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Engagement Report



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Harry Noble Reserve, Erskineville

July 2021

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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 2021, we consulted on our stage 16 parks, which include:

- Ethel Street Playground, Erskineville
- Blackwattle Bay Park, Glebe
- **Harry Noble Reserve, Erskineville**
- James Watkinson Reserve, Pyrmont
- Michael Kelly rest area, Newtown

Engagement summary

From 17 May to 14 June 2021, we asked the community for feedback on a concept plan to improve Harry Noble Reserve in Erskineville.

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 92 submissions via Survey Monkey and email during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 1142 times during the consultation period.

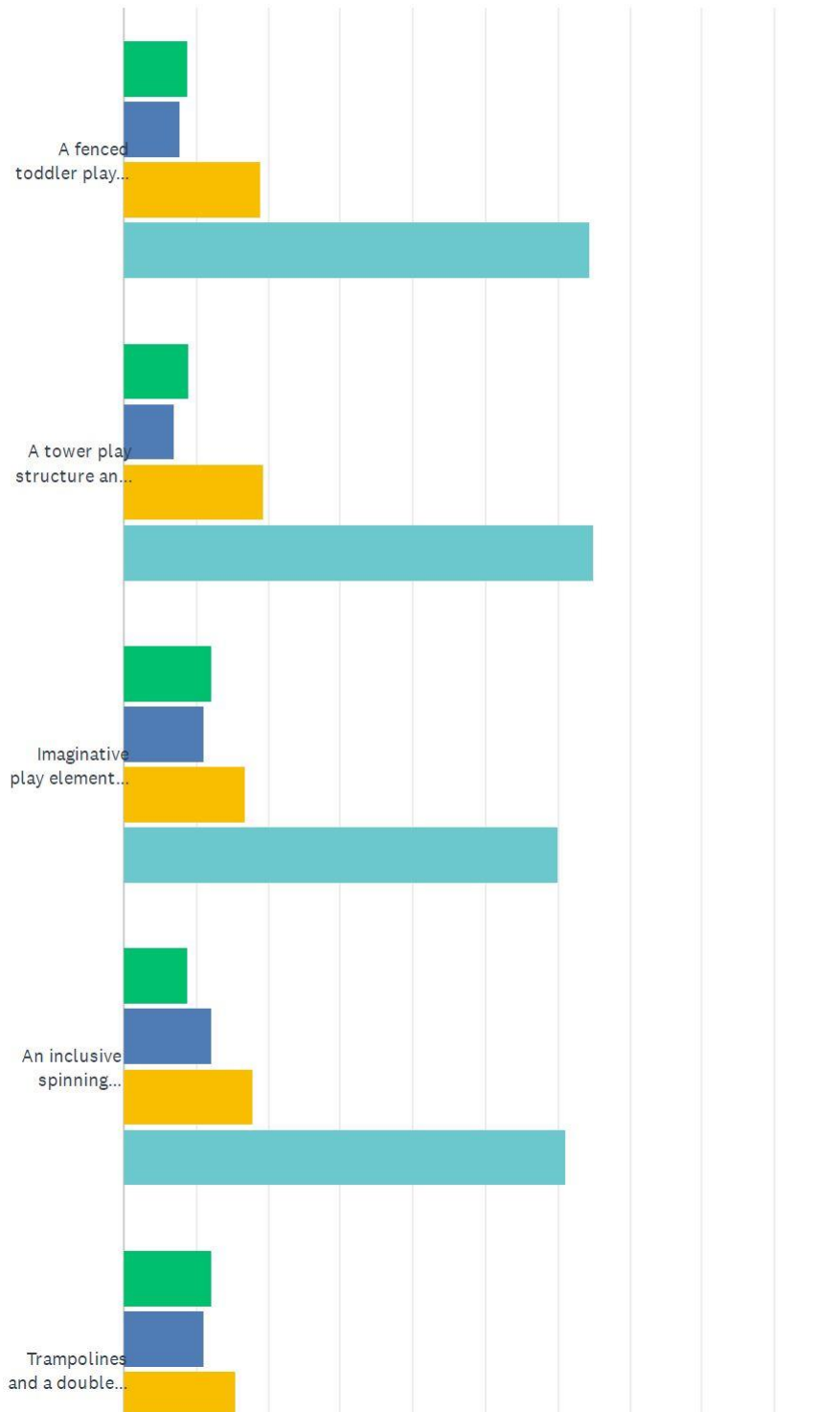
Key findings

Online feedback form - rating elements of the proposed upgrade

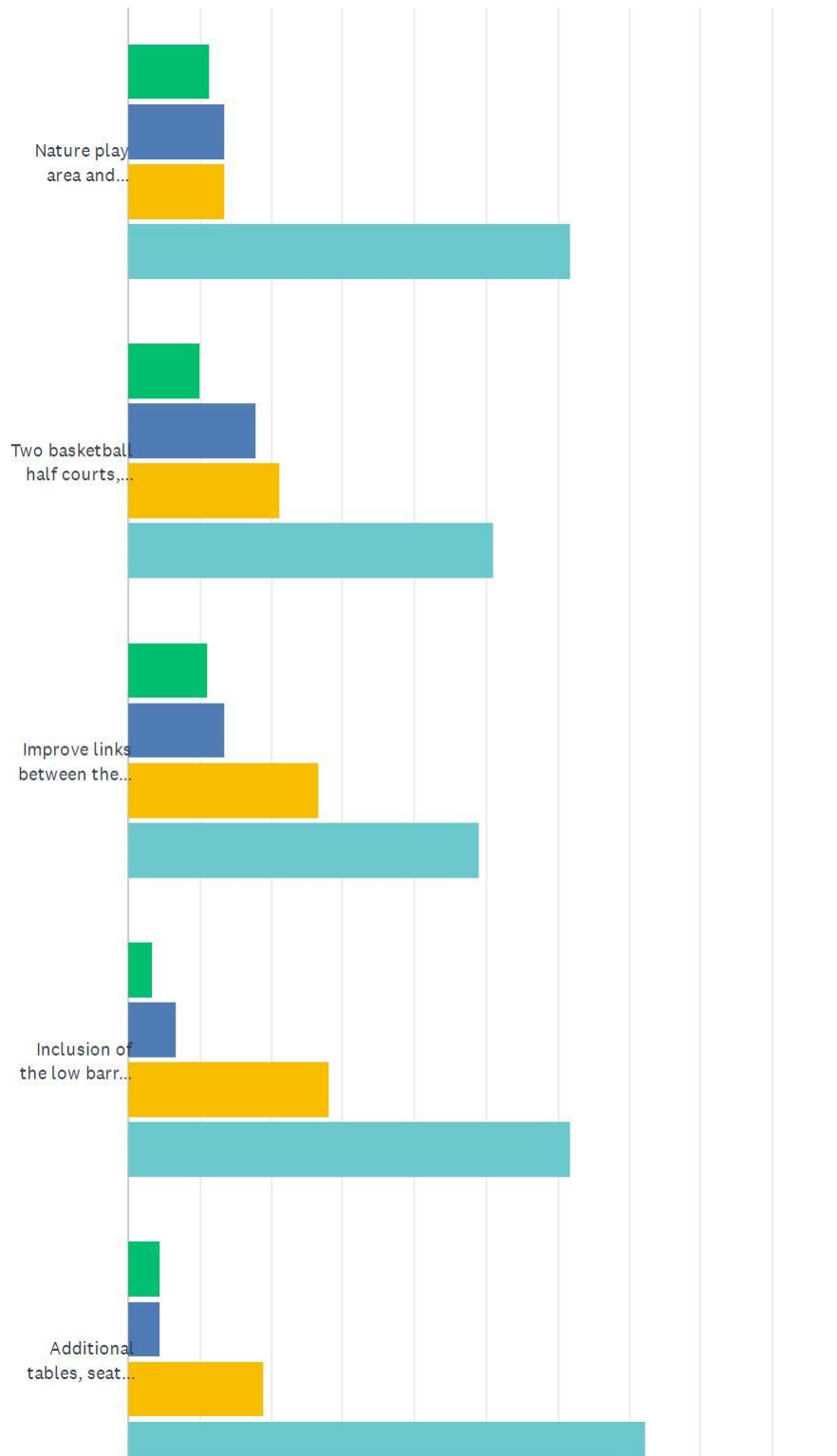
Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them. The results are below:

Q1 Do you support the following elements of the upgrade?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 0



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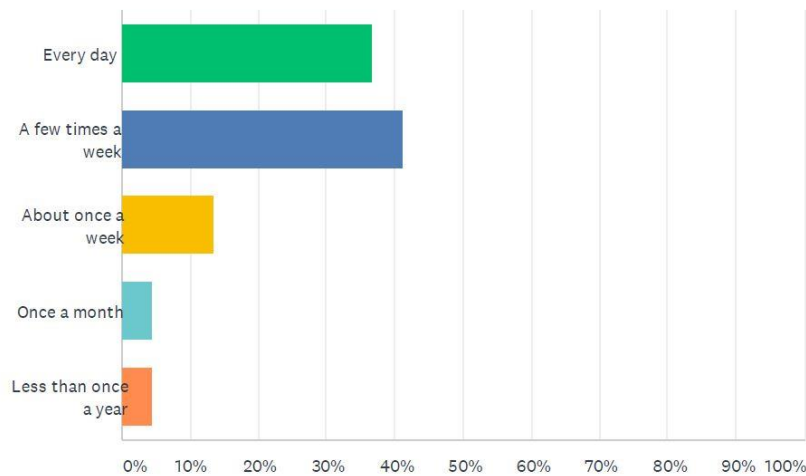
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■ Do not support
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Support
 ■ Strongly support

	DO NOT SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	SUPPORT	STRONGLY SUPPORT	TOTAL
A fenced toddler play area	8.89% 8	7.78% 7	18.89% 17	64.44% 58	90
A tower play structure and slides, deck and bridges, play elements and climbing challenges	9.09% 8	6.82% 6	19.32% 17	64.77% 57	88
Imaginative play elements including sandpit (with cover), boulders, steppingstones and an open cubby house	12.22% 11	11.11% 10	16.67% 15	60.00% 54	90
An inclusive spinning carousel and a large basket swing	8.89% 8	12.22% 11	17.78% 16	61.11% 55	90
Trampolines and a double swing with toddler cradle and seats	12.22% 11	11.11% 10	15.56% 14	61.11% 55	90
Nature play area and sensory percussion play elements	11.24% 10	13.48% 12	13.48% 12	61.80% 55	89
Two basketball half courts, a netball half court and goal circle practice area	10.00% 9	17.78% 16	21.11% 19	51.11% 46	90
Improve links between the playground, picnic and open grass areas	11.11% 10	13.33% 12	26.67% 24	48.89% 44	90
Inclusion of the low barrier walls to provide separation between the playground and dog off-leash area	3.37% 3	6.74% 6	28.09% 25	61.80% 55	89
Additional tables, seats, a water bubbler, barbecue and sheltered picnic facilities for all park users	4.44% 4	4.44% 4	18.89% 17	72.22% 65	90

Q2 How often do you currently use the park?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 0

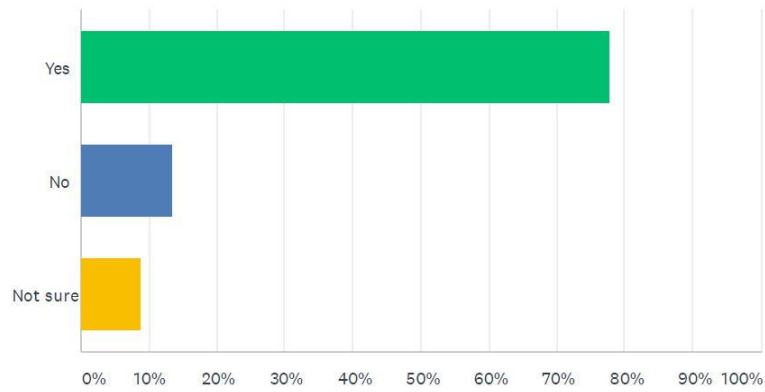


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Every day	36.67% 33
A few times a week	41.11% 37
About once a week	13.33% 12
Once a month	4.44% 4
Less than once a year	4.44% 4
TOTAL	90

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

Answered: 90 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.78%	70
No	13.33%	12
Not sure	8.89%	8
TOTAL		90

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		
Design	Total	City of Sydney Response
Fencing should be used around the entire playground, not just the toddler portion	13	
More tables should be included in the design for picnics	2	
Additional tables and BBQs should be installed away from the playground to keep people with dogs away from playing children	3	
The new curved path will not be used as it does not follow desire lines	1	
The playground location takes too much space away from the off-leash area	5	
More drinking fountains should be included	2	
The entrances to the park should be fenced to keep dogs in	4	
Table tennis tables should be installed	1	
Perimeter wall should be raised or have a fence placed on top so dogs cannot jump out of the park	6	
The off-leash area should be completely fenced in	9	
Dog bubbler should be located away from the BBQ area	3	
Bike parking installed	1	
More seating installed throughout the park	1	
Sports courts are unnecessary	1	
More shade structures around the picnic areas	3	
Lighting should be improved throughout park	4	

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Include more bins near playground and picnic facilities	1	
One full basketball/netball court rather than two half courts	2	
Soccer nets should be placed under basketball rings	1	
Install high fencing around the courts to stop balls going over the fence into the bowling club	1	
Playspace	Total	City of Sydney Response
Do not include a sandpit as animals often use them as a toilet	6	
More swings should be included	2	
A flying fox installed	1	
More challenging equipment should be installed for older children	2	
Include waterplay elements in the playground	1	
Outside scope	Total	City of Sydney Response
Elliot Ave should be turned into a shared zone to make crossing to Erskineville Oval safer	1	
Off-leash park should be moved to Solander Park	1	
A crossing should be installed on Fox Street	2	
Toilets should be included in the park	11	

Pop-up consultation session

A pop-up consultation feedback session was held in the park from 9:30am to 11:30am on Saturday 29 May 2021.

Council staff were available to answer questions and obtain feedback about the proposed concept plan. Respondents were also encouraged view the plans and provide feedback on the Sydney You Say website. Approximately 50 people spoke to staff over the two hour period.

Overall, the feedback was positive and concepts plans are well supported. Feedback received on the day has been included in the table above.

Pre consultation feedback

Prior to undertaking general community consultation on the proposal, the City undertook some early consultation work in late 2020 to ask local residents how often they use the park and what they would like to see in the new design.

53 people responded during pre-consultation. Key takeaways from the feedback were:

- Most people (52%) visited the playground once a week with 19 respondents (37%) visited the park daily or a few times a week.
- Respondents were asked to rate the importance of key elements when upgrading the playground (1 = not important and 5 = very important). The feedback indicates a broad range of views and differing priority with most items receiving both low and high scales. However, when averaged it indicates little variance in terms of importance and priority. The items are listed in order of preference:
 - Shade provision to seating and playground
 - Barrier protection (fencing and planting)
 - Providing more nature play elements
 - Formal Play Structures (play tower, swings and slides)
 - Retain existing trees and vegetation
 - Providing seating opportunities adjacent to the playground

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

A Sydney Your Say webpage was created, along with an online survey. 1133 letters were sent to residents in the area and key stakeholders were contacted.

A pop-up session was held in the park on 29 May from 9:30am to 11:30am. This was attended by approximately 50 people.

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-works-maintenance/your-feedback-proposed-design-harry-noble-reserve-playground> 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. 1133 letters were distributed.

4. Community meeting

A pop-up session was held in the park on 29 May from 9:30am to 11:30am. This was attended by approximately 50 people.