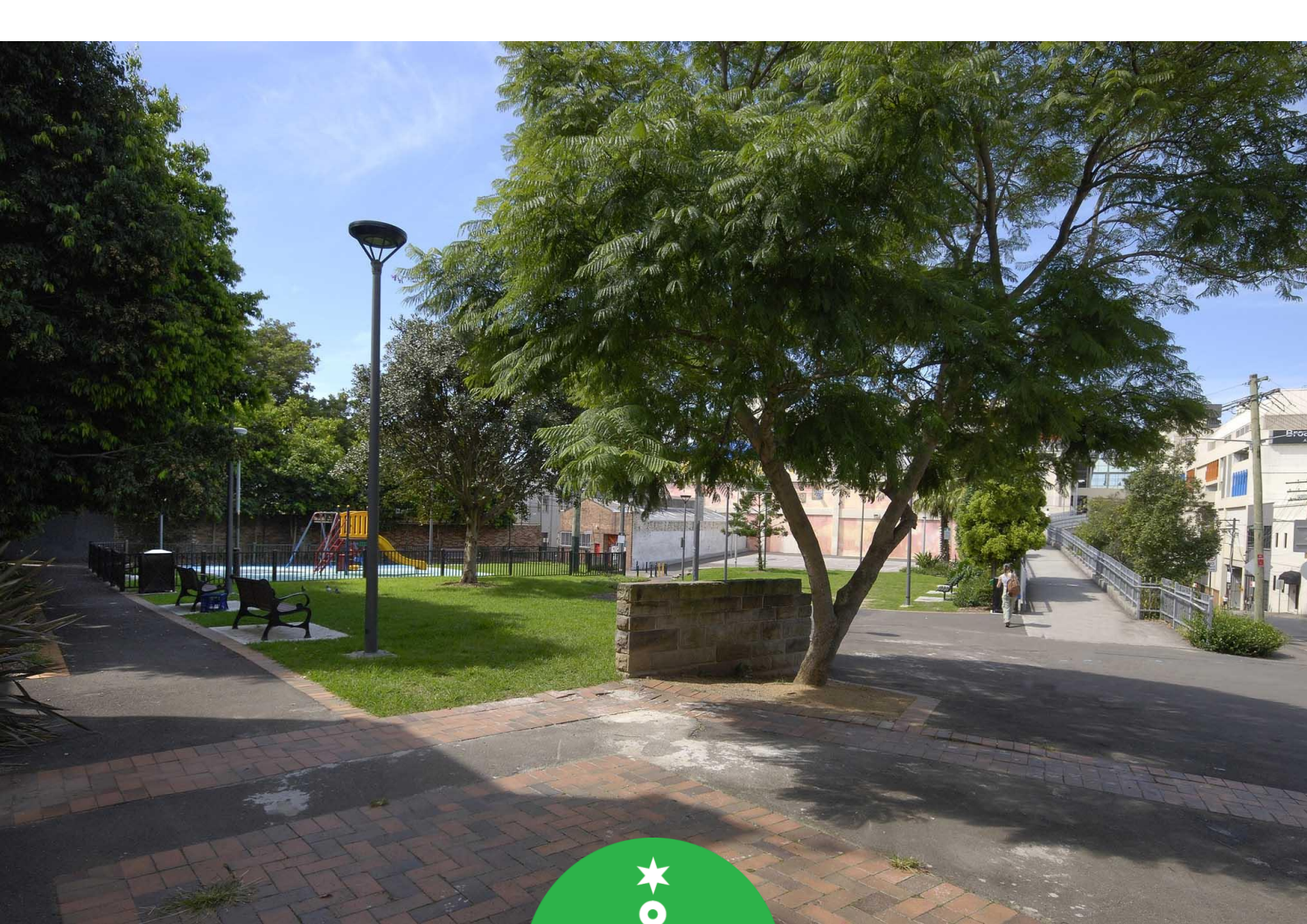


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Engagement Report



Engagement report

Minogue Reserve, Glebe

February 2024

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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 2023, we consulted on our stage 18 parks, which include:

- Robyn Kemmis Reserve, Glebe
- **Minogue Reserve, Glebe**
- Ada Villa Terrace, Erskineville
- Regent Street Reserve, Paddington
- Glebe Street Reserve, Glebe

Engagement summary

From 23 October to 20 November 2023, we asked the community for feedback on a concept plan to improve Minogue Reserve in Glebe.

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 9 submissions via Survey Monkey and one email during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 176 times during the consultation period.

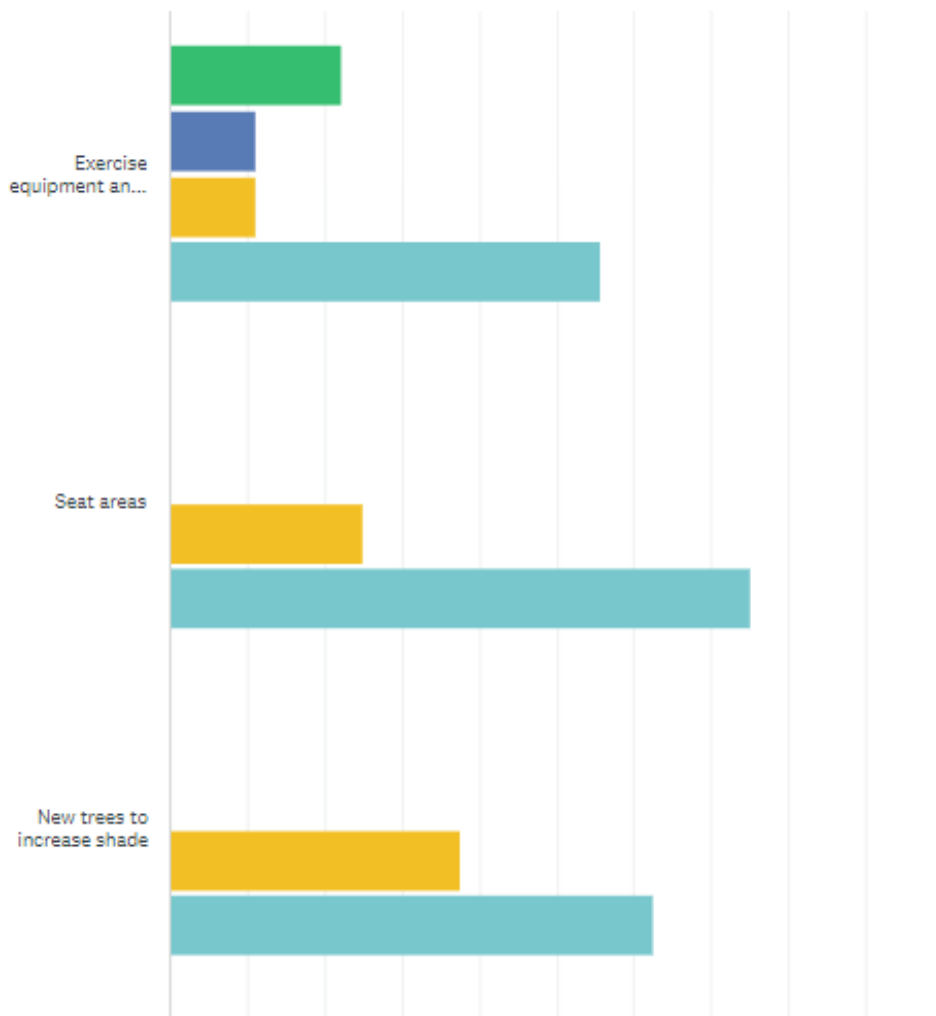
Key findings

Online feedback form - rating elements of the proposed upgrade

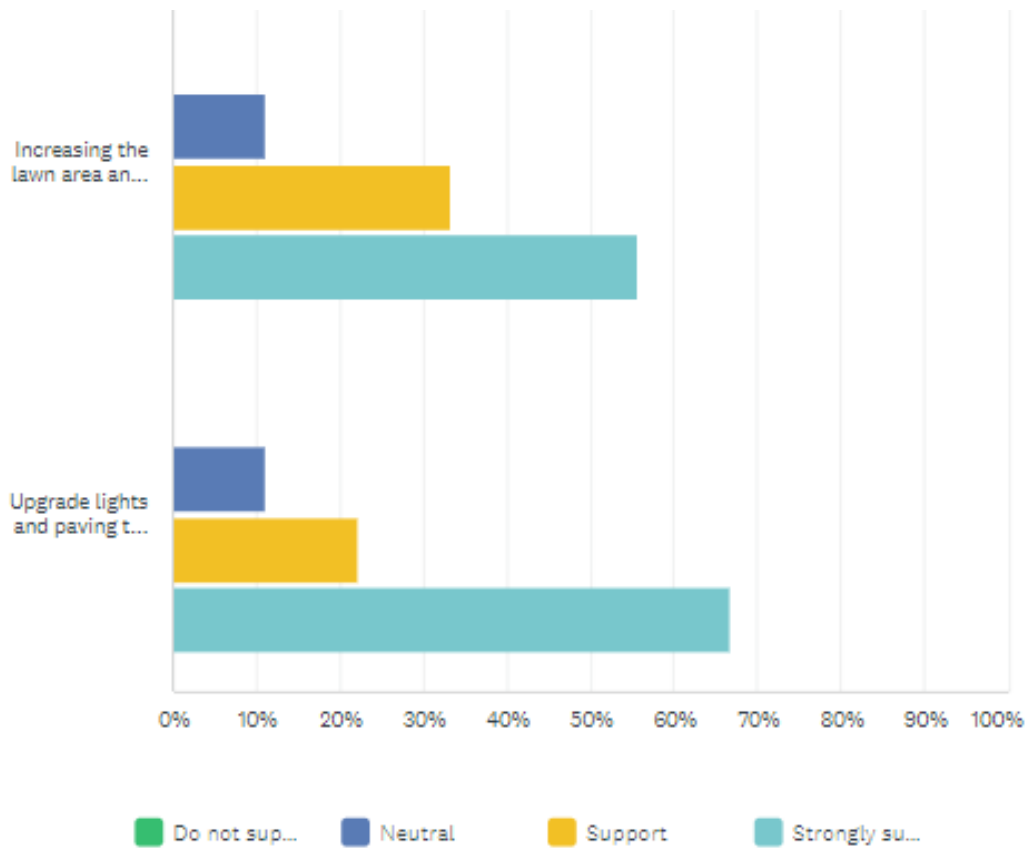
Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them. The results are below:

Do you support the following elements of the upgrade?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0

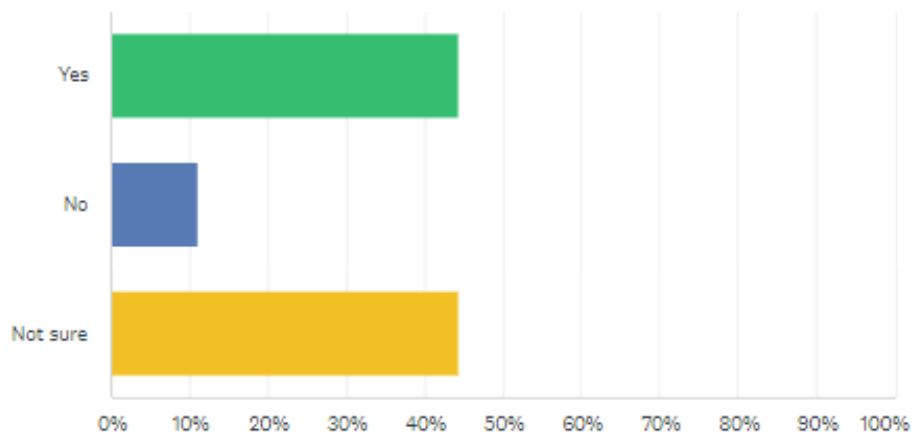


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Do you think that the upgrade would change your use of the park?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



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		
Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
Basketball court surface should be upgraded as the surface is in a poor state	1	Court will be resurfaced as part of the upgrade
Lighting should be installed at the basketball court	1	Basketball court lighting currently already in place and will be retained.
Include bush foods in the planting	1	We will consider native bush food plant species during the detailed design stage of the project.
Include more bins in the design	2	More bins will be incorporated
More native habit planting to create corridors for wildlife	2	Additional planting with a focus on natives will be included.
The reserve should be renamed to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land	1	The City can initiate a naming proposal. A proposal will need to be considered by the Naming Working Group. A proposal will need to be in line with the City's Naming Policy and Geographical Names Board policy and principles.
The forecourt area where table tennis is proposed should be used to display First Nations People sculptures other artworks to reflect their culture history	1	There are numerous artworks in the immediate area surrounding the park, including on and within the Peter Forsyth Auditorium. In addition, the City is delivering the Eora Journey Program to achieve greater recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their living culture in the public domain through public art.
Underground the powerlines in the park	1	Outside the scope of works of this project.
More trees and greenery facing Francis Street and Glebe Point Road	1	Francis Street and Glebe Point Road are outside of the scope of this project. The City will look to consider this for future projects.
Do not install metal table tennis tables as they do not bounce well when playing	1	We will not install metal tennis tables.
Install a low wall around the table tennis tables to stop balls rolling away	1	We will consider this during the detailed design stage of the project.

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Do not include palm trees as part of the planting as they encourage ibises to nest	1	We will review tree species during detailed design stage of the project.
Include chess tables in the park design	1	A chess tables will be included.
Upgrade lighting as the park currently feels unsafe at night	1	Noted. Lighting will be upgraded as part of the new works.

Pop up information session

A pop up consultation feedback session was held on Tuesday 31 October from 4pm to 5:30pm.

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

Feedback from this session is captured in the table above.

Early consultation feedback

Prior to undertaking general community consultation on the proposal, the City undertook some early consultation work in early 2023 to ask local residents how often they use the park and what they would like to see in the new design.

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

- Retain existing mature trees where possible, prune some existing trees to increase sun into new lawn areas.
- Improve understory planting areas.
- Provide more seats and increase the range of seating types offered within the park;
- Provide a youth play within the park i.e. handball, table tennis, chess table, fitness equipment, skate-able elements etc...
- Upgrade lighting within the park to improve nighttime safety;
- Expand the park by incorporating under utilised bitumen area;
- More bins
- Increase lawn spaces and increase tree canopy cover in the eastern side of the park.
- Upgrade pathways using more natural and recycled elements e.g. brick, sandstone.
- Resurface existing basketball court
- Relocate children's play equipment to Robbyn Kemmis

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-works-maintenance/your-feedback-proposed-design-minogue-reserve-glebe> 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. 1,000 letters were distributed.

4. Community pop up session

A pop-up consultation feedback session was held on Tuesday 31 October from 4pm to 5:30pm.

5. Signage

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