

Project Scope - Ward Park Renewal, Surry Hills

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Summary

This report outlines the proposed scope of works for the renewal of Ward Park, Surry Hills. Ward Park has been identified as a part of the parks and playgrounds improvement program.

The project brief is to refurbish the park to create a high-quality, inclusive, and accessible open space. Mature trees will be retained, and improved irrigation will support the establishment of new turf. The renewal will enhance the overall amenity of the park by consolidating the playgrounds, replacing ageing play equipment, and upgrading paths, retaining walls, park furniture, and lighting.

A draft Concept Plan was on public exhibition from 31 March to 12 May 2025. A letter was distributed in the local area and the proposal was exhibited on the City's website. The proposed works are supported by the community.

The proposal includes a new and improved playground, upgraded park furniture and signage, and enhanced pathways to improve accessibility. It aims to create an inclusive, open space using simple, durable materials that reflect the character of the local neighbourhood. The proposal also includes improved lighting throughout the park to enhance safety and support extended use.

This report recommends that Council endorse the proposed scope of works for the renewal of Ward Park, Surry Hills.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the project scope for the Ward Park, Surry Hills renewal, as described in the subject report and shown in the revised Concept Plan as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation tender and construction; and
- (B) note the estimated financial implications as outlined in Confidential Attachment D to the subject report.

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Location Plan and Site Photos
- Attachment B.** Revised Concept Plan
- Attachment C.** Engagement Report
- Attachment D.** Financial Implications (Confidential)

Background

1. The City has an ongoing parks improvement program. This program is for parks which need upgrade, renewal or enhancement works, the replacement of end-of-life equipment, and to generally provide appropriate facilities for local residents.
2. Ward Park is a neighbourhood park located at 45 Marlborough Street, Surry Hills. It is bounded by NSW Homes residential properties (Northcott Towers) to the west, Devonshire Street with the Surry Hills Light Rail station to the north, Belvoir/Lansdowne Street to the south and Marlborough Street to the east (refer to Attachment A). The site is approximately 9,124sqm.
3. The land is owned by the City of Sydney.
4. Ward Park was identified for renewal due to the park's overall condition.
5. Ward Park is characterised as a neighbourhood park. It is currently used by children of all ages, residents and staff from local business. The Northcott Community Centre backs onto the park, and the Surry Hills Light Rail station borders its northern edge. Several of the park's major assets are at, or nearing, the end of their useful life. These include the playgrounds, irrigation system, retaining walls, and lighting infrastructures.

Concept Plan and Scope of Work

6. A draft concept design was developed for the works and community consultation undertaken from 31 March to 12 May 2025.
7. The draft Concept Design sets the overall layout. The key principles are:
 - (a) Rationalise park layout: rationalise turf areas, playground and path networks to balance the needs of park users, families and dog owners
 - (b) Improve accessibility and play spaces: consolidate play areas away and enhance accessibility
 - (c) Upgrade aging assets: replace outdated furniture and fixtures.
8. The proposal includes the following:
 - (a) new and improved playground
 - (b) improved park furniture and signage
 - (c) improved lighting throughout the park
 - (d) upgraded pathways for better accessibility
9. In response to community consultation the following will be further investigated during detailed design:
 - (a) additional fencing surrounding the playground and along key areas to help mitigate dogs running outside of the park
 - (b) additional tables and seating

- (c) equipment that could be utilised for both fitness and play
 - (d) additional garbage bins.
10. A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) will be lodged for the works in accordance with the Environmental Planning Assessment Act 1979 and the State Environment Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

11. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This plan is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 3 - Public places for all - this project will enhance accessibility and inclusivity, upgrading the park will make it more accessible and inclusive, ensuring it serves as a welcoming space for all community members which meets the needs of a variety of users and provides opportunities for social interaction.
 - (b) Direction 4 - Design excellence and sustainable development - this project is part of a wider program of renewal of parks and reserves across the city. It will provide an improved quality of open space. Incorporating sustainable materials and practices in the park's renewal, promoting environmental responsibility and resilience to climate change.
 - (c) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - this project will provide public play and gathering spaces for all ages and abilities. Fostering community engagement and creating spaces within the park that encourage social interaction and community activities, ensuring everyone feels welcome and included.

Organisational Impact

12. Upgrading the park assets in Ward Park will improve the quality of these existing assets and represent a mitigation of risk to the City. The assets will require ongoing maintenance.

Risks

13. Risks of not implementing the scope of these works include potential further failure of the retaining walls, playground equipment, failed irrigation, paving surfaces, non-compliant lighting and risk to the community.
14. This approach is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
 - (a) We acknowledge our responsibility to protect and enhance the social and environmental wellbeing of our community. Our risk appetite emphasises the integration of sustainable practices into infrastructure asset management, considering environmental impacts, climate change resilience and community engagement.

Social / Cultural / Community

15. The site is an important open space within the Surry Hills area where many people have limited access to outdoor areas within their own homes. The site is also used by workers during the daytime especially at lunchtime. Improving the amenity offering within the park represents an investment in this community, providing opportunities for people of different ages and abilities to use the reserve alongside each other.

Environmental

16. Protection and enhancement of the existing planting and trees through this work is in line with the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan.

Financial Implications

17. There are sufficient funds in the in the draft 2025/26 capital budget and forward estimates to complete the works included in this project. It is anticipated that the City's draft budget and future year forward estimates that form part of the Long Term Financial Plan will be approved by Council in the current reporting cycle.
18. Current project cost estimates and financial implications for the delivery of the Ward Park renewal are detailed in Confidential Attachment D. Construction cost estimates will be confirmed by a Quantity Surveyor prior to tender.

Relevant Legislation

19. Local Government Act 1993 - Section 10A provides that a council may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises the discussion of information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
20. Attachment D contains confidential commercial information which, if disclosed, would:
 - (a) confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
 - (b) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

21. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it would compromise Council's ability to negotiate fairly and commercially to achieve the best outcome for its ratepayers.
22. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
23. State Environment Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.
24. Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

25. Current Program Dates:

(a) Council consideration of Concept Design	June 2025
(b) Detailed Design	Mid 2025 - Mid 2026
(c) Tender	Mid - Late 2026
(d) Construction start	Early 2027
(e) Completion	Late 2027

Options

26. Proceed with the progression of the improvement works as outlined in this subject report including relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation, tender for construction.
27. Project does not proceed - this option is not recommended as the current condition of the reserve has a number of associated risk and compliance issues.

Public Consultation

28. Community consultation was undertaken as a 2-part process: early engagement (pre-consultation) and public consultation / exhibition. For a detailed description of the consultation process and findings refer to Attachment C.
29. An early engagement notification letter/email was issued to residents. A total of 81 submissions were received during the period. The purpose of the early engagement was to seek input from the community about how they used the space and how the reserve could be improved.

30. The public consultation involved the following:
- (a) Letters advertising the online feedback portal were distributed to the Surry Hills area. 2,400 letters were distributed.
 - (b) A webpage on SydneyYourSay showing the plans from 31 March to 12 May 2025. The page included an electronic copy of the concept design, survey and other key information about the consultation.
 - (c) A pop-up consultation feedback session was held in the reserve on Tuesday 8 April, 2025, 4pm to 5:30pm. City staff were available to answer questions and obtain feedback about the proposed concept plan. Respondents were also encouraged to view the plans and provide feedback on the Sydney Your Say website. Approximately 20 people attended the session.
 - (d) City staff attended the Lord Mayor's Surry Hills Social Housing Forum at the Northcott Community Centre on Thursday 10 April 2025 from 11am to 12:30pm
 - (e) City staff attended the Inner-City Network Meeting (community food and other support) at the Northcott Community Centre on Friday 11 April from 3pm.
 - (f) Specific reach out to the Boys and Girls Brigade who are regularly users of the park.
 - (g) An online feedback form.
 - (h) Four signs were placed in the park directing people online to leave their feedback.
31. There were 51 submissions received during the consultation period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 712 times during the consultation period. This included 20 submissions via email and 31 submissions via the online feedback form.
32. The proposal was well supported by the community and the responses highlighted that renewal of this park would increase the current use of the park. A summary and response to the key comments and suggestions are:
- (a) There were 13 requests for the installation of exercise equipment and more activities for older children, such as handball, netball, or basketball courts. While there are several large sporting facilities located nearby, space within the park is constrained and access is limited. The project team will review the feasibility of incorporating exercise equipment and additional activities for older children into Ward Park.
 - (b) There were requests for more tables and seating. The proposal has been updated to include a variety of seating options and locations, connecting the plaza to the park and incorporating several bench seats around the turf area. Additional opportunities for seating will be further investigated during detailed design.

- (c) There were 9 requests to improve fencing, including suggestions for barriers such as dense planting or fencing between the park and Devonshire Street to prevent dogs and children from running out, and for fully fencing the playground to keep children in and dogs out. Additional fencing has been included in the concept design to help mitigate these concerns. The feasibility of further fencing improvements will be reviewed during detailed design.
- (d) There were 3 requests to enhance the skate bowl in the park. The existing skate bowl has been reviewed, and while it will not be upgraded as part of this project, the asset will be retained in its current condition. It is recommended that it be removed and replaced once it reaches the end of its useful life.

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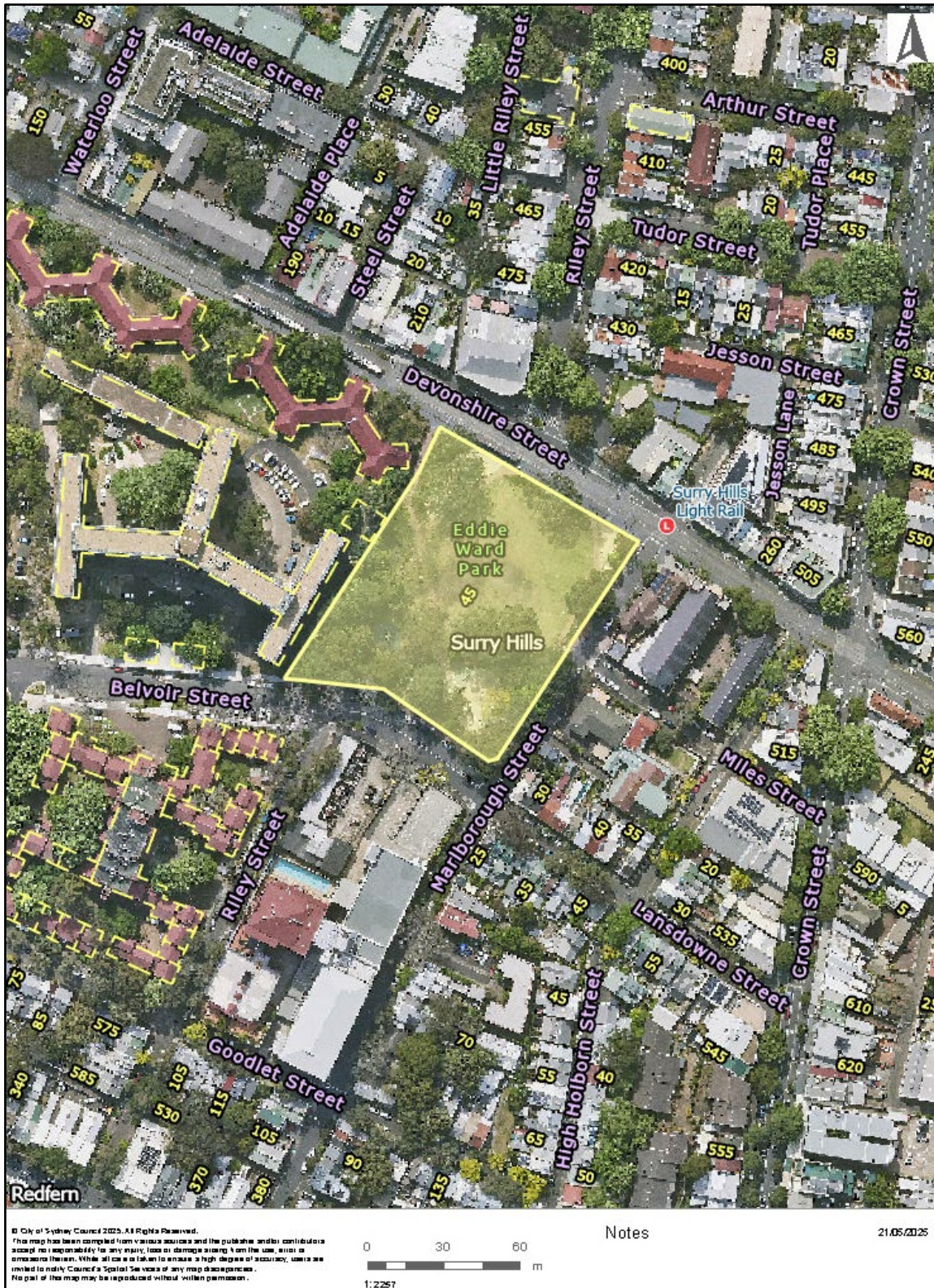
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Stephen Smith, Specialist Design Manager

Attachment A

Location Plan and Site Photos

(Eddie) Ward Park, 45 Marlborough Street, Surry Hills





Existing western playground looking north towards Northcott Towers and Devonshire Street – the playground equipment is at the end of its lifecycle. The site is overlooked from Northcott Towers.



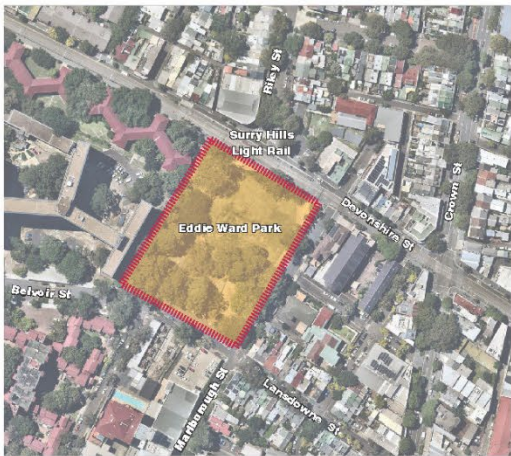
Looking northeast towards Lansdowne Street. Uneven paving cause by the trees. Turf areas segregated by paths.



Looking east towards Marlborough Street. Skate bowl and eastern playground separated from the path and turf. Playground equipment – the playground equipment is at the end of its lifecycle.

Attachment B

Revised Concept Plan



Location Plan

Background

The City of Sydney is continually upgrading our parks and playgrounds to enhance green spaces, improve accessibility, and support biodiversity.

The Eddie Ward Park (commonly referred to as Ward Park) upgrade includes new playgrounds, improved turf and irrigation, refurbished furniture and signage, upgraded lighting, and enhanced pathways to create a more welcoming and inclusive space.

We invite your feedback on the proposed concept design for Ward Park.



Artist impression of the Ward Park Renewal, Surry Hills



Indicative park seating



Indicative play equipment



Indicative turf areas



Indicative play equipment

Proposed Works



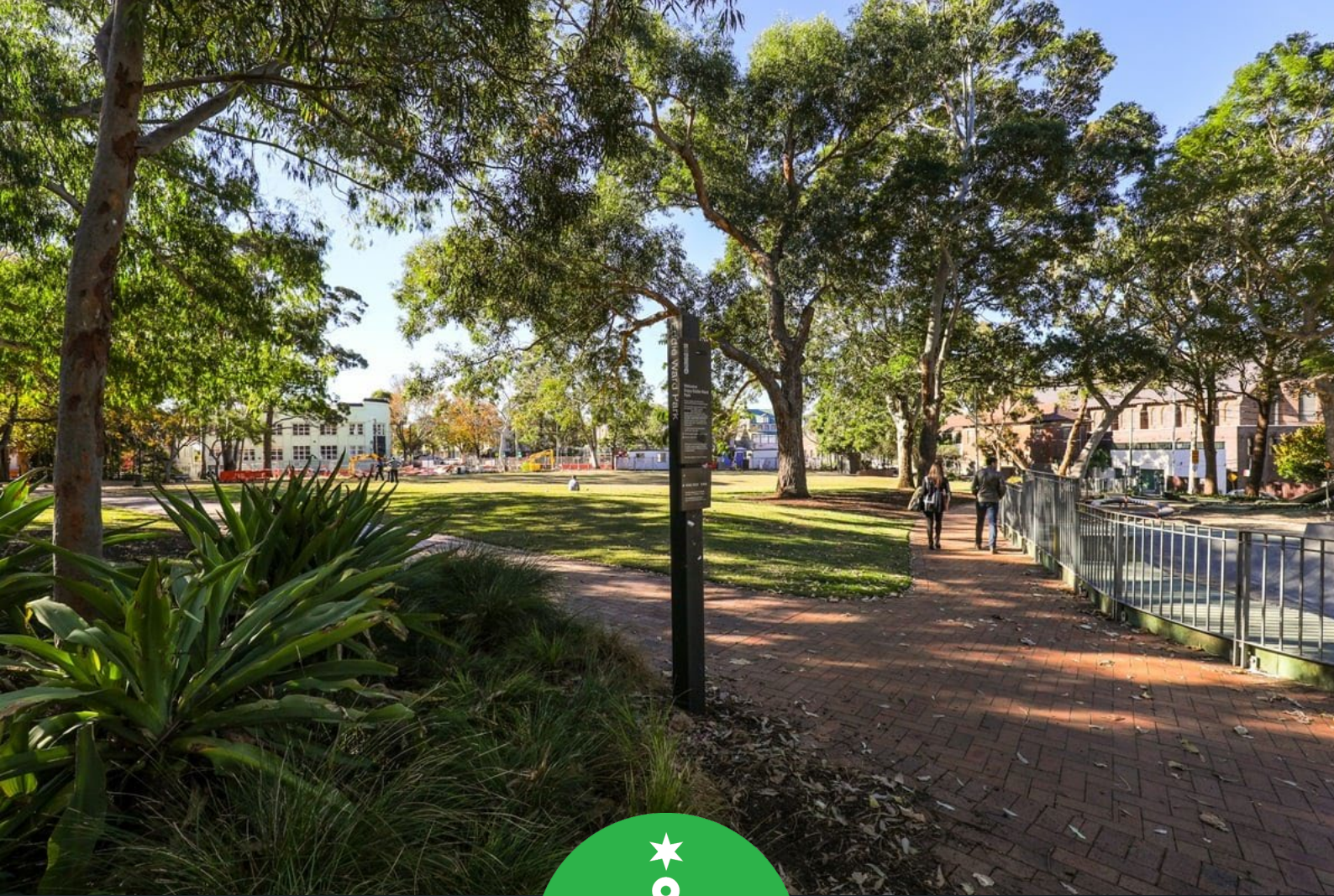
Legend

- Property boundary
- Lawn
- Deco
- Plaza paving
- Brick footpath
- Civic paving
- Mass planting
- 01 Amenities (existing)
- 02 Youth play area
- 03 Toddler/children play area
- 04 Skate (existing)
- 05 Seating wall/steps (existing)
- 06 Bench/seats
- 07 Picnic table
- 08 Ping Pong (relocated)
- 09 BBQ
- 10 Signage wall/lettering on gentle mound
- 11 Playground fencing
- 12 Water tank (existing)
- 13 Nature Play
- 14 Fencing



Attachment C

Engagement Report



Engagement report

Upgrading Ward Park, Surry Hills

June 2025

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Engagement summary

From 31 March to 12 May 2025, we asked the community for feedback on a concept plan to upgrade Ward Park, Surry Hills.

Consultation on the plan provided an opportunity for stakeholders and the community to review and comment on the design.

Consultation activities included:

- Letters to nearby residents and businesses
- project signage in the park
- a pop-up event in the park (attended by approximately 20 residents)
- a presentation at the Lord Mayor's Surry Hills Community Housing Forum
- a presentation Inner-City Network Meeting (community food and other support) at the Northcott Community Centre on Friday 11 April from 3pm.
- Specific reach out to the Boys and Girls Brigade.
- emails to key stakeholders

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 concept design.
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Outcomes from the engagement

Submissions received during consultation

We received a total of 51 submissions during the consultation period.

31 submissions were received via the Sydney Your Say survey portal and 20 email submissions.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 712 times during the consultation period.

Key findings

Online feedback form – rating the design and elements of the proposed upgrade

Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked whether they supported the proposed design as well as to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them.

The overall design was strongly supported by **80.65%** of survey responders.

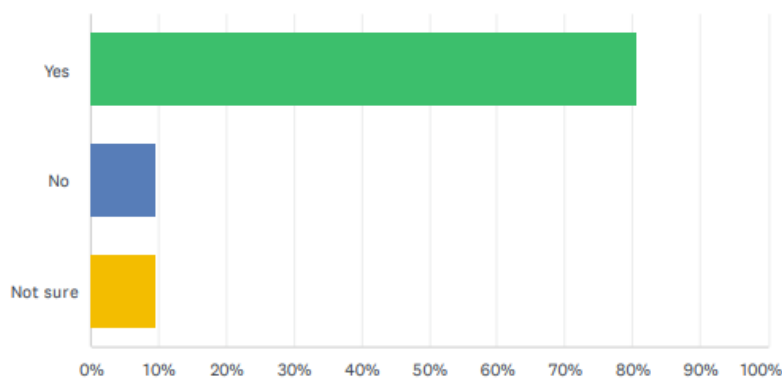
The four design elements in the park were also strongly supported or supported by survey responders:

- new and improved playground strongly supported or supported by **71%** of survey responders
- improved park furniture strongly supported or supported by **93%** of survey responders
- improved lighting through the park **97%** playground strongly supported or supported by 71% of survey responders
- upgraded pathways strongly supported or supported by **83%** of survey responders

The full results are below:

Q1 Do you support the proposed improvements to Ward Park?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0

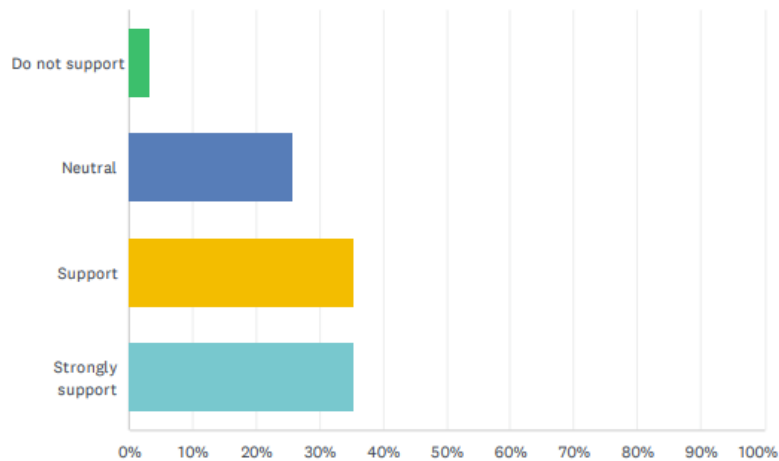


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.65%	25
No	9.68%	3
Not sure	9.68%	3
TOTAL		31

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Q2 New and improved playground

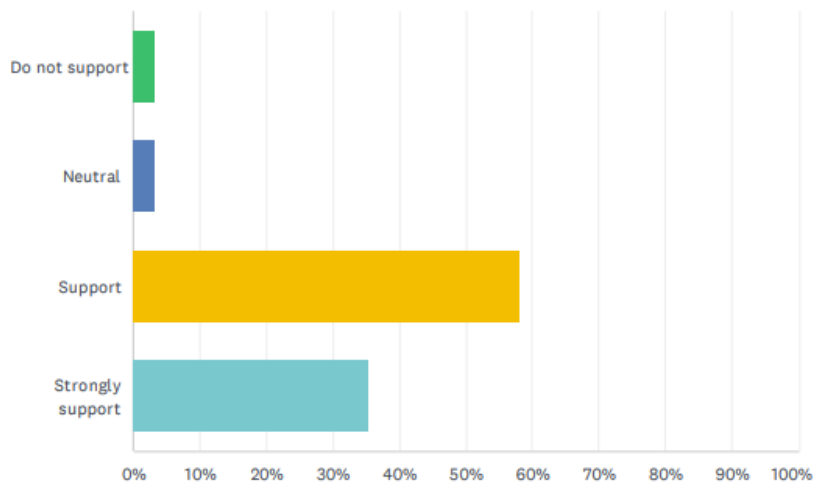
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Do not support	3.23%	1
Neutral	25.81%	8
Support	35.48%	11
Strongly support	35.48%	11
TOTAL		31

Q3 Improved park furniture

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0

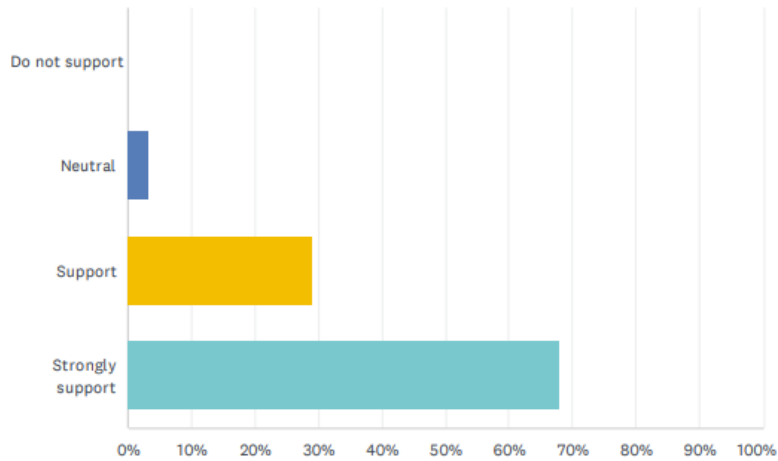


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Do not support	3.23%	1
Neutral	3.23%	1
Support	58.06%	18
Strongly support	35.48%	11
TOTAL		31

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Q4 Improved lighting through the park

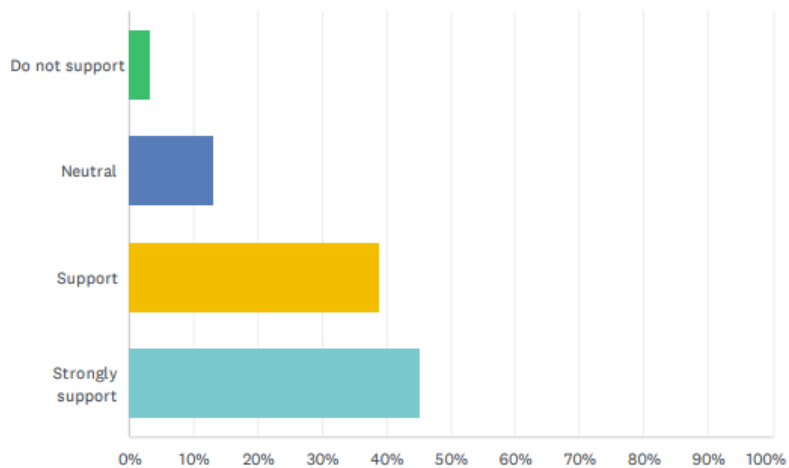
Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Do not support	0.00%	0
Neutral	3.23%	1
Support	29.03%	9
Strongly support	67.74%	21
TOTAL		31

Q5 Upgraded pathways

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Do not support	3.23%	1
Neutral	12.90%	4
Support	38.71%	12
Strongly support	45.16%	14
TOTAL		31

Subjects/topics raised in submissions

Several subjects/topics were raised in the feedback received. These were presented as concerns, suggestions and/or requests.

This feedback was received through the survey as well as individual emails during the consultation period and discussions with the community at onsite events and is summarised below.

Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
Feedback on the playground design		
Incorporate more activities for older children such as handball/netball/basketball courts	4	Hardcourt facilities were previously installed in the park; however, they were decommissioned due to noise complaints from nearby residents. Ward Park is located between Prince Alfred Park and Moore Park, both of which offer netball and basketball courts. During detailed design, the project team will review the feasibility of including a handball court.
Fully fence the playground to keep children in and dogs out	4	The concept design includes fencing the playground. The design will consider different fence heights and ensure there are adequate entry and exit points.
Consider enhancing the skate bowl in the park as it is very well used	3	The existing skate bowl has been reviewed and is deemed satisfactory for use, and it will not be upgraded, and no enhancements are to be included as part of the works.
Include more swings and rope climbing structures	3	The project team will review the inclusion of swings and rope climbing structures as part of the play equipment during detailed design.
Support the relocation of the playground	2	Noted.
The playground area needs to be shaded more adequately	2	The playground will be integrated around the existing mature trees. Additional trees will be planted to enhance shade.
More seating for parents around the playground	2	The project team will review the inclusion of additional seating for parents/carers during detailed design.

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Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
Use rubber soft fall in the playground	2	Rubber softfall will be utilised in the playground. During detailed design, the extent of the softfall will be determined in accordance with safety standards and maintenance requirements.
Do not use sand in the playground as it attracts rats	2	Sand will not be used in the playground.
Include more nature play elements	1	The project team will explore opportunities to include nature play elements in the playground design
Avoid cubby like structures in the playground due to concerns around drug use	1	The project team will avoid enclosed cubby-like structures in the design, to support safety and passive surveillance.
Install a water bubbler	1	There are existing water bubblers within the park. No additional water bubbler will be included within the park.
Retain the flying fox and blue rope pyramid	1	The existing flying fox and rope pyramid are approaching the end of their service life. To ensure the safety of users, these elements will be removed and replaced with new play equipment. The final selection of equipment will be determined during detailed design.
The playground should remain near the community room to make it easier for parents to watch children during community events	1	The current sightlines between the current play space and the community room are limited and do not support adequate supervision. The new location consolidates the two playgrounds into one central area, enhancing play value and safety. This avoids separating families across two smaller playgrounds and improves overall usability.
The playground should minimise plastic and concrete in the design and use more natural materials	1	The design will aim to minimise the use of plastic and concrete, and incorporate more natural and sustainable materials where possible

Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
Feedback on overall park design		
Install exercise equipment in the park	7	While there are several large sporting facilities with exercise equipment located nearby, space within the park is constrained and access is limited. The project team will review the feasibility of incorporating exercise equipment and additional activities for older children into Ward Park.
Install CCTV and corresponding signage throughout the park to increase user safety	6	The project team notes this request and will confirm current City policy. Improved lighting throughout the park to increase user safety is within the upgrade of the park
Install more seating throughout the park	5	The park upgrade is to include a variety of seating options and locations, connecting the plaza to the park and incorporating several bench seats around the turf area. The location for seating will be further investigated during detailed design.
Create barrier such as heavy planting or fencing between the park and Devonshire Street to stop dogs and children running out	5	Dense planting and fencing will separate the park from Devonshire Street to prevent children and dogs from running out, with the playground fully fenced to keep children in and dogs out. Additional fencing is included in the concept design, with further improvements to be considered during detailed design.
Increased pest control measures to address the current rat problem eg. reduce tall grasses, plants that attract	4	Planting to be reduced and selected species introduced to reduce and mitigate this issue.
Keep dog bag dispensers and bins on both sides of the park so they are readily available	3	Existing dog bag dispensers will be retained. Additional bins may be added at park entrances, particularly Belvoir Street where food vans operate.
Upgrade lighting to increase safety for park users at night	3	Improved lighting throughout the park is within the upgrade of the park.
The grass area currently doesn't drain well in wet weather and should be investigated during the upgrade	3	Drainage and irrigation upgrade works are part of the upgrade of the park.

Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
Fence the off-leash area to keep dogs separated from children	2	The project includes upgraded fencing, with the playground fully enclosed. Further fencing improvements will be explored during detailed design.
Included gardenias as part of the planting	2	Planting selection will be based on what is deemed suitable for the park. Final planting choices will be determined during detailed design.
Minimise dense or tall shrubs to maintain open sightlines and a sense of safety	2	Planting may be reduced to maintain sightlines, with final design reviewed during detailed design.
Include a running track around the perimeter of the park	1	Park users will be able to use the path network to complete loops within the park. A dedicated running track is not suitable for Ward Park
Introducing a small commercial stall near the train stop, such as a pop-up food van or coffee stand to help with activation	1	A commercial stall is not within the scope of the project. However, a commercial business may apply for a mobile food vending permit if they wish to operate in the area.
Install goal posts that can be used for soccer/football	1	While there are several large sporting facilities located nearby, such as Moore park space within the park is constrained and access is limited. Ward park it not suitable to install turf fields with goals.
Review path alignments to ensure they reflect actual pedestrian desire lines across the park	1	Path alignments will be reviewed and refined during the detailed design stage of the project.
Investigate bicycle rerouting / speed humps / obstacles etc	1	The City supports the use of bicycles throughout Ward Park.
Maintain pedestrian access from Marlborough Street into the park	1	One access point along Marlborough street is to be maintained.
Consider upgrading Marlborough Street to a raised shared zone for improved pedestrian amenity and safety	1	The extent of works for the park upgrade does not extend to Marlborough Street. However, the City is currently reviewing options for a continuous raised footpath treatment along Marlborough Street

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Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
Consider scaling back some of the existing trees to create a more open and balanced space	1	Existing trees will be assessed for health and lifespan. Tree removal, pruning or removal will be based on arborist recommendations.
Include a wall that can be used for graffiti	1	No additional walls will be added specifically for a dedicated mural or graffiti wall. Throughout the detailed design phase, the project team will explore options to repurpose an existing wall for use as a mural and graffiti art space.
Maintain and widen the path from Lansdowne St to Devonshire St to follow pedestrian desire lines	1	Path widths will be reviewed during the detailed design phase and widened where appropriate.
Provide seating along Lansdowne Street to support elderly residents	1	Additional seating will be added along the park edge, particularly along Lansdowne Street.
Shift the BBQ closer to the community room for better connection between the spaces	1	The City will work with Homes NSW to relocate the BBQ closer to the community room entrance to strengthen the connection between these spaces.
Use a more durable grass species that will survive the heavy use	1	The project team will review turf species during the detailed design stage to ensure durability under frequent use.
Install more sheltered seating	1	A variety of seating will be provided, with a mix of shaded areas beneath trees and open, unshaded areas throughout the park.
Dedicated area for share bike parking near light rail stop	1	There will not be a dedicated area within Ward Park for private company-operated shared bike facilities.
Dedicated area for charity trucks and food distribution	1	Service vans are advised not to park within the park boundaries and should use nearby street parking. Paving along Belvoir Street will be widened to accommodate the congregation of people accessing these services.
More benches around the edge of the grass looking inwards to create more of a community space	1	The proposal has been updated to include a variety of seating options connecting the plaza to the park, with several bench seats around the turf area. Additional seating opportunities will be explored during detailed design.

Comments	Total	City of Sydney Response
Convert the northern end of Marlborough Street into parking	1	The extent of works for the park upgrade does not extend to Marlborough Street. However, the City is currently reviewing options along Marlborough Street.
A dedicated area for large dogs, small dogs, and no-dog zones to help manage the park better	1	Ward Park is currently identified as an off-leash dog park. Dogs are prohibited in areas such as the playground. Fencing has been included in the concept design to mitigate concerns, and further fencing improvements will be considered during detailed design. Dog litter bag dispensers are also provided in all off-leash areas.
Minimise the use of decompressed granite as it gets muddy and runs in the rain	1	The location and use of decomposed granite will be limited to suitable areas. These locations will be reviewed by the project team during detailed design.
Avoid placing picnic tables too close to the Northcott Towers and community centre to reduce the risk of people gathering late in the evening and disturbing nearby residents	1	Picnic tables will be relocated away from the boundary line near Northcott Towers to reduce the risk of late-night gatherings.
Relocate picnic tables closer to BBQs	1	Picnic tables will be set away from BBQs to prevent one group dominating both. Distances will be refined during detailed design to balance access and use.
Relocate ping pong tables away from the Northcott building so the noise does not impact residents	1	The anticipated noise from ping pong tables is expected to be minimal. Nevertheless, relocation will be considered.
Place the ping pong table in a sheltered area protected from wind	1	The table tennis facility will be relocated near the community centre for better shelter and wind protection.

Preconcept consultation

Prior to undertaking community consultation on the concept design, the City undertook some early consultation work in mid-2024 to ask residents how often they use the park and what they would like to see in the new design.

81 submissions were received during the early consultation period. Ideas and suggestions received during this time helped to shape the concept plan. Key themes from the pre-consultation were:

- **Park Usage & Amenities:** Enhance the playground away from the community centre, add shaded areas, increase seating including picnic tables, and improve lighting for comfort and safety.
- **Dog-Friendly & Accessibility Features:** Preserve dog-friendly areas, improve fencing near roads and improve pathways. Balance the needs of families and dog owners.
- **Safety & Community Amenities:** Improve skate bowl barriers, improve lighting, improve bathroom/water bubblers and add flexible spaces for community events.

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, "[Your say on the proposed design for Ward Park, Surry Hills](#)" 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 in properties surrounding the park, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 2,400 letters were distributed.

4. Signage

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

5. Park pop-up

City staff attended the park on Tuesday 8 April from 4pm to 5:30pm. This was attended by approximately 20 residents.

6. Lord Mayor's Surry Hills Social Housing Forum

City staff attended the Lord Mayor's Surry Hills Social Housing Forum at the Northcott Community Centre on Thursday 10 April from 11am to 12:30pm

7. Inner-City Network Meeting

City staff presented to the Inner-City Network Meeting (community food and other support) at the Northcott Community Centre on Friday 11 April from 3pm

8. Sydney Your Say e-newsletter

An email was sent to 6643 of our Sydney Your Say e newsletter

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