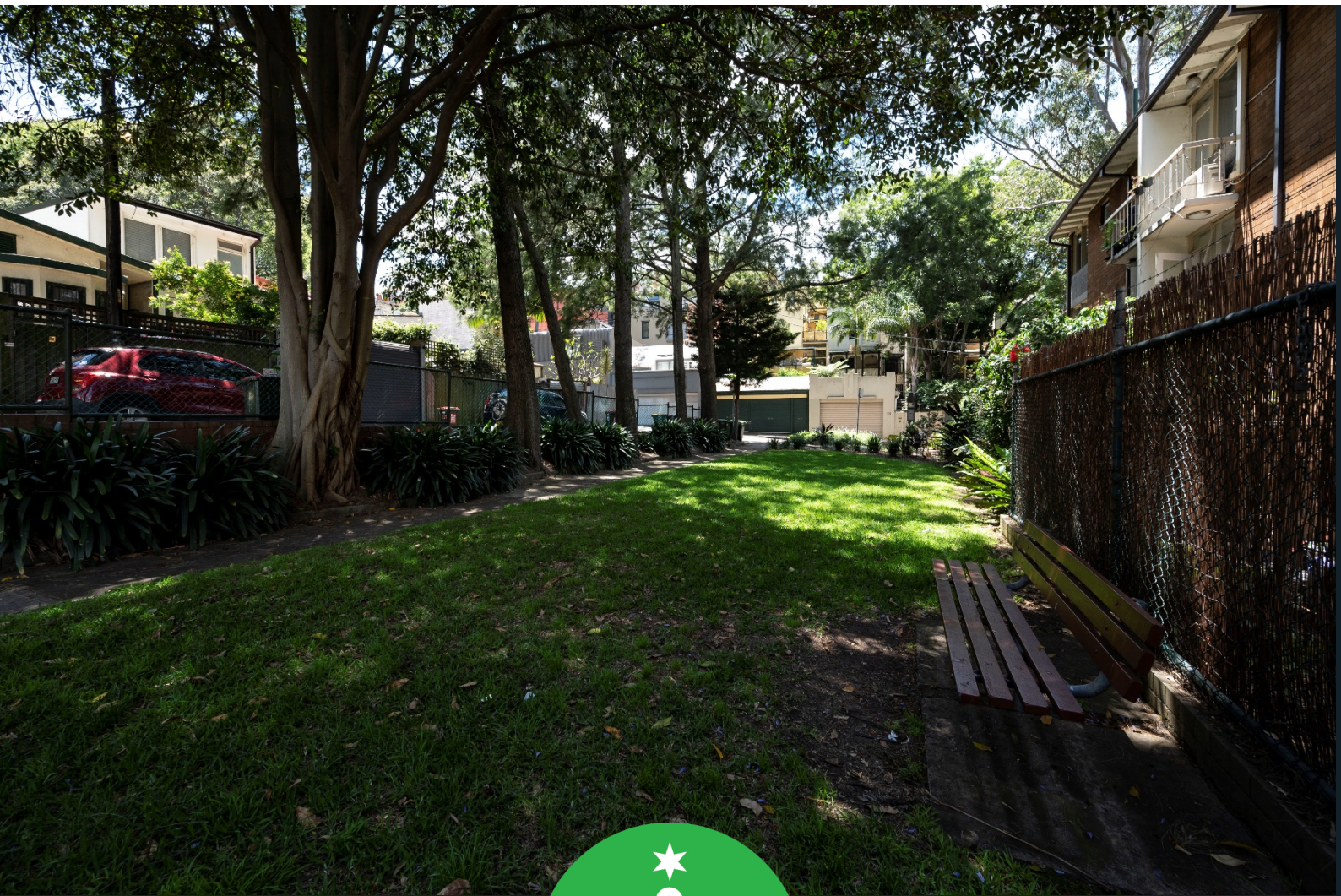


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Engagement Report



Engagement report

Michael Kelly rest area Newtown

August 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 19 July to 16 August 2021, we asked the community for feedback on a concept plan to improve Michael Kelly rest area in Newtown

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 6 submissions via Survey Monkey during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 66 times during the consultation period.

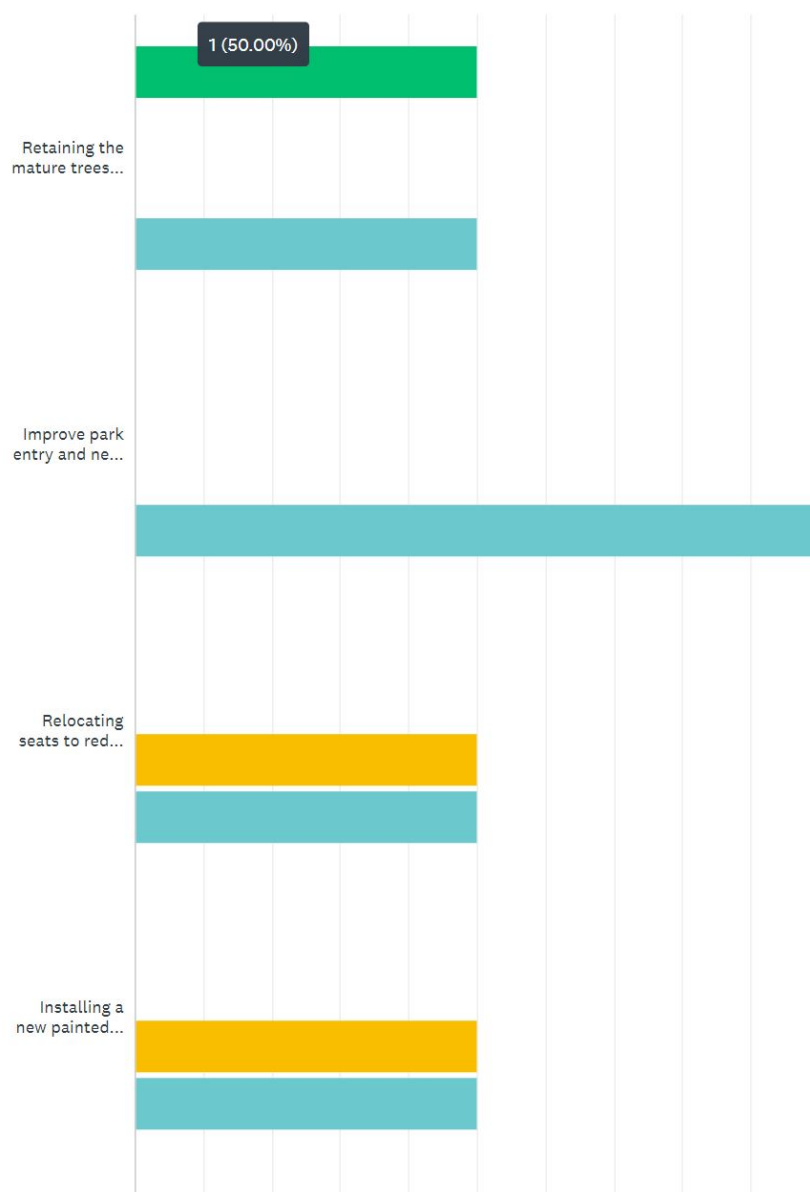
Key findings

Online feedback form - rating elements of the proposed upgrade

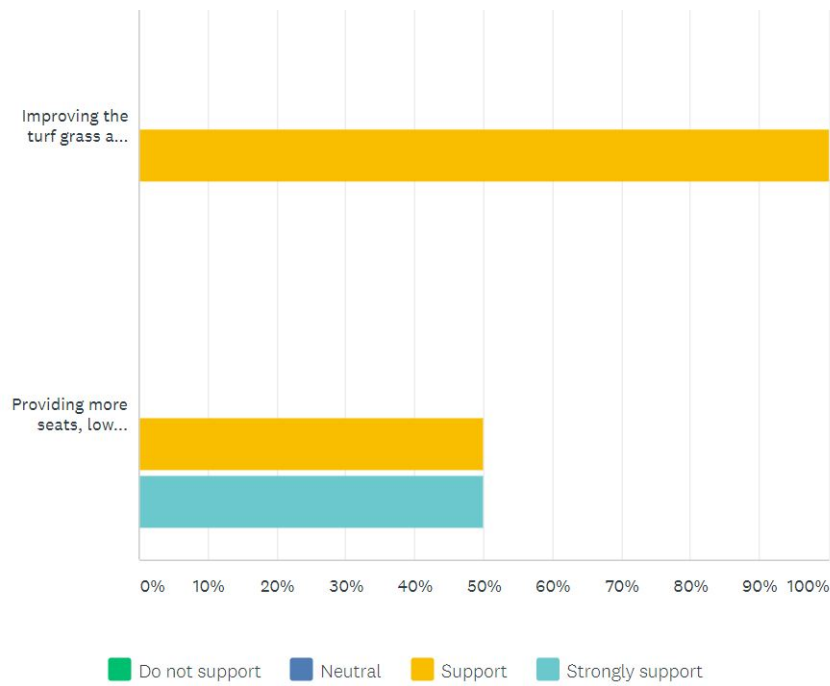
Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them. The results are below

Do you support the following elements of the upgrade?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 0



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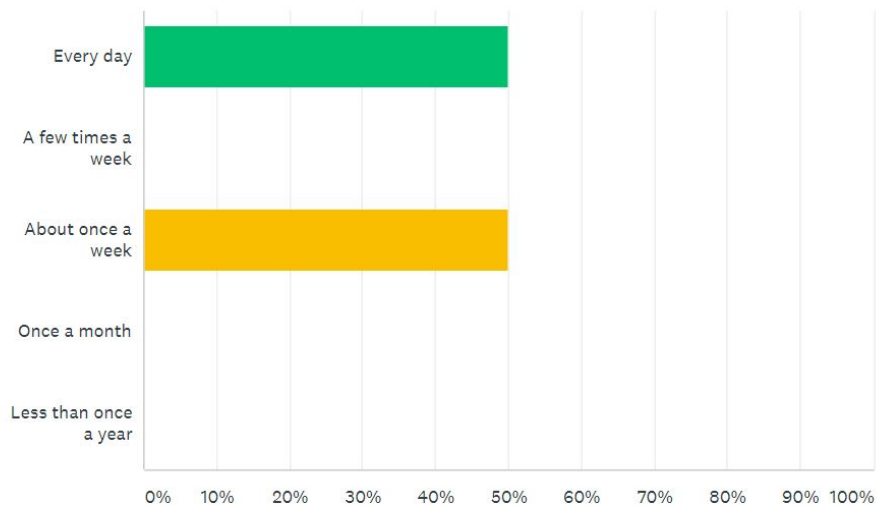


	DO NOT SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	SUPPORT	STRONGLY SUPPORT	TOTAL
Retaining the mature trees and removal of two small trees	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	2
Improve park entry and new kerb ramp for better access	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 2	2
Relocating seats to reduce noise issues	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Installing a new painted metal blade fence to improve privacy and park amenity	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
Improving the turf grass area and new groundcover, shrub, and palm plantings	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 2	0.00% 0	2
Providing more seats, low seating wall and a new water bubbler with a dog bowl	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	2
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How often do you currently use the park?

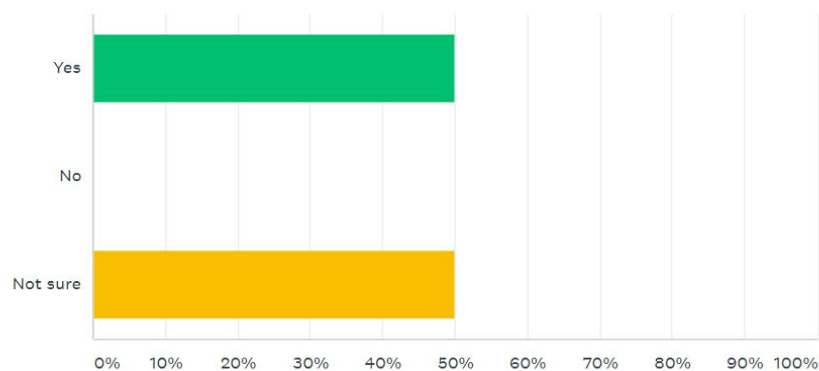
Answered: 2 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Every day	50.00%	1
▼ A few times a week	0.00%	0
▼ About once a week	50.00%	1
▼ Once a month	0.00%	0
▼ Less than once a year	0.00%	0
TOTAL		2

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

Answered: 2 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	50.00%	1
▼ No	0.00%	0
▼ Not sure	50.00%	1
TOTAL		2

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		
Layout	Total	City of Sydney Response
Replacing mature trees with deciduous trees. or pruning existing trees to the extent that the Northern sun can still reach the adjacent apartment building (60 Brocks Lane)	3	<p>The proposal included the removal of two trees and the installation five smaller native palms.</p> <p>Selective tree pruning and ongoing management of trees to replace and establish some deciduous trees will be investigated with the City Arborist.</p>
Install garbage bin with dog waste bags	1	The installation of a garbage bin with dog waste bags will be provided. .
Include more seating	1	<p>The Draft Concept Plan provide a range of opportunities to improve use and encourage social interaction.</p> <p>The Plan includes six additional (8 total) seats in the park.</p>
The location of the benches is where buildings leave their bins for collection and will not be an inviting area to sit	1	<p>The Draft Concept Plan improves the entry to provide an open, welcoming, and inclusive park. The aim is to provide a range of opportunities which provide a quiet place to sit and space that encourages social interaction.</p> <p>Storage of household bins in the park is not permitted. Additional ranger patrols and monitoring will be undertaken to ensure these are returned and kept within surrounding residential properties.</p>
Would like to make sure the new fence does not impact the amount of sunlight reaches the units at 60 Brocks Lane	2	<p>The aim of the new fence is to improve the amenity for residents and park uses.</p> <p>Additional consultation residents and owner in the adjacent ground floor units to help refine the fence design to ensure sunlight and views into the park. Maintained.</p>

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Include a concrete table tennis table or table with seats and chess board	1	<p>Due to the small park size the installation of a table tennis table is not support in this location.</p> <p>The provision of a table size chessboard will be investigated.</p>
A table installed in the area	1	<p>The installation of a table can encourage antisocial behaviour, alcohol consumption and noise issues.</p> <p>The provision of a table in this park/ location is not support due to the proximity of King Street a high night-time activity area and closeness of the adjacent residential dwellings.</p>
Prioritise a wide variety of native plants for native birds feeding and nesting	1	<p>The proposed planting will include a mix of native plants which will provide habitat and food for native birds.</p>

Zoom consultation session

A Zoom consultation feedback session was held on Wednesday 28 July 2021.

Council staff were available to answer questions and obtain feedback about the proposed concept plan. One resident attended this session.

Feedback from this session is captured 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.

Four responses were received during the pre-consultation period. Ideas and suggestions helped to shape the Concept Plan. Key themes from the pre-consultation were:

- An upgrade of the fence bordering 60 Brocks lane is needed.
- Extra seating should be included.
- The casuarina trees should be replaced or pruned as they make the area too dark and constantly shed.
- Bins and dog poo bags should be included in a future design.

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

A Sydney Your Say webpage was created, along with an online survey. 523 letters were sent to residents in the area and key stakeholders were contacted.

A Zoom session was held in the park on 28 July. This was attended by one resident.

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-works-maintenance/proposed-design-michael-kelly-rest-area-newtown> 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. 523 letters were distributed.

4. Community Zoom meeting

A Zoom session was held in the park on 28 July. This was attended by one resident.