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Engagement Report



Engagement report

Woolloomooloo Playground, Woolloomooloo

October 2020



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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 2020, we consulted on our stage 15 parks, which include:

- Minogue Crescent, Forest Lodge
- Peace Park, Chippendale
- Tote Park, Zetland
- **Woolloomooloo Playground, Woolloomooloo**
- Park on Lyons Road, Camperdown

Engagement summary

From 20 July to 24 August 2020, we asked the community for feedback on a concept plan to improve Woolloomooloo playground in Woolloomooloo.

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

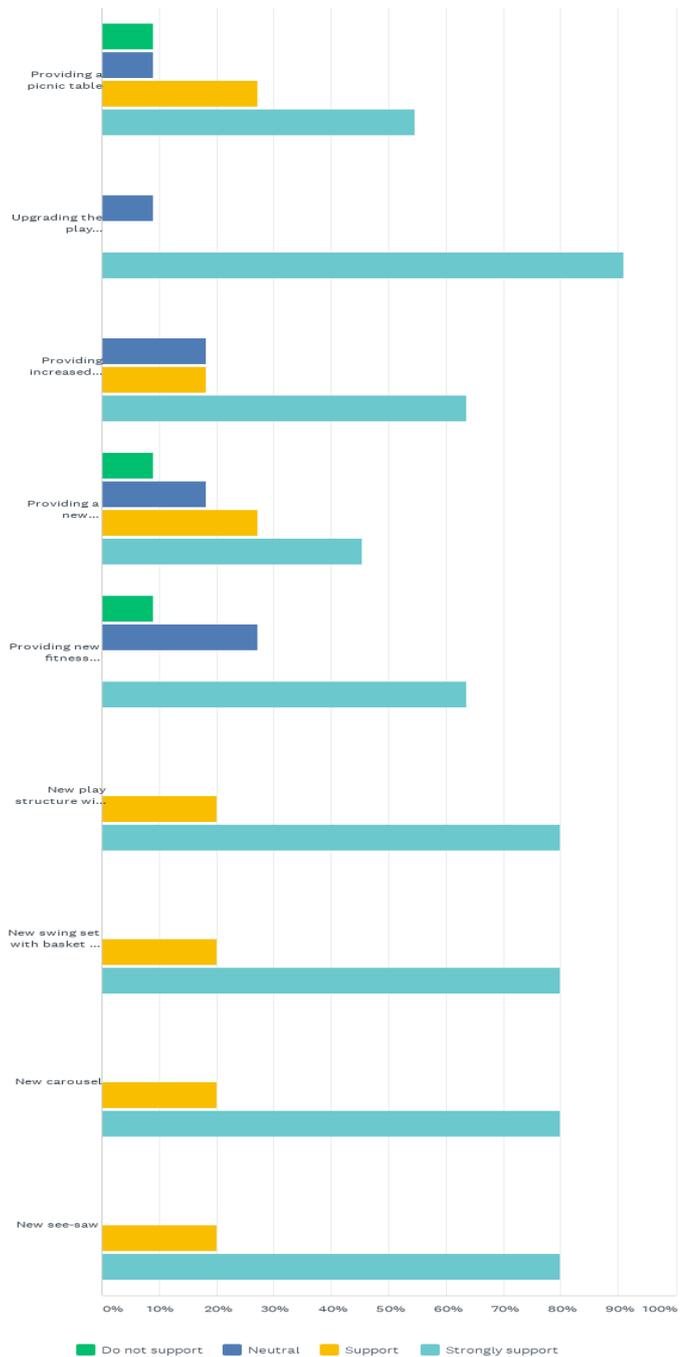
We received a total of 13 submissions (via Survey Monkey, email and phone) during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 168 times during the consultation period.

Key findings

Online feedback form - rating elements of the proposed upgrade

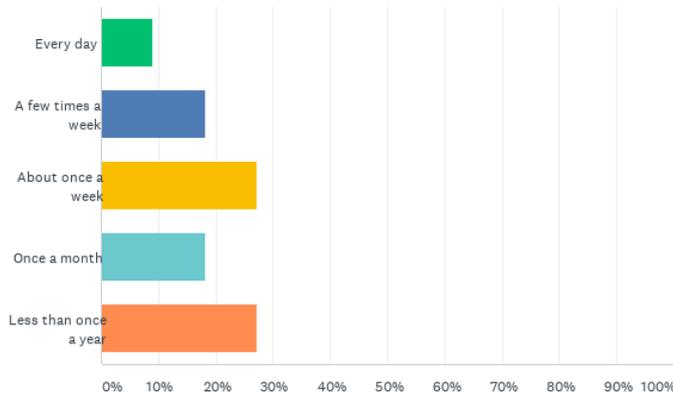
Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them. The results are below

Q1 Do you support the following elements of the upgrade?

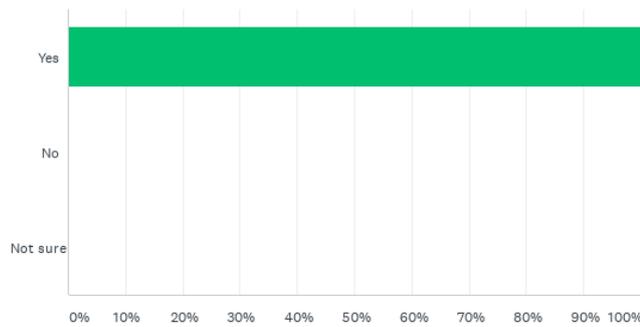


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Q2 How often do you currently use the park?



Q3 Do you think that the upgrade would change your use of the park?



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.

Layout	Total	City of Sydney Response
Support for exercise area and specific equipment requests: pull up bars, dip bars and steps bar	2	The proposed exercise equipment is currently being reviewed to incorporate suggested or similar provisions.
Oppose introduction of exercise equipment	2	The selected equipment will consider intergenerational play opportunities such as balancing beams, monkey bars etc in the selection of the equipment. Exercise provision is currently being reviewed.

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Opposes Pring Street seating walls due to concerns about people congregating there after hours.	1	We aim to improve access to the playground with a secondary access point from Pring Street. We will review the layout and material to manage safety/antisocial behaviour concerns in the next phase of design.
Support for increased access	1	Noted.
Request for additional picnic table and seating	2	Not currently being investigated for this site. We will remove the picnic setting provision for the park due to the close proximity to residents and concerns of anti-social behaviour. We will review providing seating and platform benches.
Oppose additional facilitates; benches and picnic tables due to concerns about people congregating after hours.	1	We will remove the proposed picnic setting provision and review the placement/location of seating and platform benches to ensure a safe environment for playground users and concerns of anti-social behaviour.
Requests retention of fully fenced play environment.	1	We will provide additional low playground fencing to fully enclose the play area. The playground has been designed to integrate with the adjacent areas and to improve access and connectivity.
Support for low playground fence	1	Noted.
Support for retaining shade sail	1	Included in the proposed upgrade.
Requests to minimise rubber soft-fall in the playground and support for natural soft-fall; sand, bark, turf.	1	Natural materials and minimal softfall is preferred. Rubber softfall will be minimised however surfaces such as sand or bark mulch are not being investigated for this site.
Requests soft-fall colour different under swing	1	The playground design and placement of equipment will adhere to fall zone requirements and standards. We will review the orientation and circulation space around the equipment in design development.
Play space	Total	City of Sydney Response
Request for natural (not just plastic) play equipment.	2	We propose to use robust and durable materials in colours and textures which reflect the local neighbourhood character.

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Request for nature play elements (climbing logs and steppers)	2	The selection and layout of equipment is currently being reviewed. We will provide additional play equipment where possible and maximise play experiences.
Request for sandpit and water play equipment	2	Not being investigated for this site due to the ongoing maintenance requirements. Water play is generally proposed where a high level of maintenance can be achieved at 'destination' parks.
Request for a grass maze	1	Not currently being investigated for this site.
Support for equipment to cater for all ages and abilities	1	Included in the proposed upgrade.
Supports play equipment that is exciting, challenging and suitable for older children (10+ years)	3	Included in the proposed upgrade.
Requests play structure to have step access (not ladder) for younger children	1	Included in the proposed upgrade.
Support for new swing	2	Included in the proposed upgrade. The selection and layout of equipment is currently being reviewed. We will provide additional play equipment where possible and maximise play experiences.
Request for a trampoline	3	Selection and layout of equipment is currently being reviewed. Noting that due to the size restraints and the required fall-zones this will result in a refinement in play equipment across the playground. We will provide additional play equipment where possible and maximise play experiences.
Supports rope climbing structure	2	Included in the proposed upgrade.
Requests for a feature play structure (Tee-pee, cubby house, tree house, rocket ship)	2	Play structure with imaginative play opportunities to be included in the proposed upgrade. A themed structure is not being investigated. We will review the proposed playground equipment to maximise play experiences and minimise rubber soft-fall.
Request for a slide	2	Included in the proposed upgrade.
Request for a flying fox	1	Not currently being investigated for this site.

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Request for obstacle course (balancing logs, steppers, climbing nets)	1	The selection and layout of equipment is currently being reviewed. We aim to provide additional play equipment where possible and maximise play experiences.
Planting	Total	City of Sydney Response
Request for edible/bush tucker plants and planting that attracts birds	1	Design team to investigate opportunity to incorporate in next phase of design.
Supports more soft landscaping/planting in the play space	2	Included in the proposed upgrade.
Outside scope	Total	City of Sydney Response
Shade sail over tennis court area	1	Outside of scope of this project. Request has been referred to the Parks Team.
Keep and upgrade the tennis court, repair the tennis net and net height adjuster arm	2	Outside of scope of this project. Request has been referred to the Parks Team.
Requests for artwork (interactive/climbable and inspirational) in the playground	2	Artwork/sculpture is outside of scope of this project. We are reviewing the proposed play equipment proposed to maximise play experiences. Imaginative play opportunities to be included in the play offering.

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

A Sydney Your Say webpage was created, along with an online survey. 599 letters were sent to residents in the area and key stakeholders were contacted.

A Zoom briefing was scheduled for 25 August and 3 residents attended.

Before consultation began, the project team run a work shop with 15 children from Plunkett Street Primary school as well as a meeting with the community gardens group to provide feedback on the early design.

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/your-say/park-playground-upgrades/improving-woolloomooloo-playground-woolloomooloo> 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. Sydney Your Say e-News

The consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say 11 August 2020 e-Newsletter (7,384 subscribers).

4. Consultation letter

A letter was posted to residents, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 599 letters were distributed.

5. Notification email

An email was sent to key stakeholders, including the Youth and Family Connect, Plunkett Street public school, Juanita Nielson community centre, Woolloomooloo Community garden group and residents who had taken part in the initial, pre-consultation survey.

6. On site signage

Two notice boards were installed at Woolloomooloo playground, inviting people to give feedback on the proposal.

7. Community meeting

A Zoom meeting was scheduled for the 4 August and no residents attended. An additional Zoom meeting was scheduled for 25 August and 3 residents attended.

Appendix

Appendix A: concept design

Proposed works



Woolloomooloo Playground upgrade - community consultation plan



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Under review

Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review. The project team will report back on key outcomes.

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- new rubber soft-fall play area with a play structure with play panels and slides, a swing set with basket and cradle seats, a see-saw and a carousel
- improved integration between playground and barbecue area
- new exercise equipment
- new access path
- new plants and trees
- lighting upgrade as required.

How you can give feedback

You can [view the proposed design](#) and give your feedback by completing an online feedback form.

[Online form](#)

Consultation closes at **5pm on Monday 24 August 2020**.

We also invite you to a briefing on the proposed design with the project team via a Zoom video call on **Tuesday 4 August** from **6pm to 6.30pm**. [Register to join this meeting](#) by 5pm on Sunday 2 August. After you register, we will provide you with more information to set up the video call.

Feedback may be published in publicly available reports at the end of the consultation period. Your name or organisation's name may appear in these reports with your feedback attributed. If you would like your feedback to be kept confidential, please let us know when making your submission.

Other ways to give your feedback

We want to make sure everybody has the opportunity to provide ideas and feedback.

Key dates

Public consultation period
20 July to 24 August 2020

Online briefing
4 August 2020

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Related projects

- [Park and playground upgrades](#)

Links

[Online form](#)

[Online briefing registration](#)



[Park upgrade plans](#)

Do you live, visit or work in Woolloomooloo, Zetland, Chippendale, Forest Lodge or Camperdown? We're upgrading parks and playgrounds in your local area. Let us know what you think of the proposed designs:

- [Peace Park, Chippendale](#)
- [Tote Park playground, Zetland](#)
- [Minogue Crescent Reserve, Forest Lodge](#)
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Appendix C: Consultation letter



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
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20 July 2020

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How to give feedback on the design

We know our residents, workers and visitors are focused on physical distancing and health and wellbeing, and many are experiencing economic stress. Visit cityofsydney/covid19-response for more information on how the City is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.

While how our staff will consult with you may look a little different, we still want to hear from you and will provide plenty of opportunities to have your say on the projects and programs that affect you.

The proposed design is included with this letter. You can give feedback on this proposal at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/park-playground-upgrades by **5pm on 17 August 2020**.

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Next steps

We will report all feedback and any resulting design changes to Council. After Council resolves to proceed with the upgrade, we will continue to detailed design. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

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Yours sincerely

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney

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Have your say

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