

Attachment D

Schedule of Submissions and Responses
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Belmore Park Renewal

Summary of Written Submissions Received During Public Exhibition Period

9 March – 6 April 2026

The count includes data from 162 total submissions (139 surveys, 22 written submissions and 1 phone submission).

Note:

- Submissions from emails and surveys are grouped according to topic.
- # is shorthand for number of times mentioned
- Where several topics have been provided in a single survey, they have been separated and collated by topic
- Organisations that provided a written submission by email have been discussed separately; counts for these are included in the topics. Those organisations that participated in the survey have been included in the general themes.

Item no	Issue	Response / Action	#	Design review in the next phase
Consultation Comments – Individual submissions - Online forms and emails				
	Park Renewal: Supportive			
1	General support for the park upgrade works including the works shown. Specific comments noted how important the trees and green space are to the community and how timely this upgrade was for this community.	Noted.	33	

	Furniture - Drinking fountains			
2.1	Respondents requested upgraded drinking fountains in the park. One specifically requested a unit with a bottle refill station.	A new drinking fountain with a dog drinking bowl will be provided within the park.	4	Y
	Furniture – Bins			
2.2	Respondents sought assurance that adequate bins would be provided in the upgrade works. Design bins to limit access.	All existing bins will be replaced with new city standard bins for parks. Quantities and locations will be reviewed in the next design phase.		Y
	Furniture - seating not supported			
2.3	Respondents expressed opposition to additional seating, citing concerns that it may encourage loitering, sleeping or camping in the area. This was specifically related to past negative interactions.	Additional seating has been overwhelming supported in the survey results. The design allows for seating for all people while also recognising people experiencing homelessness have the same rights as any member of the public to be in public places. The City of Sydney's homelessness strategy for parks, outlined in "A City for All: Homelessness Action Plan," focuses on a compassionate, collaborative approach that treats rough sleepers with dignity while managing public spaces.	2	N
	Furniture - Outdoor Gym			
2.4	Respondents supported the inclusion of outdoor gym equipment, citing its success in other Sydney parks and limited availability in the CBD. Suggested elements included pull-up bars, with increased physical activity also expected to improve safety through passive surveillance.	The City seeks to ensure an equitable distribution of fitness and gym facilities across the Local Government Area (LGA). As an outdoor fitness area already exists within Prince Alfred Park, priority will be given to other areas of the LGA that currently lack access to such facilities.	3	N
	Furniture - Picnic Tables			
2.5	Respondents requested the provision of picnic tables to allow people to comfortably sit and eat during the daytime, specifically more group-friendly seating that make it easier for small teams to sit together.	The proposal incorporates a variety of new seating including benches, seat walls and amphitheatre style seating. Clustered or group seating (such as moveable tables and chairs) will be further investigated in the next design phase.	5	Y

	Furniture – Games Tables			
2.6	Provide a table tennis table, outdoor chess or game tables.	The design incorporates a range of furniture to support social interaction and informal activities such as games. The concept design also includes an all-ages play element, intended to encourage longer stays and increased use of the park.	1	N
	Cycling – Removing E- Bikes			
3.1	Respondent requested that e-bikes be excluded from the area, citing concerns that motorised or powered devices are incompatible with pedestrian safety.	The City of Sydney supports the use of e-bikes as a sustainable transport option and treats legal e-bikes the same as conventional bicycles. E-bikes are permitted on roads, cycleways, shared paths and in parks where cycling is allowed, provided riders travel at safe speeds and give priority to pedestrians in shared spaces. High-powered or modified e-bikes that do not meet NSW legal standards are not permitted in public spaces.	1	N/A
	Cycling – Safety issues and Shared Path Design			
3.2	Respondents raised safety concerns regarding cycling through the park, noting frequent conflicts between people riding and pedestrians on shared paths. Both pedestrians and people on bikes indicated that the current shared path arrangement is not working effectively and was considered inadequate for the volume of users. Safety concerns were raised in relation to high cycling speeds, including e-bikes, and near-misses or collisions with pedestrians Suggestions included widening paths, improving lighting, clearer line marking and signage, clearly separated walking and cycling zones, improved lighting, and renewed path surfaces. There were requests for clearer path markings or the provision of a dedicated cycling route.	The park includes a designated shared path on the eastern edge of the park, which is a path that is shared by people walking and people riding bikes. This existing shared path is proposed to be widened to provide more space for users without impacting on existing park trees. New lighting is proposed along this shared path. CoS will explore additional measures in the shared path design to improve safety for people walking and riding to optimise user behaviour, improve safety and comfort for all park users.	33	Y

	Cycling – Shared Path – Eddy Avenue Entry			
3.3	Respondents identified the south-eastern (Eddy Avenue) entry as a significant safety concern for both pedestrians and people riding. • Poor visibility, steep gradients and tight corners were noted as contributing to risk, particularly for people on bikes. • The shared path at this entry point was described as congested and unsafe during peak periods. • Rough pavement conditions were raised as an additional issue affecting safety and accessibility. • Several respondents suggested a dedicated or separated cycling route along the eastern edge of the park to better accommodate people on bikes commuting from Central Station into the city. Conflicts between pedestrians and people on bikes between the Eddy Avenue signals and the park entry were also identified.	The steep gradient at the Eddy Avenue Entry is an existing condition that cannot be modified without impacting on existing established trees. The concept plan has widened the Eddy Avenue park entrance where possible, subject to retaining existing trees. CoS will explore additional measures in the shared path design to improve safety for people walking and riding. Eddy Avenue signals and the park entry The existing footpath between the Belmore Park entry and signalised crossing is bounded by Sydney Terminal and Central Railway Station sandstone walls and the bridge columns associated with State Heritage listed item (SHR No.01255). There is limited capacity to modify these structures. CoS continues to advocate for TfNSW to extend the Elizabeth St cycleway. This would provide a dedicated separated cycle way that connects to the Castlereagh St cycleway, thereby reducing need for people to use the Belmore Park Shared Path.	6	Y
	Cycling – Elizabeth Street Cycleway			
3.4	Several respondents suggested redirecting through-cyclists to a continuous Elizabeth Street–Castlereagh Street cycleway as the preferred commuter route.	CoS continues to advocate for TfNSW to extend the Elizabeth St cycleway. This would provide a dedicated separated cycle way that connects to the Castlereagh St cycleway, reducing the need for people to use the Belmore Park Shared Path.	5	N/A
	Cycling: Separated Cycleway within Belmore Park			
3.5	Some respondents requested a separated cycleway within the park.	Separated cycleways with raised kerbs or hard barriers are usually placed on streets or along the edges of parks, not within parks themselves. They are avoided in parks due to the risk of trips and falls for pedestrians, and their impact of users	32	N

	Shared paths were considered by some respondents to be ineffective for accommodating high volumes of fast-moving commuters on bicycles and pedestrians. One respondent included an image showing a separated bike path with kerb edges on the eastern edge of the park. There was also a suggestion for a subway tunnel for bikes under the light rail.	with disabilities and with strollers. Shared paths also provide maintenance and emergency access. The concept plan widens the existing shared path where possible, without impacting on existing park trees. CoS will be exploring additional design measures in the design development phase of the project to improve the operation of the shared path, optimise user behaviour and improve safety and comfort for all park users. CoS does not own or manage land where the light rail corridor is located. The City continues to advocate for TFNSW to extend the Elizabeth St cycleway. This would provide a dedicated separated cycle way that connects to the Castlereagh St cycleway, thereby reducing need for people to use the Belmore Park Shared Path.		
Cycling – Wider Context				
3.6	Although outside the project area, a respondent raised concerns about congestion along the cycle lanes near the Chalmers Street–Central light rail stop. The shared space was described as overcrowded, with dismounting requirements considered impractical given the route's role as a key cycling connection	As part of one of the CoS' cycling strategy it is proposed to build an alternative cycling connection on Randle and Elizabeth streets. This eliminates conflicts and removes requirement for people riding to navigate through pedestrian zones. The proposal has recently been exhibited and responses to this consultation are currently under evaluation and review	2	N/A
Cycling – Playground and Seating Proximity				
3.7	Proximity of the playground to the shared path.	The proposed play element is designed as an interpretation of the heritage bandstand and positioned close to the existing bandstand footprint. The eastern edge of the playground is separated from most of the shared path by a seating wall and gardens. The interface between the play space and the shared path will be further reviewed and refined during the design development phase to ensure safety.	2	Y
3.8	Proximity of seating adjacent to the shared path.	The design development phase will include further testing of seating near or adjacent to the shared path to minimise conflicts.	1	Y

Trees – Native trees				
4.1	More trees to provide increased shade and help mitigate heat impacts	Belmore Park has many established trees and over 60% canopy cover. The concept plan proposes additional tree planting along the eastern edge of the park. In the next stage of the project, CoS will be developing a long-term plan for tree planting, that explores opportunities for future tree planting.	1	Y
4.2	More native trees to support local wildlife.	In the next stage of the project, CoS will be developing a long-term plan for tree planting (succession strategy) including capacity for planting native trees that support habitat for native fauna.	3	Y
Trees: Pruning				
4.3	Current management of the park's trees, noting that historical Edwardian design principles emphasised controlled pruning and selective tree removal to maintain open, light-filled pathways. Also there were concerns that additional low-level planting may contribute to a dark and unwelcoming atmosphere.	Belmore Park contains a significant collection of mid to late 19th century and early 20th century tree plantings. Many of these trees are listed in the City of Sydney Register of Significant Trees. Trees are managed in accordance with the City's Tree Management and Donation Policy. They are inspected annually and pruned as required to manage or improve their health and structure and to maintain adequate clearances from surrounding built infrastructure. The concept plan proposes a limited number of selective tree removals for specimens in poor health. These removals will be offset by additional tree plantings in accordance with the City's 'Greening Sydney Strategy' and canopy targets. A succession planting strategy will be developed for future management of the park's trees. This will aim to balance requirements for amenity, such as solar access and shade provision. Low level planting will be provided to specific zones: at entries, adjacent to busy adjoining streets and high traffic paths. This low scale planting allows for sight lines to be retained.	1	N

Trees: Removals				
4.4	Removal of plane trees from Belmore Park.	The plane trees in Belmore Park are some of the oldest in the park and are listed as 'Individual Scheduled Trees' on the City's 'Register of Significant Trees'. Through its 'Greening Sydney Strategy' the City aims to protect and retain trees across the Local Government Area. The plane trees will be retained as part of the renewal project for Belmore Park. A succession planting strategy will be developed for future management of the trees, that will explore the potential replacement of this species when older specimens decline in health requiring removal.	2	N
Gardens				
5.1	Provide seasonal gardens and floral displays Create more defined garden beds or mulched planting areas beneath trees rather lawn.	The design provides additional garden beds throughout the park to help define key spaces and entrances. The planting palette will be further developed in the next project phase, with an emphasis on incorporating flowering species for seasonal colour. Overall, the scheme delivers more clearly defined gardens, predominantly located beneath existing trees.	2	Y
Gardens: Not supportive				
5.2	I'm not so sure we need gardens that need to be maintained over making the spaces functional and helpful to wildlife and people.	New gardens will provide amenity, as well as provide improved habitat for native birds.	1	N
Bandstand – retain and upgrade				
6.1	Retention of the bandstand in its current form. Feedback supported restoring the bandstand's original performance function and enhancing the surrounding area with additional green space and seating for audiences, while preserving its heritage character.	CoS undertook an in-depth review of the bandstand, including the condition and potential changes to the building's fabric and condition as well as its capacity to hold events. Bandstand Condition The original 1910 structure has been heavily modified, with substantial changes from the 1960's onwards including lifting	13	N

		the brick base to incorporate a council depot, the replacement of the roof tiles, and the demolition of the original stair and balustrades. The remaining fabric is in poor condition and needs temporary steel supports to prop up the roof. Restoring the original fabric is very expensive and the extent of the original fabric has been substantially reduced with successive changes over time. Impact on significant tree Reconstructing the bandstand in its current location would require removal of one of the park's oldest and most significant trees. This tree - <i>Meryta denhamii</i>, is located against the brick base on the southern side of the bandstand and was likely sourced by former Royal Botanic Gardens Director Charles Moore. This highly significant tree is among the oldest specimens in the park and is listed on the City of Sydney Register of Significant Trees. Bandstand Location The bandstand was originally located more centrally within the park, surrounded by expansive lawn areas. The construction of the railway viaduct in 1917 altered the spatial arrangements, reducing adjacent lawn areas. The bandstand lost its central prominence within the park and the capacity to accommodate audiences was altered/reduced. Over time, dense tree planting has significantly obstructed views to and from the bandstand, making it difficult for audiences to see performances. Bandstand accessibility The current bandstand structure does not meet accessibility standards of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) or the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. Upgrading the bandstand to be accessible would require installation of a ramp or lift, which is financially prohibitive		
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		considering the condition of the existing structure and would alter the appearance of the bandstand substantially. In response to the above, the design proposes a new community gathering space for functions and performances—in the south of the park: it is positioned overlooking a lawn area for audiences to gather. This new space will be universally accessible, in accordance with the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. The form and cultural significance of the original bandstand will be acknowledged and celebrated through a new all ages play structure interpreting the existing bandstand form.		
Bandstand – Remove				
6.2	The bandstand is outdated and supported its removal as part of the park renewal.	Noted.	1	N
Bandstand – retain and adaptive reuse				
6.3	The bandstand should be retained and converted into a café or small dining facility.	The adaptive reuse of the ground floor of the existing bandstand as a café was explored. However, due to the limited internal space and close proximity to an existing kiosk, the option was not considered commercially viable. It is also noted that the City of Sydney has experienced challenges leasing café tenancies within parks, which can result in vacant premises. A play element was therefore considered a more appropriate use, with the potential to attract families and children and increase activity and passive surveillance within the park.	4	N
	Convert the bandstand into temple.	This type of facility is not a compatible land uses for the park, as identified within the Belmore Park Plan of Management.	1	N
Play - additional play				
7.1	Respondents requested the inclusion of a larger playground, noting a shortage of play spaces within the city and the	The design balances the protection of lawns, trees and green space with the provision of facilities that cater to a diverse	9	N

	importance of providing facilities that support family visits, picnics, and longer stays in the park.	range of users. The inclusion of a play element, such as an all-ages multi-swing located at the former bandstand site, responds to the park's unique character while maintaining key sightlines across the park. Further design development will explore opportunities to enhance play value through surface treatments and detailing, while retaining capacity for events, open gathering spaces, and generous lawn and tree areas.		
Play – Not supportive				
7.2	Not supportive of a play element	The play element addresses a specific need as identified in City's 2016 Open Space and Recreation Needs Study. This highlighted the lack of play opportunities in the city centre beside the Darling Harbour playground. The draft Study currently in preparation also identifies the need for additional city centre play opportunities.	3	N
Paths - Supportive				
8.1	General support for upgrades to paths. Support the western path and connection to Railway Colonnade Drive.	Noted	6	N/A
8.2	Inclusion of a wide staircase to western side of the park	The concept design includes a path with steps connecting to the south-western edge of Railway Colonnade Drive. It is 2m wide and designed to improve access while retaining lawns on this embankment.	1	N
Paths – Widths				
8.3	Do not make paths any narrower.	The proposed paths have been widened throughout to allow for improved circulation in the park.	1	Y
Paths – Additional paving				
8.4	Provide larger paved spaces for gatherings, either in the centre of the park or along Eddy Avenue	The concept design provides for two paved areas within the park. This includes a paved platform as part of a new community gathering space and a paved space adjacent to a new play area. The extent will be further reviewed in design development.	1	Y

Park Drainage				
9.1	Re-grade to improve drainage. The ground needs to be replaced with concrete for walkways and tent areas at the event. (translation from Thai)	All park grading and drainage will be reviewed in the design development phase of the project. Paths will be paved, and new paved areas are proposed as described above.	2	Y
Activation - Café				
10.1	Provide a café or food and beverage outlet within the park with seating.	Refer comments above. It is noted that the City of Sydney has experienced challenges leasing café tenancies within parks, which can result in vacant premises and is therefore not proposing an additional café, kiosk or commercial outlet in the current proposal.	8	N
Activation - Events				
10.2	Allow for events in the park including cultural events, markets, small acoustic events, festivals, nighttime use, children's pantomimes, cultural activities e.g. Asia Live 2026, food festivals, cultural celebrations, aligned with Haymarket's character.	In general the proposed design supports a greater capacity for performances in the park. One of the key components of the proposed upgrade is a new community gathering space which incorporates a raised platform with amphitheatre-style seating overlooking an open lawn. This facilities capacity for more small events and performances. Increased paved areas around the proposed play structure provide additional space for gathering and smaller activities. The CoS is exploring capacity for other activations such as markets on paths and within in paved areas. This would be subject to careful review to ensure sufficient asset protection, particularly for landscape and turf areas.	17	Y
10.3	Provide notifications to residents in advance of large temporary performances.	The City of Sydney's Events in Parks Policy requires notification to residents for certain outdoor temporary activations designated as high impact.	1	N/A

Events: Not supportive				
10.4	Not supportive of weekly protests or additional large events.	Belmore Park plays an important role as a place for protests. This role will be retained. The City of Sydney does not approve or refuse protests as a matter of free speech.	1	N
Lighting – Supportive				
11.1	Respondents expressed support for lighting proposal..	Support has been noted.	12	N/A
Lighting - Decorative				
11.2	This included additional recommendations for halo lights around trees	Decorative lighting will be further explored during the design development phase, with the aim of enhancing the pedestrian experience and improving perceptions of safety.	3	Y
11.3	Warm white lighting is recommended to create a more welcoming, comfortable atmosphere, improving the park's perceived safety and approachability in the evenings compared to harsh cool white lighting.	The light colour quality will be explored in the design development phase of the project, with the aim of enhancing user experience, overall safety and improving habitat outcomes.	1	Y
Signage				
12.1	Provide directional signage.	As part of the design development the City will include placement of wayfinding and park signage in line with the City's wayfinding and park signage guidelines.	3	Y
12.2	Interpretative signage Install a plaque detailing the park's early colonial history as the Police Paddock (pre-1868), including its use for Police Barracks and the Devonshire Street Cemetery.	The City's park signage includes historical information for each park. Content for the signage is developed by the City's historians. New park signage will be installed as part of the renewal project.	1	Y

	• Feature official dedication details (1868–1900) on the plaque, marking its formal designation for public recreation on 19 May 1868. • Include information about the park's naming after Somerset Richard Lowry-Corry, the 4th Earl of Belmore and then Governor of New South Wales. • A map replicating the 19th-century design should be exhibited in the park.			
Homelessness – support				
13.1	Respondents emphasised the importance of retaining the park as a meeting place and a location for outreach and support services, including food vans and other assistance programs. Feedback supported setting aside a dedicated, well-serviced space for support vehicles, including access to water and power. Respondents sought clarity on how people experiencing homelessness who use Belmore Park overnight are being considered in the renewal. There was support for providing clearer, designated spaces for people experiencing homelessness within the park. Respondents emphasised that park design should be inclusive and avoid approaches that unintentionally ignore or discourage use by vulnerable groups.	CoS will work with support services to ensure a welcoming and inclusive space for those experiencing homelessness, loneliness or disconnection from the community. The City of Sydney's Homelessness Strategy for parks focuses on a compassionate, collaborative approach that treats rough sleepers with dignity while managing public spaces. The design allows for seating for all people while also recognising people experiencing homelessness have the same rights as any member of the public to be in public places.	10	Y
13.2	How long will the works take to complete, as this impacts day and night services.	The City of Sydney acknowledges the importance of the homeless support services in the park. The City of Sydney's homeless liaison team will notify all services and review alternative locations to minimise disruption during construction.	1	N/A
Fauna and Habitat				
14.1	Discourage people feeding pigeons. Develop plan to manage pigeons, seagulls, and Ibises.	The City of Sydney discourages the feeding of birds in parks and public spaces. City guidance states that feeding birds and other wildlife can cause harm by making animals unwell,	2	N/A

		encouraging disease and dependency, and disrupting natural behaviour and ecological balance. Where appropriate, this guidance is reinforced through park signage.		
14.2	Improve habitat opportunities for native species including native tree planting, additional native groundcovers and shrubs and water fountains for birds.	There are no plans to include water features for birds. However, the plan seeks to improve biodiversity by increasing locally native species and strengthening habitat connectivity, with additional measures—such as the potential inclusion of nesting boxes—to be explored during the design development phase.	5	Y
Dogs				
15.1	Provide a fenced dog park.	The park is currently designated as an on-leash park. The City's approach is to integrate off-leash dog walking together with other recreational activities, rather than to create enclosed spaces for the exclusive use of dogs. Fencing can have aesthetic impacts and create access barriers by restricting pedestrian flow into and through open spaces, which would be particularly problematic in this park with its high levels of pedestrians and cyclists.	3	N
15.2	Provide a dog drinking fountain similar to the one installed in Harmony Park in Surry Hills.	A new drinking fountain with a dog drinking bowl will be provided within the park	1	Y
Public toilets				
16	Build more public restrooms	A public toilet is proposed in the northern edge of the park on the Hay Street frontage. The planned automated public toilets are inclusive (all gender wheelchair accessible) and include fold-up baby change table.	4	N/A
Art				
17.1	Confirm whether red milkcrate design is to be provided.	The Milk Crate artwork (The Pavillion) is not in any future plans for Belmore Park.	1	N/A
17.2	Provide additional art installations.	All forms of interpretation and art will be investigated in the next phase.	3	N

Cultural identity				
18.1	Explore opportunities to explore Asian identity in the park, and promote	The City recognises the importance of Belmore Park to the local community particularly the with Chinese and Thai communities. The inclusion of a new gathering space allows for community events promoting local cultures in the area. The design development phase will explore the inclusion of cultural identity within the key design elements of the park including lighting.	7	Y
18.2	Opportunity to incorporate First Nation's history and identity into the park. Suggestions included • Indigenous sculptures • information about the Stolen Generation and indigenous history. • planting Indigenous flora • a circular yarning circle. • Indigenous café in the bandstand • First Nations plaque	The City recognises the importance of Belmore Park to First Nations communities. This will be explored in the next phases of the project. All forms of interpretation including signage and art will be investigated in the next phase. Any First Nations interpretation will be done with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Adaptive reuse of the bandstand as a café is not viable due to the limited internal space. It is also noted that the City of Sydney has experienced challenges leasing café tenancies within parks, which can result in vacant premises. There are cafes close by to the park.	5	Y
Water feature				
19	Introduce a water feature	The concept design does not include a water features at this stage.	2	N
Safety				
20.1	General comments that people feeling unsafe in the park	The park incorporates a range of measures to improve safety and encourage greater activity. These include improved lighting, upgraded paving, clearer sightlines, and play elements that provide more reasons for people to stay in the park.	13	Y
20.2	Can CCTV be installed in the park.	There is CCTV in the park at the southern entry and in the centre of the park. These will be retained. There is good coverage of the park with the current provision and there are no plans to provide additional cameras.	2	N

20.3	Provide a small police presence in the park providing an assurance of security and protection.	Policing and law enforcement activities are the responsibility of NSW Police Force and are guided by their internal operational policies, risk assessments and resource availability. The City of Sydney does not have a role in directing, managing or advising NSW Police on their operational responses, including decisions relating to police presence in specific locations. CCTV is currently installed in the park, and the City's security monitors the park.	1	N
Maintenance and Access				
20.4	Ensuring the area is consistently free of rubbish and well-maintained	The City's parks and greening maintenance team performs regular checks and maintenance in all parks within the Local Government area. As an iconic park, Belmore Park is maintained and cleaned more regularly.	3	N/A
20.5	Provide access for service vehicles to enter and exit safely.	The simplified and widened paths in the proposed concept design accommodate safe access for service vehicles.	1	Y
Wider Context				
21.1	Provide alternative design to Eddy Avenue to create a green forecourt to Central Station	Eddy Avenue currently accommodates general traffic lanes, bus lanes and the light rail corridor. Any changes to the existing road carriageway or layout are subject to approval by the relevant approval authority, Transport for NSW. The City of Sydney is currently investigating longer-term proposals for Eddy Avenue to improve its amenity and relationship with Central Station, and should circumstances change, any future proposals would be subject to the appropriate planning and approval processes.	1	N/A
21.2	A full pedestrianisation of Railway Colonnade Drive would be superb and perfectly fitting of a central station, as opposed to the parking lot it currently is. It would provide a great link between Central Station and Belmore Park, given that so much space around central station is currently dedicated to car traffic.	CoS has advocated for the pedestrianisation of Railway Colonnade Drive as illustrated in the proposal for Central Square in <i>Sustainable Sydney 2030–2050: Continuing the Vision</i> . This land is owned by NSW Government and is subject to a separate approval process. This is a long term vision.	1	N/A

21.3	Remove boundary fences to improve access.	Fences along the western park boundary are being investigated to be removed to improve access to Railway Colonnade Drive.	1	Y
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Organisations				
Orange Sky				
22	Orange Sky Australia supports people experiencing homelessness or hardship through access to free laundry and shower services, as well as the opportunity for regular connection. Currently the service operates at Belmore Park every Sunday from 9am to 12pm, with two vans and a volunteer team of at least six people, 10-12 loads of washing and 6-8 showers per shift. Orange Sky Australia serve 15+ "friends" (clients) weekly, plus a further 2-3 who visit for conversation/ social connection. Around 80% of our clients are regulars, and 60-70% are experiencing homelessness. Many of these individuals also utilize our other services across the CBD throughout the week. Recommendations - Orange Sky is happy to work with the council to assess alternative potential setups within the park - Safe access for two vans via established pathways or solid ground.	Council's Homelessness Action Plan 2020 aims to ensure the public domain is safe and accessible for all and aims to connect people with services and improve the safety and well-being of people sleeping rough and/or begging. CoS will work with support services to ensure a welcoming and inclusive space for those experiencing homelessness, loneliness or disconnection from the community. Park paths have been expanded. These will provide capacity for access for vans as required. Specific location for these will be assessed in the design development process. New drinking fountains will provided in the park, and will be accessible to everyone, including people experiencing homelessness. New public toilets are to be provided at the Hay Street frontage and provide universal access for all users. Power will be provided for events and other managed uses; access would be subject to approval by the City of Sydney. The CoS does not anticipate providing additional sewer points in the park due to sanitation and health risks. City of Sydney's <i>Mobile Voluntary Services Policy and Guidelines</i> identifies that mobile voluntary services need to be delivered in accordance with all relevant legislation including requirements for waste, and that any equipment used be self-contained, safe, and		Y

	• Access to a fresh water source (tap) and ideally a wastewater sewer point (or suitable garden/flower bed area for grey water evacuation). • Access to two power points to charge the vans and run appliances for the duration of the shift. • Address increased number and speed of bicycles and e-bikes through the park which pose risks for pedestrians particularly those with mobility issues and will be carrying heavy bags of laundry.	compliant with relevant legislation. Mobile voluntary services are responsible for the collection, removal and lawful disposal of all waste generated by their activities. The park includes a designated shared path on the eastern edge of the park, which is a path that is shared by people walking and people riding bikes. This shared path has been widened to provide more space for users, without impacting on existing park trees.		
Chinese Australian Historical Society (CAHS)				
23	The Chinese Australian Historical Society recognises Belmore Park as a place of significant cultural value, reflecting the aesthetic, historical, social and spiritual importance of Chinese culture in line with the Burra Charter. The park has long been a key gathering place for Chinese Australians and continues to function as an important gateway to Haymarket and Chinatown, contributing to Sydney's broader multicultural history. The 2023 <i>Chinatown Thematic History</i> recognises the evolution and boundaries of Chinatown as a key historical theme and identifies Belmore Park as a rare surviving physical link to its second phase. The study highlights the need for further research into Belmore Park's intangible heritage, such as historic routes for parades, gatherings and protests, and the expansion of oral histories to better understand the park's role—particularly in relation to the Belmore Markets and its later function as a gateway to Chinatown—to inform future design proposals Recommendations	The City of Sydney acknowledges the importance of Belmore Park as an important heritage site within the Haymarket and Chinatown Precinct. As part of this scope, and informed by Belmore Park Heritage Study 2012, the City of Sydney will be preparing a Heritage Impact statement which will address Belmore Park's historic connections, role and significance to Chinese cultural heritage. The City of Sydney have worked closely with Heritage Specialists to develop the plan, including the proposals for the bandstand, path layouts and protection of significant trees including the London Planes. The plan retains the curved path adjacent to the London Planes and increases seating along this spine. All existing trees are retained and protected, and green space has been expanded by simplifying paths. All existing plane trees are protected. The original 1910 Bandstand has been heavily modified, with substantial changes from the 1960's onwards including lifting the brick base to incorporate a council depot, the replacement of the roof tiles, and the demolition of the original stair and balustrades. The remaining fabric is in poor condition and needs temporary steel supports to prop up the roof. The extent of the original fabric has been substantially reduced with		Y

	• The design should express Belmore Park's historic connection to Haymarket and Chinatown, acknowledging its role in 19th-century commerce and trade. • Demonstrate response to the park's two most defining elements – the bandstand, and the wide western pathway with London Planes • Review heritage significance related to ▪ importance of the place to Aboriginal people ▪ the integral connection of the park to the Belmore Markets ▪ the significance of the parkland's layout, bandstand and plantings • Ensure that the park's upgrade meaningfully incorporates and interprets its Chinese heritage. • Consider options that celebrate Bandstand's heritage and fabric. • Install interpretive signage or digital storytelling elements that highlight the long-standing presence of Chinese Australians in the area. • Include narratives about early Chinese market gardeners, merchants, community leaders, and the evolution of Chinatown as a cultural precinct. • Consider interpretation of parkland's Chinese history through paving patterns, plantings, or sculptural forms. • Ensure new elements are recognisable and subservient to any significant heritage fabric. • Commission Chinese Australian artists to create works that reflect the community's historical and contemporary contributions to Sydney. • Consider collaborative projects that engage local community groups, schools, and cultural organisations. • Establishing a structured consultation process	successive changes over time. The current bandstand is fenced off and not able to be used. Reconstruction of the bandstand would require removal of a heritage listed significant tree. The current bandstand structure does not meet accessibility standards of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) or the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. The concept plan provides a new accessible space that can allow for performance's to be reinstated into the park. This has capacity to support additional community and cultural events The bandstand will be reinterpreted as a play structure. We note the community's vision and passion to explore the cultural heritage of the precinct and the park. This will be explored in the next phases of the project. All forms of interpretation and art will be investigated in the next phase.		
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Chinatown Action Committee (CAC)				
24	CAC comprises a diverse group of people, businesses and organisations who share a common commitment to the revitalisation of Sydney's Chinatown. CAC aims to strengthen Chinatown's identity as a vibrant cultural destination, support local businesses to thrive, advocate for thoughtful planning and investment, and ensure the precinct remains a welcoming place for residents, workers, and visitors. Recommendations Connecting to Country and Chinese Connections - The park's design should meaningfully acknowledge and celebrate these histories, ensuring that both cultural narratives are visible, respected, and woven into the character of the new park. Consideration of People Experiencing Homelessness - Belmore Park is a place of residence for many people experiencing homelessness. It is important that the renewal process includes a clear approach for supporting those who currently rely on the park as their home. Public Toilet - The plan notes a "public toilet" but provides no detail on the number or type of facilities. Clear information is needed to confirm that the design will deliver safe, accessible and inclusive amenities, including baby-change facilities. Existing Bandstand and proposed Play Space - Clarification is needed on whether the bandstand itself has been assessed for adaptive reuse. Is the proposal to provide a play space based on an open space, sports and outdoor recreation needs assessment. The design of the play space should consider potential integration of the bandstand, ensuring that any	Connecting to Country and Chinese Connections The City recognises the importance of Belmore Park to the local community including First Nations, Chinese and Thai communities. We note the community's vision and passion to explore the cultural heritage of the precinct and the park. This will be explored in the next phases of the project. All forms of interpretation and art will be investigated in the next phase. Consideration of People Experiencing Homelessness CoS will work with support services to ensure a welcoming and inclusive space for those experiencing homelessness, loneliness or disconnection from the community. Public Toilet A public toilet is proposed in the northern edge of the park on the Hay Street frontage. The planned automated public toilets are inclusive (all gender wheelchair accessible) and include fold-up baby change table. Existing Bandstand and proposed Play Space The City of Sydney have worked closely with Heritage Specialists to develop the plan, including the proposals for the bandstand. The original 1910 Bandstand has been heavily modified, with substantial changes from the 1960's onwards including lifting the brick base to incorporate a council depot, the replacement of the roof tiles, and the demolition of the original stair and balustrades. The remaining fabric is in poor condition and needs temporary steel supports to prop up the roof. The extent of the original fabric has been substantially reduced with successive changes over time. The current bandstand is fenced off and not able to be used. Reconstruction of the bandstand would require removal of a heritage listed significant tree. The current bandstand structure		Y

	intervention respects and enhances its heritage significance. - bandstand should be seen as an opportunity to anchor the new recreational facility with a distinctive character Existing Trees and perception of safety - existing trees significantly overshadows the park, contributing to a perception that the space is dark and unsafe. - Has an arboricultural assessment been undertaken to determine the health and structural condition of these trees, and to identify whether selective pruning could be implemented to improve daylight penetration while still preserving habitat values for local fauna? Community Gathering Space - The inclusion of a community gathering space is supported. However, a more sympathetic, tiered seating arrangement, designed in an amphitheatre style is likely to offer greater practicality and comfort for group activities than relying solely on lawn areas. Park Lighting and Biodiversity - Catenary lighting, while visually appealing, is unlikely to be suitable here as light levels and height may disturb birds. A simpler approach focused on well-placed, low-glare pole mounted fixtures Wayfinding and Connectivity to Chinatown - Belmore Park serves as a primary gateway between Central Station and Chinatown. The detailed design should incorporate clear, multilingual wayfinding signage and intuitive pedestrian pathways that guide people from Central Station through the park and into Chinatown.	does not meet accessibility standards of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) or the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. The concept plan provides a new accessible space that can allow for performance's to be reinstated into the park. This has capacity to support additional community and cultural events The City of Sydney's Open Space and Recreation Needs Study highlights the need for more play in the city. The inclusion of a play structure, that is sensitively integrated into this heritage park would provide capacity for families and people of all ages to access play in the city centre. Existing Trees and perception of safety Belmore Park's trees have been assessed and are managed in accordance with the City's Tree Management and Donation Policy. They are inspected annually and pruned as required to manage or improve their health and structure and to maintain adequate clearances from surrounding built infrastructure. Community Gathering Space The inclusion of a new gathering space allows for community events. This incorporates tiered amphitheatre seating. Decorative lighting will be further explored during the design development phase, with the aim of enhancing the pedestrian experience and improving perceptions of safety. The light colour quality will be explored in the design development phase of the project, with the aim improving habitat outcomes. As part of the design development the City will include placement of wayfinding and park signage in line with the City's wayfinding and park signage guidelines		
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International Student Navigator Australia (ISNA)				
25	- Consolidating primary pedestrian paths to improve flow and sightlines, while maintaining greenery. - Creating a more open, flexible central area would support community use, including small-scale events and cultural activities e.g. Asia Live 2026, food festivals, cultural celebrations, aligned with Haymarket's character. - Adaptive reuse of the bandstand. - Better signage.	The plan proposes to consolidate paths to improve access and create improved park spaces. The inclusion of a new gathering space allows for community events. Refer notes above regarding the bandstand. As part of the design development the City will include placement of wayfinding and park signage in line with the City's wayfinding and park signage guidelines		Y