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Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park Plans of Management and Masterplans Public Exhibition

Engagement Outcomes Report

13 December 2024– 31 January 2025

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Summary

From 13 December 2024 to 31 January 2025, the community was invited to provide feedback on the draft Plans of Management and Masterplans for the Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park.

During the engagement period 1,344 people visited the Your Say project page.

335 participants downloaded the draft Plans of Management and Masterplans for the Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park.

62 participants completed the online survey, 90 emailed their feedback on the plans including a template email / petition that 36 residents utilised to provide feedback.

53% of respondents (N=65) supported the Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park draft Plan of Management and Masterplan.

28% of residents (N=35) did not support the Plan of Management and Masterplan and the remainder were "uncertain".



Project background

Between 17 December 2023 and 18 February 2024, Inner West Council asked the community about their experiences and enjoyment of Easton Park and Rozelle Parklands.

That consultation aimed to develop a 10-year plan, including a Plan of Management and a Master Plan for each park. Community engagement included a drop-in session at Rozelle Parklands and feedback collected through Your Say Inner West.

At its meeting on 3 December 2024, Council received a report including community feedback from the initial engagement and resolved to endorse the Plans of Management and Masterplans for public exhibition.

This engagement outcomes report presents the feedback received on the draft Plans of Management and Masterplans for the Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park.



Promotion and engagement methods

Promotion method	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on Your Say Inner West	1,344 people viewed the project page 335 downloads of the draft document
Emails to key stakeholders	739 registered members on the Your Say Inner West platform
Council's social media	Posts: 2 Instagram and 2 Facebook Reach: 14, 183 Likes: 151 Comments: 55 Shares: 16
Letter to Residents	Residents in Leichhardt, Lilyfield, and Rozelle received a letter from Council encouraging feedback.
Posters placed on-site	15 posters

Engagement method	Stakeholders engaged
Online survey	62 surveys completed
Direct contact from residents	54 emails from individuals 36 template / petition emails



Who did we hear from?

Council gathers basic demographic information as part of the participant registration process online at Your Say Inner West. We use this information to understand who has responded and whether we need to engage further on the proposal.

79% of respondents were in the 30-64 years age bracket.

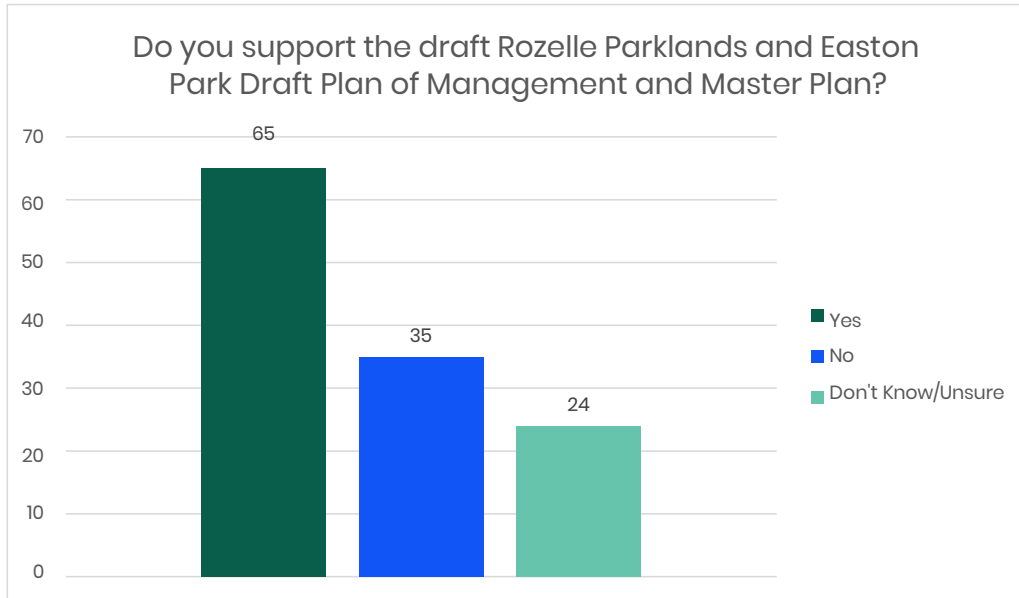
Most respondents lived in the 2040 and 2039 postcodes (Leichhardt, Lilyfield, and Rozelle), which together made up 47% of all respondents.

Council received a submission from Transport for NSW.



Summary of feedback

Quantitative Online Feedback





Rozelle Parklands Qualitative Feedback

We asked	You said
<p>Comment on the Rozelle Parklands Plan of Management and Masterplan <i>19 responses</i></p>	<p>Cycling (9 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Object to shared path, separation of cyclists and pedestrians leads to less conflict (four responses) • Object to removal of bike path on Lilyfield Road and want expedited priority to reinstate it (two responses) • Consultation with bike groups for design of bike paths (one response) • Suggest changing entrance to park to Lamb Street to improve cyclist safety (one response) • Suggest creating a cycling education hub and training circuit (one response) <p>Parking (4 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against angle parking at expense of cycleway and active transport users on Lilyfield Road (two responses) • Support angle parking (two responses) but concern over parking for residents of Lilyfield Road (one response). <p>Traffic and access (10 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce speed limits to 30km/h along Lilyfield Road (one response) • Support intersection at Denison Street (two responses). Improve intersection at Gordon Street and Lilyfield Road for safety of cyclists (two responses) • Improve access from Parklands to Brenan Street (one response) and Rozelle Bay Light Rail stop (one response) • Support for proposed roundabout (one response) • Support pedestrian crossing, suggest additional crossings too. Suggest this intervention be high priority due to current unsafe crossing (8 responses)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve footpath on Lilyfield Road toward Leichhardt (one response) <p style="text-align: center;">Street furniture (5 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest more shade structures over seating, playground, and gym equipment (3 responses) • Suggest more bins (one response) • Suggest more water fountains (one response) <p>Terrace Houses (80-84 Lilyfield Road) and activation (5 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for terrace houses to be used for food and beverage, entertainment or community use (3 responses) • Support for a café and pop-up markets in the Parklands (2 responses) <p style="text-align: center;">Sports grounds (6 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to all weather synthetic turf (2 responses) • Support natural turf cricket wicket (one response) • Suggest basketball and tennis courts (one response) • Suggest changerooms provided (one response) • Suggest AFL NSW be added as licenced user (one response) <p style="text-align: center;">Trees (3 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest more shade trees (two responses) • Support more screening along City West Link (one response) and fig trees along Lilyfield Road (one response) <p style="text-align: center;">Toilets (2 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest more toilets, notably near play area (2 responses)
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We asked	You said
<p data-bbox="320 495 587 607">Please let us know why you do not support.</p> <p data-bbox="320 611 472 640">26 responses</p>	<p data-bbox="847 495 1129 524">Cycling (15 respondents)</p> <ul data-bbox="687 528 1329 853" style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to shared path, want line markings and segregation to remain to avoid conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists (12 responses) • Opposed to removal of bike path on Lilyfield Road (4 responses) • Suggest line markings to separate cyclists and pedestrians on bridge over City West Link (1 response) • Suggest bike path along south of Parklands for commuters travelling to/from Rozelle Bay Light Rail stop and Anzac Bridge (1 response) <p data-bbox="847 891 1129 920">Parking (9 respondents)</p> <ul data-bbox="687 925 1329 1099" style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to angle parking at the expense of the bike lane on Lilyfield Road (7 responses) and prioritises private car use over active and public transport (1 response) • Opposed to coach parking location due to noise pollution it causes residents (1 response) <p data-bbox="756 1137 1220 1167">Traffic and connectivity (5 respondents)</p> <ul data-bbox="687 1171 1329 1379" style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce speed on Lilyfield Road to 30km/h (2 responses) • Suggest better connection to Parklands from Denison Road including a pedestrian crossing at intersection with Lilyfield Road (2 responses) • Suggest better connection between Rozelle Bay Light Rail stop and White Bay bus stops (1 response) <p data-bbox="847 1417 1129 1447">Trees (3 respondents)</p> <ul data-bbox="687 1451 1329 1536" style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest more trees, especially along paths, for shade and to support urban ecology and climate change mitigation (3 responses)



	<p>Strategy (2 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan is too car centric and fails to follow Council strategies on sustainability and active transport (2 responses) <p>Inclusion (1 respondent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest consideration for elderly by including quiet passive areas away from cyclists (1 response) <p>Playgrounds (1 respondent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest waterplay areas as it can get very hot (1 response) <p>Furniture (2 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More seating and benches facing the city to enjoy the view (1 response) Suggest more shade structures (1 response) <p>Activation (1 respondent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest café or food trucks to encourage longer stays (1 response)
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We asked	You said
<p>Please let us know why you don't know/are unsure. <i>12 responses</i></p>	<p>Urban Ecology, Biodiversity and Trees (4 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan of Management lacks alignment with Council's Biodiversity Strategy and Community Strategic Planning Statement and should enhance biodiversity corridor and increase urban forests as a key link to surrounding green spaces (1 response) Increase tree planting, mid-storey and ground cover planting along pathways and along City West Link to support biodiversity, reduce urban heat island effect, encourage walking and to provide a visual and noise barrier to the City West Link (3 responses) Retain natural turf sports grounds (1 response) Implement Water Sensitive Urban Design treatments (1 response)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest separating incompatible uses like dog off leash area and wetlands (1 response) <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle (7 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposed to shared path, example of Bay Run cited as to best practice, separating cyclists and pedestrians (6 responses) Against removal of bike path on Lilyfield Road and lack of clarity when new bike path will be delivered on the Road (2 responses) Suggest allowing cycling near playgrounds to allow families to arrive by bike (1 response). Support bike lane on Gordon Street (1 response) <p style="text-align: center;">Parking (2 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposed to angle parking at the cost of bike path on Lilyfield Road. Should instead be encouraging active and public transport use (2 responses) <p style="text-align: center;">Traffic (1 respondent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support proposed pedestrian crossings (1 response) Improve Gordon Street intersection with Lilyfield Road (1 response) Suggest lowering speed limit to 30km/h on Lilyfield Road (1 response) <p style="text-align: center;">Playgrounds (1 respondent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest water play park (1 response) <p style="text-align: center;">Sports ground (1 respondent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require all weather sporting grounds in local area (1 response)
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Easton Park Qualitative Feedback

We asked	You said
<p>Comment on the Easton Park Plan of Management and Masterplan</p> <p><i>7 responses</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of 30km/h speed limit to improve the safety around Easton Park (one response) • Encouraged use of active transport (one response) • Upgrades to the entrances, playground and amenities block in Easton Park (one response) • Support for the improvements outlined in the Masterplan including the community garden, water play and greenspace (one response)

We asked	You said
<p>Please let us know why you do not support.</p> <p><i>8 responses</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to removing bike lanes to accommodate additional parking (3 responses) • Preservation of cycleways as an active transport method (3 responses) • Inclusion of a pickup and drop off area and parking controls to ensure residents still have access to parking (1 response) • Concerns to moving from a separated cycleway to a shared path (1 response)

We asked	You said
<p>Please let us know why you don't know/are unsure.</p> <p><i>8 responses</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional changes to increase biodiversity and generate a green corridor. (1 response) • Reduction of the off-leash space within Rozelle Parklands due to size of Easton Park off-leash space. (1 response) • Support for safe cycleways (1 response) • Additional facilities for the elderly (1 response) • Reduce focus on parking (1 response) • Support for pedestrian crossings (1 response)



Email Feedback

You said
<p style="text-align: center;">Cycling infrastructure (33 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 respondents were against changing the current line markings on the bike path in Rozelle Parklands to a shared path, citing that it is not best-practice and will increase conflicts between pedestrians and commuter cyclists. Some suggest even further separation between pedestrians and cyclists would be better describing the paths as too narrow to accommodate both users. This could be achieved with the use of planter boxes or a completely new path. One respondent agreed with making it a shared path, suggesting cyclists would travel at safer speeds. • 21 respondents referenced cycle paths on the surrounding streets and roads. Eight respondents were opposed to the removal of the bike path markings on Lilyfield Road and want this reinstated in the design as a separated bike path along the length of the Road. Five respondents supported the plans for a separated bike path on Gordon Street. Many wanted cycling advocacy groups to be consulted in the design of both of these and also asked for prompt delivery of the bike paths. • 8 respondents were concerned that the Plan of Management did not adequately align with Council resolutions, strategies and studies. Some respondents felt it didn't adequately address the previous engagement outcomes report to improve cycling infrastructure. Others felt it contravened Council policies to deliver separated cycle paths and the prioritisation of active transport over private car use.
<p style="text-align: center;">Traffic, footpaths and crossings (23 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 respondents supported the raised pedestrian crossings, nine respondents expressed the need for additional crossings suggesting locations along Lilyfield Road such as Denison Street, Cecily Street, Foucart Street, Gordon Street intersections. • 12 respondents supported a reduction in vehicle speed limit along Lilyfield Road, eight of these recommended this be reduced to 30km/h and one suggested going down to 10km/h along the stretch of the Road between the parks to encourage a pedestrian friendly environment. • 11 respondents made comments regarding other traffic interventions including supporting traffic calming measures, improved intersections for pedestrian and cyclist safety and support for curb extensions. • 7 respondents referred to footpaths, some supporting the proposed improvements and others suggesting better connectivity and improvement to surrounding streets



<p>such as Catherine and Brenan Street and Robert Street. Some also mentioned improved crossing of, and pedestrian shortcuts to and from, the Rozelle Bay Light Rail stop.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Parking (18 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 respondents were against angle parking along Lilyfield Road, suggesting its addition would remove the existing bike path and encourages private car use over active and public transport which contravenes Council's plans and strategies. Four respondents supported angle parking, and one suggested increasing it to both sides of the Road. • 3 respondents mentioned the bus bays, one supported them, one suggested they not be made permanent in place of parking, one suggested an increase from 2 to 4 to encourage shared transport to the site. • Other suggestions from respondents included set down zones for sports drop offs, parking limits that align with match and training schedules, additional parking near Balmain Road for team equipment set down, and the prioritisation of disability access parking and EV charging.
<p style="text-align: center;">Trees and natural areas (13 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 respondents supported more tree planting, and three supported the fig tree avenue on Lilyfield Road. Nine respondents suggested further tree planting for shade, along pathways, along the perimeter with City West Link and generally more plantings including for the wetlands. Four mentioned the yarning circle could benefit from more trees, a community garden, a bushtucker garden and better connectivity.
<p style="text-align: center;">Sporting grounds (6 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 respondents made suggestions about the operation of the sporting grounds, these included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incompatibility of football to play with hard cricket pitches on the ground - Rozelle Parklands oval should accommodate two football fields when not in use for AFL - Line markings and goal post footings should be implemented to enable quick conversion between sports - Sporting grounds should have clear demarcation from general community space, including signage - Competition grade lighting should be installed for each playing field, minimum of 200 lux - Bookable hours should be extended



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 respondents referenced all weather playing field, two opposed and another suggesting the Plan of Management should reference the delivery of one in Rozelle Parklands should the one in Callan Park not go ahead. • 1 response was in support of the pickleball court, one response was against fencing the sporting ground and one response was against the use of the Parklands for sporting use at all.
<p>Dogs (5 respondents)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 respondents wanted a fenced dog off-leash area, one suggested the proposal was inadequate for the quantity of local dogs and suggested a fence along Denison Street in Easton Park. Two respondents requested no dog off-leash areas near sporting grounds.
<p>Terrace Houses (80-84 Lilyfield Road) (5 respondents)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 respondents wanted these buildings to be retained and used for community purposes such as a bike hub or equivalent. One respondent requested it be licenced venue, like a pub, and one resident was opposed to it being a pub or a hotel.
<p>Parkland Management (1 respondent)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 respondent wanted Council to leave the care, control and management of the Rozelle Parklands with the NSW Government citing the difficulties the site has presented to the community and the financial burden Council will incur by taking it on • 1 respondent noted the process of annual reassessment of priorities in delivering the Plan of Management's implementation strategy casts doubt on how many of the proposed improvements will be delivered • 1 respondent raised concern over capacity of Inner West Council to manage and maintain Rozelle Parklands
<p>Street furniture (4 respondents)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few respondents requested more shade structures generally, park seating with shade, more drinking fountains with shade, and more bins.



<p>Easton Park (4 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 respondents had suggestions for the Easton Park amenities block which are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ include storage ○ include canteen facilities ○ include separate public toilet to player changerooms ○ locate proximal to playing field ○ do not support outdoor decking BBQ area as location impinges on informal use of hill for practice and spectators ○ do not support pop up cafe or market stalls in Easton Park • Other respondents supported the path to the south of the field and the community garden.
<p>Play equipment and playgrounds (3 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 respondent supported the water play in Easton Park, another suggested additional water play area in Rozelle Parklands to deal with summer heat. One responded requested more classic play equipment over modern or innovative designs.
<p>Public Transport (2 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 responded would like to see a bus stop on Lilyfield Road somewhere near the parks, another suggested that public transport should be promoted as the primary access method to the parks with adequate signage to support.
<p>Themes from Petition / Template email (36 respondents)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council should leave the care, control and management of the Rozelle Parklands with the NSW Government • Support for the installation of two new raised pedestrian crossings at Easton Park and Ryan Street. • Support the protection of existing trees and the planting of additional shade trees in Rozelle Parklands and a new Figtree Avenue for Easton Park. • Support for a community and bushtucker garden in Easton Park • Support for the proposal to convert excess road space into space for pedestrians.



Transport for NSW Submission Summary

Inner West Council received a submission from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on 6 February 2025. Below is a summary of the submission's key points;

- Include parking close to the proposed multi-purpose sports court, BBQ facilities and picnic tables to improve access for people with mobility issues
- TfNSW Cycleway Design Toolbox typically prefers separating people walking and people cycling
- Supports traffic calming measures with opportunities to improve footpath treatments, kerbs, and pedestrian and cyclist crossings along Lilyfield Road and into the parks
- Supports improvements to access to the north of Rozelle Parklands with further opportunities for improvement from Brenan Street via Whites Creek path including the addition of a pedestrian crossing
- Reconsider the use of Fig trees as their roots can damage subterranean utilities and consider including them on the verge to provide more shade for shared path
- Support for natural turf as it better supports heat mitigation
- Suggest inclusive signage to Rozelle Bay Light Rail stop
- Suggest shade structures over multi-purpose courts to protect from heat

Next steps

This engagement outcomes report will be presented to Council for consideration along with the updated draft Plan of Management for Rozelle Parklands and Easton Park. The accompanying Council Report will address the community concerns raised in this report.



Mort Bay Park upgrade (Stage two)

Engagement Outcomes Report

20 November to Friday 20 December 2024



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Summary

From 22 November to 20 December 2024, the community was invited to provide feedback on upgrading the facilities at Mort Bay Park.

During the engagement period 1,093 people visited the Your Say project page and 40 people attended an on-site drop-in session.

A total of 68 participants completed the online survey, 7 emails were received, and 67 comments were provided at the on-site drop-in session.

Overall, there was support for the proposed improvements at Mort Bay Park except for the installation of table tennis tables, with the majority of comments not supporting this proposal.

Project background

As part of Council's annual Capital Works Program, Mort Bay Park playground was identified as being in poor condition and a budget was allocated in the 2024/25 capital works budget to upgrade the playground.

In August and September 2024, the community was invited to provide feedback on the scheduled playground upgrade. Where possible, the feedback received was incorporated into the upgrade with construction scheduled for March 2025.

In October 2024, Council resolved to invest up to \$2 million to upgrade the facilities at Mort Bay Park and include the following improvements:

- Playground upgrade to include waterplay and shade sails
- A new toilet near the playground and ferry wharf
- Fixing park drainage and muddy areas
- Improving lighting throughout the park to make night-time use safer
- Table tennis tables
- Picnic tables
- BBQs
- Seating
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Progressing water and sediment quality testing to allow a swim site.

On 30 November 2024, the community was invited to provide their thoughts on the above improvements and if anything else was a priority for Mort Bay Park.



Promotion and engagement methods

Promotion method	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on Your Say Inner West	1,093 people viewed the project page
Emails to key stakeholders	1,122 registered members on the Your Say Inner West platform 20 people who provided feedback during the playground engagement
Council's social media	1 Instagram and 1 Facebook post <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 17,978 people reached - 100 likes - 9 shares
Posters	5 posters on site
Flyers	2,318 households surrounding Mort Bay Park

Engagement method	Stakeholders engaged
Online survey	68 surveys completed
Direct contact from residents	7 emails from individuals
On-site drop in session	40 attendees with 67 comments received



Who did we hear from?

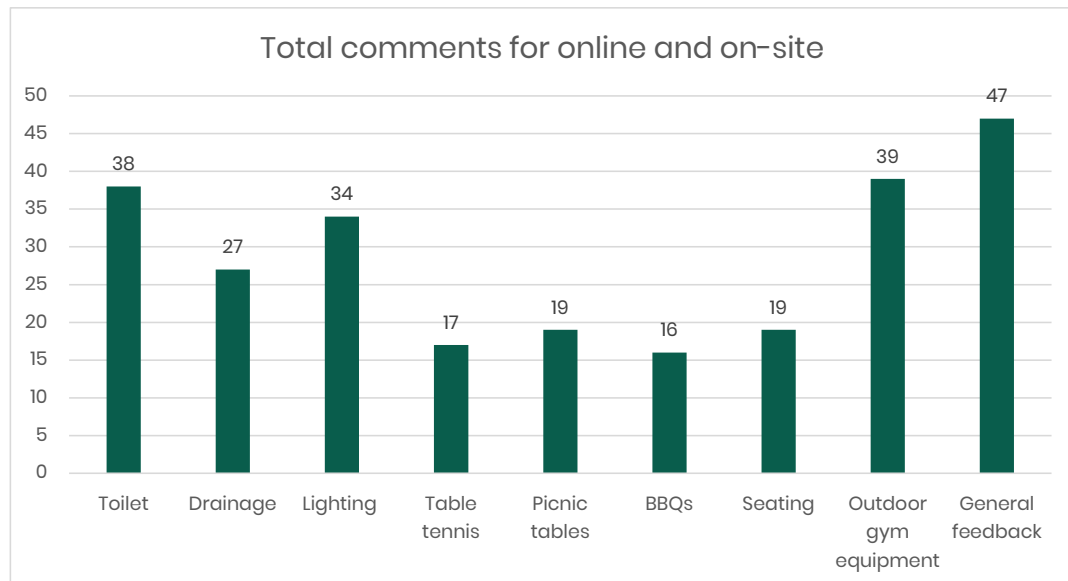
The online survey also asked participants if they lived close by. 51% lived a couple of blocks away, 27% adjacent to Mort Bay Park and 22% further away.

Summary of feedback

Engagement method – online survey and on-site drop in session

The online survey and the on-site drop in session asked participants to provide comments on the following improvements or to give general feedback:

- A new toilet near the playground and ferry wharf
- Fixing park drainage and muddy areas
- Improving lighting throughout the park to make night-time use safer
- Table tennis tables
- Picnic tables
- BBQs
- Seating
- Outdoor gym equipment.



Staff have reviewed all comments and key themes mentioned more than twice have been included below. Feedback has been separated into the improvements.



A new toilet near the playground and ferry wharf	
You said	Council response
Support. 31 comments	Noted.
Do not support. The existing toilet on McKell Street is adequate and if there is a new toilet it must be locked at sunset. There is concern about anti-social behaviour. 4 comments	Noted.
The new toilet should be accessible, clean and visible. The design should also suit the environment. 3 comments	Noted -Feedback will be incorporated into the design where possible.

Fixing park drainage and muddy areas	
You said	Council response
Support. Areas of path (near McKell St) can be impossible to walk on after rain. 20 comments	Council will investigate poor draining and muddy areas and aim to rectify these issues where possible.
Mud is part of the characteristics of a park and kids love to play in the mud. 3 comments	Noted.
Ensure existing pathways and trees/plants are retained 2 comments	Noted. All existing trees and plants will be retained and protected during construction.
When fixing the mud problem to investigate low cost and 'soft' option. 2 comments	Where possible, suitable plantings and other 'soft' options will be implemented during the design to rectify poor draining areas.



Improving lighting throughout the park to make night-time use safer	
You said	Council response
Support 25 comments	Noted.
Ensure that the existing lights are working, in particular path lighting adjacent to the basketball court and prune tree branches which are blocking the light. 6 comments	Council will conduct a lighting audit of the pathway lighting and proceed with rectification of identified lighting issues.
Install cameras for surveillance, including for vandalism and tree poisoning. 2 comments	At this stage, adding cameras is not part of the scope. Council's Urban Forest team have been notified of potential tree poisoning.
Do not support additional lighting due to impacts on wildlife 2 comments	Noted. Natural areas designated for wildlife habitats will not be lit at night.

Table tennis	
You said	Council response
Do not support due to concerns of clutter, noise and potential underuse. 9 comments	Noted
Support. 5 comments	Noted.

Picnic tables	
You said	Council response
Support. 9 comments	Noted.
Shelter for picnic tables 2 comments	Noted. Council will investigate design options and incorporate feedback where possible.
Ensure the open space is maintained. 2 comments	Noted. Council will investigate design options and incorporate feedback where possible.



Do not support due to sufficient grass area for sitting. 2 comments	Noted.
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BBQs	
You said	Council response
Support 11 Comments	Noted.
Do not support due to hygiene and concerns of vermin. 4 comments	Noted.
Concerns on food litter and dog eating food scraps. 3 comments	Council will investigate design locations to include the BBQs within a dog on leash area. Dogs are not allowed within 10m of BBQs and in the event this occurs, it can be reported to Council's Companion Animal Officers to investigate.

Seating	
You said	Council response
Support 14 comments	Noted.
Do not support as there is enough seating and concerns of impact on the open space. 3 comments	Noted.

Outdoor gym equipment	
You said	Council response
Support 9 comments	Noted.
Do not support due to concerns of underuse and potential injuries. 5 comments	Noted
Equipment should be simple (e.g pull up bars and dips) 3 comments	Council will investigate design options and incorporate feedback where possible.



General feedback	
You said	Council response
Upgrade the existing basketball court to multi-purpose court by adding pickle ball lines and a tennis practice wall. 5 comments	Noted. Council will investigate feasibility and incorporate feedback where possible and if funding is available.
Request to retain dogs off leash area, add more poo bag stations and a fence for the dogs off-leash area to prevent dogs from running into the playground. Signage is need to remind owners to keep dog barking to a minimum. 8 comments	Noted. The signage request will be passed onto the relevant officers to action.
Bins are often over filled and not emptied often enough. 2 comments	Noted. This will be passed onto the relevant officer to investigate and action.
Receptacles for fishing lines and hooks and clear signages 3 comments	Noted. This will be passed onto the relevant officer to investigate and action.
Plantings near McKell Street need to be tidied and maintained to make the paths safe. 2 comments	Noted. This will be passed onto the Parks operations team to action.
Request for a café or food truck to operate in the Park 3 comments	Noted. Ths will be passed to Parks Planning and Property Services to investigate feasibility.
Support for swim site 5 comments	Noted. This is being considered as a separate activity.

Emails

A total of seven emails were received and staff have reviewed all emails.

Of the seven, three supported the upgrade to Mort Bay Park. Other emails included support for table tennis, pickleball instead of table tennis and concerns on the delay of the Mort Bay swim site.



Next steps

The community feedback received will be reported to the February Council meeting.

Where possible, feedback will be incorporated into the design for the upgrade works.

The concept plan will be made available on the Your Say Inner West project page once concept plan is finalised. Delivery of the upgrade works is scheduled for completion by June 2026

Water quality testing for the proposed Mort Bay Park swim site is scheduled to commence in the near future. Council will notify the community prior to commencing design options for a future swim site.

Everyone who provided feedback will be kept up to date with the project.

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Improving Hinsby Park, Annandale



Engagement Outcomes Report

4 October – 11 November 2024



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Summary

At its meeting on 3 September 2024, Council resolved to consult with local community about Hinsby Park, Annandale. As a result, from 4 October to 11 November 2024, the community was invited to provide feedback on improvements to Hinsby Park.

During the engagement period 441 people visited the Your Say project page.

The community was asked to add a pin to the park's map and provide suggestions on improvements and report on traffic issues. Thirty-four contributors added 80 pins to the map. Sixty-two pins related to park improvements and 18 pins related to traffic issues.

Twenty-six provided feedback via email, and 80 people attended a drop-in information session.

Key suggestions for improvements included:

1. Upgrading the playground and Softfall.
2. Addressing traffic issues causing unsafe pedestrian movement around the park
3. The addition of toilets.
4. Better compliance to dog on leash rules to create safe distances to children and the playground.
5. Upgrading and maintaining the grassed area.



Project background

At its meeting on 3 September 2024 Council resolved to consult with local community about potential improvements to the park and improving traffic management around the park (C0924(1) Item 45). The results are to be reported to a Council meeting.

The community was consulted between 4 October and 11 November 2024. The consultation included an in-person information session in the park, a Your Say Inner West project page with a map for suggestions, and the option to provide feedback via email and phone.

60 individual community members provided feedback through the various methods.



Promotion and engagement methods

Promotion method	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on Your Say Inner West	441 people viewed the project page.
Emails to key stakeholders	973 registered members on the Your Say Inner West platform
Letters to residents	Flyers were delivered to residents within a 400m radius of Hinsby Park
Posters and/or postcards	6 posters were put up in Hinsby Park
Onsite information session	80 people attended the onsite information session on October 30.

Engagement method	Stakeholders engaged
Social map with an outline of the park.	34 individual contributors left 80 pin drops and comments on the social pinpoint map
Direct contact from residents	26 emails from individuals



Summary of feedback

Feedback was received through the mapping tool on the Your Say page and email. This feedback has been organised into themes and is outlined below. The top 5 suggestions were:

1. Upgrading the playground and Softfall.
2. Addressing traffic issues causing unsafe pedestrian movement around the park
3. The addition of toilets.
4. Better compliance to dog on leash rules to create safe distances to children and the playground.
5. Upgrading and maintaining the grassed area.

Online and email feedback

Online feedback received on Your Say Inner West and email responses have been combined to understand the overarching themes.

Park related responses.

Theme	Comments
Playground (34)	A significant number of comments mentioned improvements are required to the Softfall surface in the playground, including levelling it for safety. Many mentioned a general upgrade to sections of the playground is required for a variety of reasons including the safety of younger children and catering to a wider range of age groups. Several comments suggested a water play area, with others mentioning the addition of nature play areas, trampolines and sand pits. More equipment generally was requested to cater to the heavy use of the playground currently. Some residents requested more shade over the play equipment.
Toilets (19)	Thirteen residents suggested including a toilet in the park for the use by small children and also birthday parties. Six residents explicitly were against toilets and were concerned that they would bring additional issues and undesirable behaviour to the park mentioning that most park users live locally.



Dogs (17)	Most residents wanted no dogs off-leash and better signage so that dogs remain at a distance to the playground. Some wanted no dogs permitted at all while one wanted it to be off-leash at particular times and another wanted a fenced off-leash area.
Grass (17)	A large number of community members mentioned the state of the grass, stating it needs improvement becomes dusty. Many suggested re-turfing and better maintenance. One suggested replacing with landscaping. Two mentioned replacing with synthetic turf, while one was specifically against this.
Sporting courts (12)	Several residents requested a basketball hoop and mini court. One noted the existing netball ring does not get used. Other community members did not want a basketball court, citing noise concerns and lack of space. Requests for soccer goals, exercise equipment and table tennis were also made.
Fence and gate (12)	Many community members wanted the park fully enclosed by the fence to prevent children and unrestrained dogs from running on to the road. One person suggested the fence needed replacing. Some residents requested gates be placed where there are none and mentioned that those that were there were too low, heavy and hard to open.
Furniture (10)	Many residents requested more seating, benches and picnic tables. They also requested an upgrade to more modern furniture.
Waste management (7)	More bins were requested, including recycling bins. Some comments mentioned that the bins are in bad condition and are regularly overflowing after the weekend and parties. A request for more dog waste bags was made, with one person mentioning that the existing ones are located too close to the playground.
Heritage and war memorial (7)	Several residents mentioned the war memorial, one suggested moving it to create more space, another suggested adding acknowledgement of indigenous Australians, and some suggested a refresh and better maintenance. Two mentioned preserving the sandstone wall surrounding the park.



Landscaping (7)	A few residents mentioned improving and adding more landscaped areas in the park and better maintenance. Some mentioned focusing on native plantings to support local biodiversity.
Trees (5)	Comments suggested removing the dead tree in the park but generally retaining the existing trees with one person requesting better maintenance of the trees.
Lighting (5)	Five community members mentioned that lighting in the park could use improvement, citing safety concerns for very early and late users.
Biodiversity (3)	Community members suggested the addition of a native beehive or possum and bird boxes in the park.
Community Garden (3)	Several residents suggested a community garden.
Bike path (3)	Three residents mentioned expanding the path to allow for children to ride their bikes around the park.
Water fountain (2)	Two residents suggested improving the existing water fountain.

Traffic related responses

Theme	Comments
Traffic (19)	Eleven residents mentioned the surrounding streets were dangerous to cross, citing poor visibility due to parked cars and high travel speeds. Many suggested a raised pedestrian crossing and traffic calming measures. Some mentioned the streets are used to avoid the traffic lights on Johnston Steet and suggestions included making them one way and conducting a traffic safety audit at peak times (after school). Three residents mentioned expanding the school drop off zone.
Parking (5)	Several residents mentioned a lack of parking in the area which they attribute to locals parking trailers and boats long term. Other suggestions included creating line markings for parallel parking on View Street and removing some parking spots along the park to improve visibility for safe pedestrian crossing.



Onsite information sessions

An onsite information session was held at Hinsby Park on 30 October from 3-6pm. Approximately 80 community members attended the session. Council officers were in attendance to answer any questions and prompt residents to provide written feedback via the Your Say Inner West page.



Next steps

This report will be reported to Council, as per Council resolution, for consideration and decision-making. All those who provided feedback will be notified when the report is considered by Council.

Traffic and parking related comments have been taken into consideration for the Annandale Local Area Traffic Management plan.



Aboriginal names for Inclusive Playgrounds

Engagement Outcomes Report

27 November 2024 to 17 January 2025

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Summary

In 2018, Council resolved to adopt dual naming of Council wards with Aboriginal names. The following Aboriginal names adopted:

- Ashfield – Djarrawunang (Magpie)
- Balmain – Baludarri (Leather jacket)
- Leichhardt – Gulgadya (Grass Tree)
- Marrickville – Midjuburi (Lillypilly)
- Stanmore – Damun (Port Jackson Fig)

In 2024, Council asked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee for advice on naming of parks or ovals with Aboriginal names. The Committee advised that naming the newly redeveloped inclusive playgrounds with Aboriginal names would be appropriate.

At its meeting on 12 November 2024, Council endorsed in principle the naming of the new inclusive Inner West playgrounds, as recommended by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee.

From 27 November 2024 to 17 January 2025, the community was invited to provide feedback on the proposal to adopt the following names:

- Baludarri Playground at King George Park, Rozelle
- Gulgadya Playground at Richard Murden Reserve, Haberfield
- Djarrawunang Playground at Yeo Park, Ashfield
- Damun Playground at Camperdown Park, Camperdown
- Midjuburi Playground at Steel Park, South Marrickville.

During the engagement period 379 people visited the Your Say project page.

35 participants completed the online survey.

63% of survey respondents supported the naming proposals. One person had no opinion, and the balance (34%) were opposed. Of the four people who emailed Council, one was supportive, one sought additional information, and two were opposed.

Project background

Through 2023/24 Council developed, exhibited, and adopted a new *Naming Policy*. Council's *Naming Policy* provides guidance and direction for the naming of parks and



ovals that are either owned or under the care and control of Inner West Council. Connection to Country through language, cultural practice and long held relationships are intrinsically connected to identity for Aboriginal peoples and are allowed for in the *Naming Policy*.

The *Naming Policy* encourages the use of Aboriginal language names where such a name is both dignified and appropriate, particularly thematic names such as language for flora or fauna. The use of Aboriginal place names through the dual naming process is also a commitment in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan which aims to recognise Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The *Naming Policy* states that "a dual naming system may be used when a non-Aboriginal assigned geographical name already exists for a place of physical and environmental significance to the local Aboriginal community or the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. The use of Aboriginal naming for Council's wards is such an example".

With the Council *Naming Policy* guidance in mind, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was consulted on dual naming in 2024 and considered Council's direction to reflect on ovals and parks with significance to Aboriginal peoples. The Committee also considered how best to balance the *Naming Policy* principles of "uniqueness, dignity, and appropriateness".

The Committee noted that a variety of Aboriginal names are in use for local parks and reserves in the Inner West, but that there are no major parks or ovals with physical and environmental significance for local Aboriginal people or that suggest an obvious Aboriginal name. There are already a number of Council parks and reserves that have Aboriginal or dual names, or are named for Aboriginal people.

The Committee advises Council that one approach to dual naming would be to use the Aboriginal ward names which have been in place since 2018. This has the advantage of building on the now widespread use of these Aboriginal names and the connection to Country that this has engendered.

On 12 November 2024, Council adopted this advice, and the principle of naming five redeveloped Inclusive Playgrounds with the names of the relevant Council wards:

- Baludarri Playground at King George Park, Rozelle
- Gulgadya Playground at Richard Murden Reserve, Haberfield
- Djarrawunang Playground at Yeo Park, Ashfield
- Damun Playground at Camperdown Park, Camperdown
- Midjuburi Playground at Steel Park, South Murrumbidgee.



This is the report of the community engagement on this Council resolution.

Promotion and engagement methods

Promotion method	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on Your Say Inner West	379 people viewed the project page
Emails to key stakeholders	1,087 registered members on the Your Say Inner West platform

Engagement method	Stakeholders engaged
Online survey	35 surveys completed
Direct contact from residents	4 emails from individuals

Who did we hear from?

The 35 respondents to the Your Say survey were drawn from across the Inner West. 19 were male, four female, one non-binary, and the balance provided no information. Respondents ages represented a broad spread of year of birth, the oldest respondent was born in 1935 and the youngest in 2000. Eight respondents were from diverse backgrounds, and two were Aboriginal people.

Summary of feedback

Your Say online survey

The majority of respondents were in favour of the proposed Aboriginal naming of the Inclusive Playgrounds. Typical feedback in support of the proposal included:

- I wholeheartedly support dual naming where it has been endorsed as appropriate by the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- 'Reconciliation' starts with kids and this initiative promotes the recognition of ATSI presence still not just some footnote on history



- As an Aboriginal person living in the Inner West, this is a step I strongly support
- I think this is a great idea. Thank you for supporting.
- The very least we can do to pay respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands is to use First Nations language or titles for locations. They are also beautiful languages that reflect our beautiful parklands much better than any bland colonial title.
- We must support and honour Aboriginal peoples of Australia.

Typical feedback in opposition to the proposal included:

- I think we just switch to the indigenous names. Dual name is pretty pointless.
- It's a waste of ratepayer's money
- I am totally opposed to this. This is not a majority aboriginal area - like it may be in remote pockets of Australia. This is just virtue signalling.
- It is unnecessary, expensive and divisive
- While I understand and appreciate the intention behind dual naming local parks and ovals in the Inner West, I believe this initiative should be weighed against the community's broader and more pressing priorities.
- I am not opposed to dual naming, as it can promote cultural awareness and recognition of traditional custodians. However, the cost of implementation falls to ratepayers, and more pressing priorities need attention. Issues like potholes, cracked pavements, and damaged infrastructure directly affect residents' safety and quality of life and should come first.
- This is deliberately divisive and manipulative, attempting to diminish the culture of the majority for the claimed culture of an extremely small minority

A typical comment from a respondent unsure about the proposal was:

The IWC needs to focus on priorities such as the upgrading of parks, in particular, Eve Sharpe Reserve and Montague Gardens. I have written to the IWC several times to find out when these parks will be upgraded and the proposed budget and have no response. Dual naming of Local Parks and Ovals is very nice, but the IWC needs to focus on what is the really important issues to ratepayers.



Email responses

Four responses were received by email:

- I'm all for a simpler life, and political correctness worries me. I'm also 74, so a bit of a troglodyte. Dual naming of wards, parks, playgrounds etc might seem like a cute idea, but does it make life better? Most people won't remember the more complicated Aboriginal names, so what benefit does this added complexity provide? I also spend time in Tasmania and the fad has got a bit out of hand down there. It seems LMC is going down the same path...I'm sure I'm a long-time resident with a minority view, but I can't see myself calling things any other than their post 1788 names.
- I just wanted to show support for this initiative. I think it's a great way to recognise country and continued custodianship of the lands we live on. And will encourage children and families to build their understanding of continuing local cultures and language.
- Seems like a good initiative but would be more meaningful if there was some information on why the ATSI group selected these names : what do they mean or refer to?
- Again this is just dividing the Australian people & local community. Why does Government, at all levels, insist on being divisive? If Council represents the local community, which has many cultures within it, then we should have one name for these places & one national flag not several. Should we have many names in Greek, Italian, etc for all places? Council's proposal is an insult to the community!! Government is supposed to unify not divide. Don't have multiple namesSTOP dividing the Local community

Next steps

Council will consider the views of the community when this proposal to adopt Aboriginal names for Inclusive Playgrounds returns for Council decision in February 2025.

If Council adopts the proposal, officers will then work with the Geographic Names Board of NSW to consult on the changes once more, and if the response is positive, the Board will recommend adoption to the relevant Minister.

All community members who provided feedback will be advised when the matter will be considered by Council.