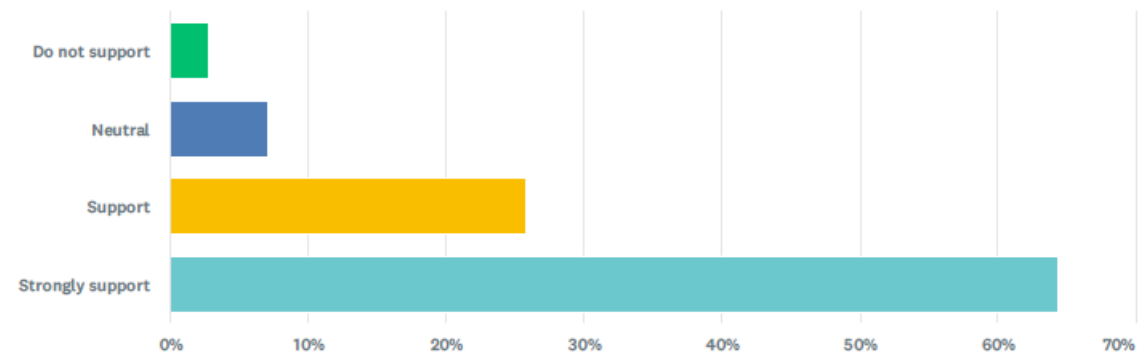
New tennis courts



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Do not support	4.29%	3
Neutral	30.00%	21
Support	20.00%	14
Strongly support	45.71%	32
Total		70

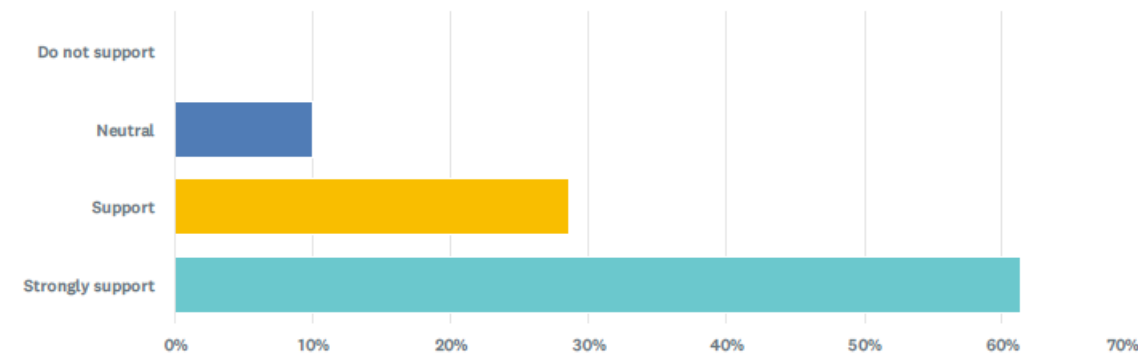
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Refurbished tennis amenities and toilet block



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Do not support	2.86%	2
Neutral	7.14%	5
Support	25.71%	18
Strongly support	64.29%	45
Total		70

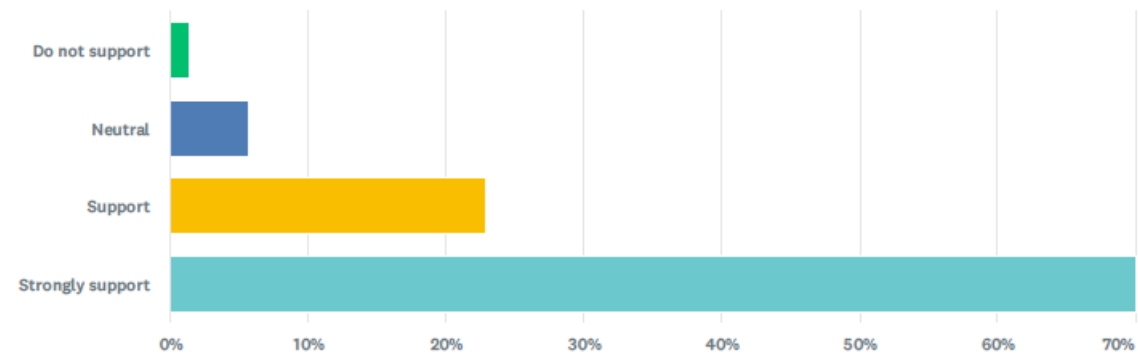
Improved park furniture and signage



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Do not support	0%	0
Neutral	10.00%	7
Support	28.57%	20
Strongly support	61.43%	43
Total		70

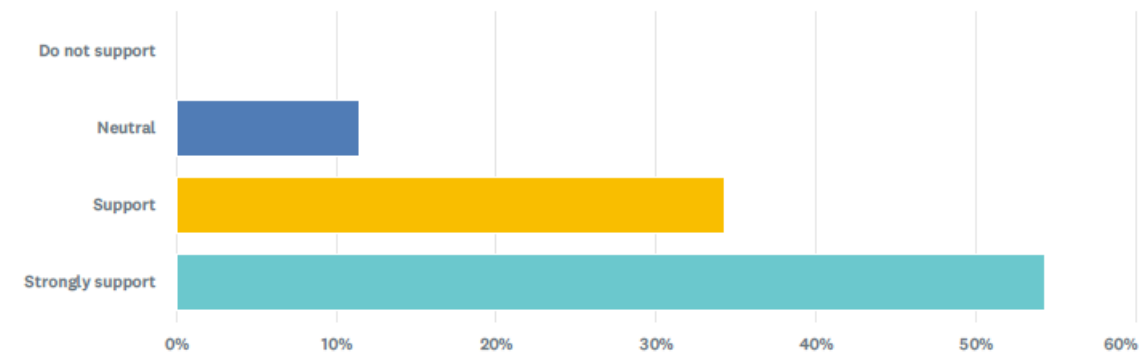
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Improved lighting



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Do not support	1.43%	1
Neutral	5.71%	4
Support	22.86%	16
Strongly support	70.00%	49
Total		70

Upgraded pathways for better accessibility



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Do not support	0%	0
Neutral	11.43%	8
Support	34.29%	24
Strongly support	54.29%	38
Total		70

Subjects/topics raised in submissions

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

This feedback was received through the survey as well as individual emails during the consultation period and discussions with the community at onsite events and is summarised below.

Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
General comments		
General support for the upgrade	6	Noted
The change/toilet facilities at the ovals need to be upgraded/knockdown and rebuilt to suit their current mixed-use usage	7	Upgrades to the sports amenities building adjacent to Power Ave is being developed with the park renewal. Key stakeholder engagement will be undertaken to help inform scope and site constraints.
Include bubblers that can be used by people and dogs	4	The project will deliver bubblers that can be used by people and dogs. The location of these will be determined during detailed design, noting bubblers for dogs cannot be located in areas where dogs are prohibited under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (eg within 10m of playgrounds).
Ensure the toilet blocks are always accessible to the public	3	The upgraded amenity block will provide improved accessibility, increased capacity, and enhanced functionality to better meet the needs of park users. The design will ensure equitable access for a wide range of users, including people with disabilities, families and sporting groups. Public access to these facilities will be maintained, with operating hours, cleaning and security managed by the City's operational teams to support safe and reliable use
Would like pathways along the eastern perimeter of the park	1	The eastern perimeter pathways will not be delivered as part of this project. The existing diagonal pathways will be retained.
Concerns the new design will encourage late night anti-social behaviour	1	The design will consider opportunities to improve safety and passive surveillance, including clear sightlines, appropriate placement of seating and park facilities, and

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		lighting upgrades. These elements will be further refined during detailed design to support safe and positive use of the park
Include additional picnic/BBQ areas away from the playground	1	The project will deliver picnic and barbeque facilities away from the playground. The location of these will be determined during detailed design.
The perimeter has been taken over by shrubs that block access and diminish the use of the park. They should be removed to return the previous open grassland	1	Perimeter garden beds are located under large canopy trees which impact turf health and the ability to achieve good turf cover. In response garden beds have been expanded over time in areas that cannot support turf. This improves greening and biodiversity outcomes. Selective pruning and rationalisation of planting will be undertaken to improve sightlines and ensure clear paths of travel.
More picnic tables should be included in the design	1	The project will include additional picnic tables. The location of these will be determined during detailed design.
Provide access to the park from the surrounding streets such as Garden Street and Brennan Street	1	To improve efficiencies and safety of the park, careful consideration of existing and proposed pathway circulation will be reviewed throughout concept and design development stages. Existing entranceways will be improved through heritage investigation and surface treatment to ensure high legibility and to ensure they align with key pedestrian desire lines and improve connectivity where feasible.
Playground		
Fence the playground	7	It is proposed that the playground will be enclosed through a combination of fencing, walls and planting.
Include nature play elements in the playground	4	Nature play elements will be incorporated into parts of the playground design, providing diverse and engaging play experiences.
Include a flying fox in the playground	3	Due to space constraints and safety requirements, a flying fox is not proposed for Alexandria Park. The playground design will

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		instead focus on providing a diverse range of play opportunities within the available space
Increase the footprint of the playground area	2	The proposed footprint of the playground will be increased from the existing. The play offering will also offer more diverse and accessible play offering
Include at least 8 swings in the playground	1	The playground design will instead include a range of swing elements, including traditional swings, standard strap seats or nest swings. This will be balanced with other play opportunities to ensure a diverse and functional play space
Include water play elements in the playground	1	The project team will explore opportunities to incorporate water play elements such as hand water pump within the playground.
Keep toddler and older children play areas separate	1	The playground design will consider the separate zoning of play spaces to support different age groups, including opportunities to provide separation between younger and older children's play areas. The layout will be further refined during detailed design to balance safety, accessibility and play value
Include a bike track around the playground	1	A dedicated bike track is excluded from the scope due to space and safety considerations. Informal wheeled play opportunities are available in areas adjacent to the playground on pathways. A large scale, dedicated bike track can be found at Sydney park approx. 1km away.
Include monkey bars in the playground	1	The selection of play equipment, including elements such as monkey bars, will be included as part of the detailed playground design.
Request that City reconsider the layout by relocating the playground and associated active uses to the eastern side of Alexandria Park. This alternative location would better integrate with parkland, reduce impacts on nearby residents through increased buffering and distance	1	There was a request to relocate the playground and associated active uses to the eastern side of Alexandria Park to reduce impacts on nearby residents. The proposed playground will replace the existing playground location within the park. Alexandria Park is a heritage park with an established spatial layout, where the eastern side has historically been used for passive recreation and the

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		western side accommodates more active uses. The design responds to this established arrangement and maintains a balance between active and passive uses across the park. The layout will continue to be refined during detailed design, with consideration given to minimising impacts on surrounding residents.
Reduce the height and vertical scale of all play structures, avoiding large, elevated platforms that increase overlooking and noise spread	1	A vertical play structure is proposed to allow for a range of play challenges for children and due to the proximity to the school ensure the playground has the capacity to cater for a higher number of children. The playground design will consider the scale and arrangement of equipment to balance play value with impacts such as overlooking and noise.
Youth space		
Would like the multiuse court to remain in the same enclosed format	17	The provision of two multipurpose courts have been included as part of Gatiela Synthetic Sportsfield. This design provides an additional area for active recreation, including sports hoops, fitness equipment etc. The majority of concerns were raised by the Bike polo group regarding an enclosed multipurpose court. The City will continue to liaise with key stakeholders to identify appropriate interim arrangements. In the longer term, the Mandible Street Sports Precinct has been identified as a potential location to support a broader range of active recreation uses within the local area.
Include table tennis tables in the design	4	The project will include a table tennis table. The location of this will be determined during detailed design.
Low (hip-height) solid fencing around the youth space to allow more types of activities such as bike hockey or small soccer games	1	Edge treatments for the youth space will be considered during detailed design to support safety while maintaining accessibility and flexibility of use
Include a rebound wall in the youth space	1	A rebound wall is excluded from the scope due to potential noise impacts.
Include handball courts in the youth area	1	Linemarking for handball will be included in the youth area.

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Include padel courts in the upgrade	1	Padel courts are excluded from the scope. The upgrade for Harry Noble reserve includes linemarking for a paddle ball court, located 800m away.
Tennis courts		
The upgrade should include at least 4 tennis courts as they are always booked out	1	The number and configuration of courts will be informed by site constraints, demand, and operational considerations. The project will focus on improving existing facilities within the available space Broader sports and recreational documents have identified further needs for sports courts which will inform future projects within the LGA.
Would like the tennis courts to remain with hard court plexicushion surface, rather than a change to a synthetic grass/multisport surface	1	Surface treatments for courts will be reviewed during detailed design, considering performance, maintenance and user preferences.
Convert one of the tennis courts into two pickleball courts	1	The retention and configuration of existing tennis courts will be reviewed as part of broader recreation planning. Opportunities to support emerging sports such as pickleball will be considered in line with demand, space constraints and overall park use
Add solar and batteries to the refurbished tennis amenities to provide power to the courts and park	1	Sustainability initiatives, including energy-efficient upgrades, will be considered where feasible as part of the amenities upgrade.
Convert one tennis court to make a full size basketball court	1	The introduction of full-size courts is constrained by available space and potential impacts on surrounding uses. The project will focus on providing a balanced mix of recreational opportunities within the park, with consideration given to nearby facilities that already support court-based activities
Install a wind break at the tennis courts to protect them from strong weather	1	The installation of wind break structures is not proposed, as it is not considered appropriate within the park setting due to potential visual and spatial impacts. The tennis courts will

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		continue to operate as open facilities consistent with the character of the park
Other		
Include a dedicated, fenced in, off leash dog area	6	A dedicated, fenced off-leash area is excluded from the scope. With limited open space, the City's approach to offleash parks is to integrate offleash dog walking with other recreation rather than to enclose areas for the exclusive use of dogs. Fenced areas confine and concentrate dogs in one area which can lead to rapid degradation of the turf and a build up of contaminants and smells. Enclosures can also restrict access and may restrict the staging of community events or other activities.
Install more signage highlighting restrictions reading dogs being on/off leash	5	The City's standard park signage is installed at the main entrances to parks and facilities such as playgrounds and ovals. This signage clearly states the leash status and applicable regulations. At neighbourhood parks such as Alexandria Park, the signage includes graphic maps that show the location and extent of off leash on leash and dog prohibited areas. Additional signage at the playground and oval states that dogs are prohibited from these areas. The existing signage will be updated as part of the scope to reflect the upgraded park layout and updated regulatory requirements. .
More bike parking around the park (including for ebikes)	2	The project will deliver additional bike parking. The location of these will be determined during detailed design
Fill in gaps in the park perimeter with ground cover or understorey (shoulder-height) plantings	1	The project includes upgrades to groundcover and understorey planting. Typically, low understorey planting will be installed so sight lines are maintained
Remove the proposed new seating adjacent to Buckland Street as it will create more nighttime noise for nearby residents	1	The placement of seating will be carefully considered to balance usability with potential impacts on nearby residents. The location and quantity of seating along Buckland Street will be reviewed during detailed design.

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Additional exercise stations for the Wyndham Street side of the park	1	Fitness equipment will be incorporated adjacent to Park Rd in the active youth area
Consider how to facilitate use by an ageing population such as the inclusion of dedicated areas and equipment that are geared towards use by a more elderly demographic	1	The design will consider inclusive and accessible elements to support a broad range of users, including older residents, through seating, paths and appropriate activity spaces
Rangers should regularly patrol the park to prevent dogs from going onto the oval area	1	Compliance and enforcement, including ranger patrols, are managed by the City's operational teams. Issues raised will be referred to the relevant team for consideration.
Make some areas of the park off limit to dogs so other users can enjoy the space	1	Alexandria Park currently accommodates both on- and off-leash dog areas. The design will continue to support shared use while reinforcing designated zones, including dog-free areas such as playgrounds. Opportunities to improve clarity and separation between uses will be reviewed during detailed design through use of signage, pathways and other designed interfaces.
Ensure the grass is regularly watered	1	Irrigation is expanded to the eastern end of the park as part of the project to improve the City's ability to water the park and support healthy turf.
The surface of the off leash dog area is uneven and should be levelled out and returfed		The project includes improvements to turf and irrigation, particularly around the eastern side of the park. The condition of the off-leash area will be reviewed, with upgrades to grading and turf considered to improve safety, durability and usability.
Additional seating for the Wyndham Street side of the park around the circle where the paths join in the middle	1	Additional seating along park edges and key gathering areas, including Wyndham Street, will be considered during detailed design.
A dog pool like at Sydney Park and/ or other water features on the Wyndham Street side of the park	1	Dedicated dog water features are excluded from the scope.
Install a perimeter path around the whole park	1	Perimeter pathways at the eastern end of the park will not be delivered as part of this project

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An additional pedestrian crossing for the middle of Power Avenue, aligned with the path to/ from the park	1	An additional pedestrian crossing is excluded from the scope.
Include more greenery and streetscape improvements along the Wyndham Street frontage, similar to Buckland Street	1	The project includes upgrades to park entrances and understorey planting. Streetscape improvements are excluded from the scope.
Install an entrance to the park opposite Garden Street as it is a natural desire line	1	To ensure protection of existing heritage trees, careful consideration of existing and proposed pathway circulation will be reviewed throughout concept and design development stages. Existing entranceways will be improved through heritage investigation and surface treatment to ensure high legibility and to ensure they align with key pedestrian desire lines and improve connectivity where feasible.
The area behind the oval change rooms and Power Avenue is uneven due to tree roots and should be levelled	1	The project includes improvements to park surfaces and usability. Areas impacted by tree roots will be reviewed during detailed design, with consideration given to safety, accessibility and the protection of existing trees.
Install a water feature in the park	1	Water features are excluded from the scope.
Maintenance in the park needs to be increased	1	Maintenance is managed by the City's operational teams. Feedback will be provided to the relevant team for consideration.
Improved path/crossing from the park over Power Avenue near Loveridge Street and all paths, crossings and pram ramps aligning	1	The City will review pedestrian connections and crossing alignments in consultation with relevant teams to improve accessibility and safety where feasible.
Include a running track around the oval that can be used by nearby schools for athletics carnivals	1	A formal running track is not proposed due to space constraints and the need to maintain flexible open space. The oval and surrounding paths will continue to support informal running and recreational use

Pop up sessions and children's engagement

City staff attended the park on Saturday 2 May from 12pm to 1:30pm and Tuesday 5 May from 2:30pm to 4pm. This was attended by approximately 60 residents.

The comments received during these sessions are captured in the table above.

As part of the pop up, the City also created activity boards to engage with children in the park on the new playground area. This activity was held as children were leaving school and feedback was gathered from approximately 40 children. The children were given stickers to attach to the boards to highlight their favourite play elements.

All elements in the playground were well received with climbing elements, swings and nature play the most represented. These elements will be included in the playground design.

We're building a new playground in Alexandria Park. Tell us your ideas!

Put a dot on the things you like to do. If something is missing, write it in box 6



Climbing up high

- Climbing in the trees
- Walking across bridges



Moving and spinning

- Swinging and pushing
- Going around and around



Place to explore

- Looking through and around things



Playing in nature

- Playing with rocks, plants and mud
- Climbing and building



Sports and Games

- Running and playing games
- Playing sports together

Your idea

- How else do you like to play?

Water long slide

Netball

tenis

flying fox

monkey bars

What activities would you use the new sport active area for?

Bike riding

Water bubbler for kids & dog

Natural materials, wood and metal

Safe fenced space for puppies

tenis net high line on play

Wall for practice against the wall (yellow)

Netball court

Waste sorting station

- organics, recycling, compost, worm farm

some Zipline mechanical life

No Recycled Tyres in the Playground

Climbing sticks

Calisthenics stuff

GIANT TRAMPOLINE

TRAMPOLINE

POOL

TRAIN TRAX

GYM

HORSE RIDING

FACEBOOK

CRAP PET SHOP

FUN FAIR

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- Walking across bridges

2 Moving and spinning

- Swinging and pushing
- Going around and around

3 Place to explore

- Looking through and around things

4 Playing in nature

- Playing with rocks, plants and sand
- Climbing and building

5 Sports and Games

- Running and playing games
- Playing sports together

6 Your idea

- How else do you like to play?

Pool and waterslide

Swing

Flying fox

monkey bars

Path for bikes

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What activities would you use the new sport active area for?

Netball court

Pickle ball

Badminton

Basket ball

Monkey bars

with climbing

hand ball

Cricket

AFL

Soccer

Tree house

See saw

More benches

Sand box

Redfern All Blacks stakeholder meeting

As part of the consultation, City staff met with the Redfern All Blacks on 14 May 2026. The discussion for this meeting focused on their need for the change facilities at the oval to be upgraded. The key points raised were:

- The need for an upgrade/renewal of the existing changerooms
- Better facilities for their growing female membership as they find the current facilities unsafe and not up to standard
- Signs on the changerooms that can be changed to reflect if men or women are using the space
- Better cleaning of the changerooms between bookings
- Cleaning out of un-used and stored equipment that is left in the space.

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, "[Your say on improving Alexandria Park](#)" was created. The page included a copy of the 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 in properties surrounding the park, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 1300 letters were distributed.

4. Signage

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

5. Park pop-up

City staff attended the park on Saturday 2 May from 12pm to 1:30pm and Tuesday 5 May from 2:30pm to 4pm. This was attended by approximately 60 residents.

6. Stakeholder meeting

City staff met with representatives of the Redfern All Blacks to discuss the proposal and their facilities on Thursday 14 May.

7. Stakeholder email

Two emails were sent to key park stakeholders at the beginning and middle of the consultation informing them of the project and how to give feedback. These emails were sent to:

- Redfern All Blacks Junior Rugby League Club
- Souths Juniors Rugby League Association
- South Sydney District Cricket Club
- RIZK FC
- Alexandria Residents Action Group (ARAG)
- RedWatch
- Dunbar Rovers Football Club
- Lokomotiv Cove Football Club
- City community tennis
- Alexandria Park Community School

8. Sydney Your Say e-newsletter

An email was sent to 6643 of our Sydney Your Say e newsletter