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Community Consultation Report

Coral Sea Park Playground upgrade

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1. Summary

Randwick City Council is planning to upgrade the playground at Coral Sea Park, Yorktown Parade Maroubra, to create a new inclusive play space where local children of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds can play.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to consult with the community to help plan the playground upgrade in relation to its theme, play equipment, and landscaping. The community were invited to complete an online survey or share a story about what the playground means to them.

The consultation received 805 unique visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage, 72 completed surveys, two shared stories and one submission.

The survey results indicate that the majority of respondents visit the playground a few times a week (49%), will walk to access the playground (68%) and visit with children of all ages (0-4 years, 53% and 5-12 years, 46%).

There is support for upgrading the playground to be inclusive for children of all ages and abilities (86% support), planting more shade trees (92%), additional seating (82%) and improving the surrounding footpaths (77%). Most would also like to see the playground fully fenced (73%).

Concept plans will be developed based on the community feedback and will go on public exhibition for further comment in mid-2021.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background

Randwick City Council is planning to upgrade the playground at Coral Sea Park, Yorktown Parade Maroubra, to create a new inclusive play space where local children of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds can play.

The upgrade is being funded by a NSW Government grant under the *Everyone Can Play* program. Randwick Council will match the funding, dollar for dollar, and we aim to have the new play space ready by the end of 2021.

Under the Everyone Can Play Grant Program, the new play space will be designed so it is accessible for people in wheelchairs or people who may have mobility, sensory, sight or hearing issues.

Molly's Park, the garden memorial located within the playground will be protected and maintained.

2.2. Objectives

The consultation program aimed to:

- Determine the main users of the playground
- Determine support for adding more shade structures and play equipment
- Gather ideas from the community for the playground designs
- Determine the design for adding seating and planting around the existing memorial
- Involve key stakeholders for the theme of the playground

2.3. Consultation period

The consultation was open 9 December to 28 January 2021.

The project was assessed as having a low-level local area impact.

IAP2 Consultation level: Involve

2.4. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to complete the survey and share a story
- Meeting at the playground with Molly’s family
- Posters on site
- Mailbox drop to surrounding neighbourhood
- Email to Your Say subscribers (5882 subscribers): 9 December 2020
- Randwick News (weekly email): 9 December 2020 and 13 January 2021
- Facebook post: 11 January 2021 (8589 people reached and 769 engagements)
- Listing on Randwick City Council’s *Current Consultations* webpage
- Email to all precincts
- Councillor notification

3. Consultation outcomes

3.1. Your Say Randwick website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to host a survey and allow the community to share their stories about the playground.

yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/coralseaplayground

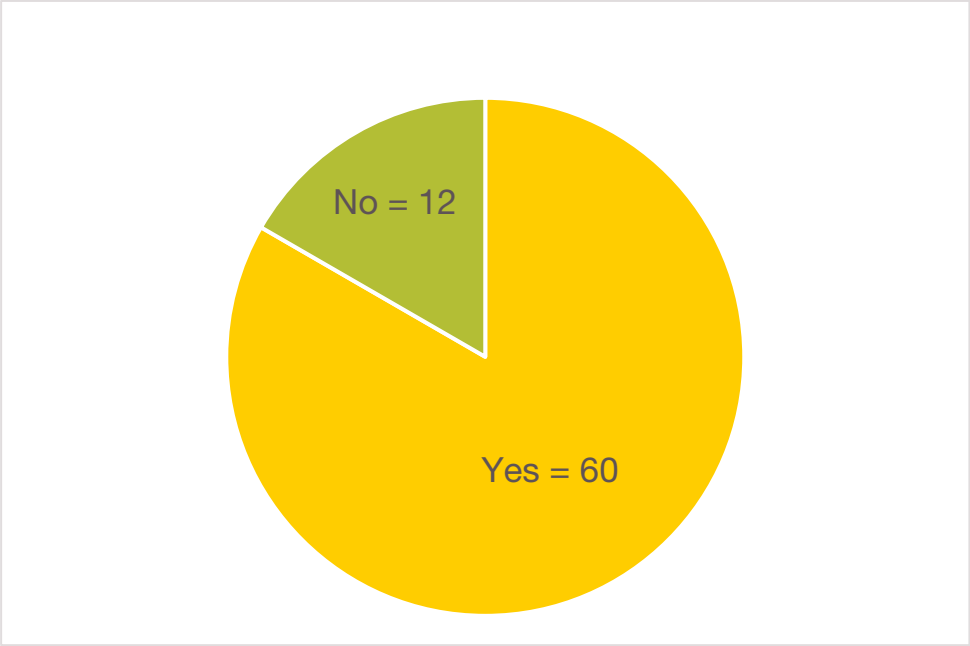
The website was launched on 9 December 2020 was open for 50 days, closing 28 January 2021.

During this time, the site experienced the following:

- 805 unique visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage
- 72 completed surveys
- 2 stories shared

3.2. Survey results

3.2.1. Have you ever visited the playground at Coral Sea Park?

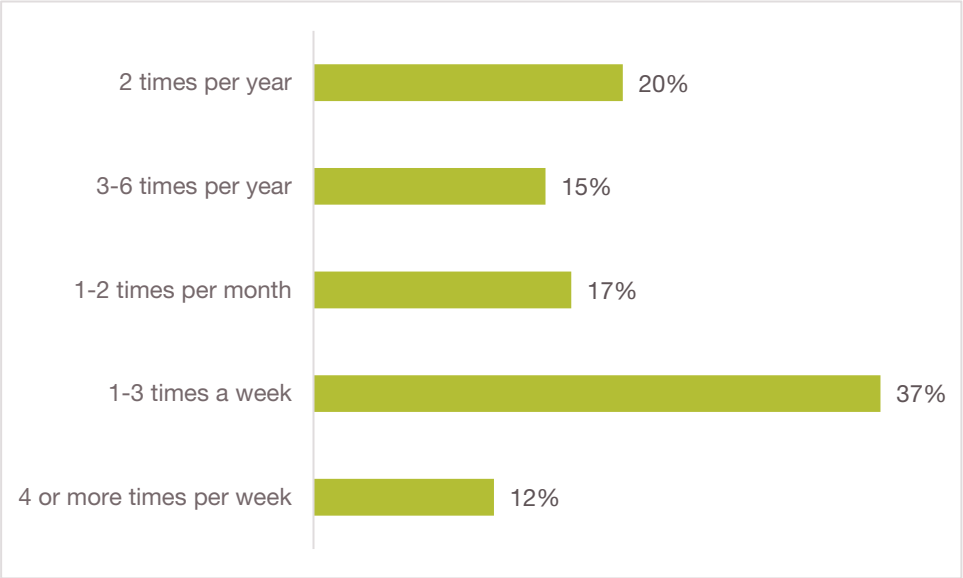


Graph 1: *(n=72) Have you visited the playground?*

Graph 1 shows that 60 of the 72 respondents (83%) have visited the Coral Sea Park playground.

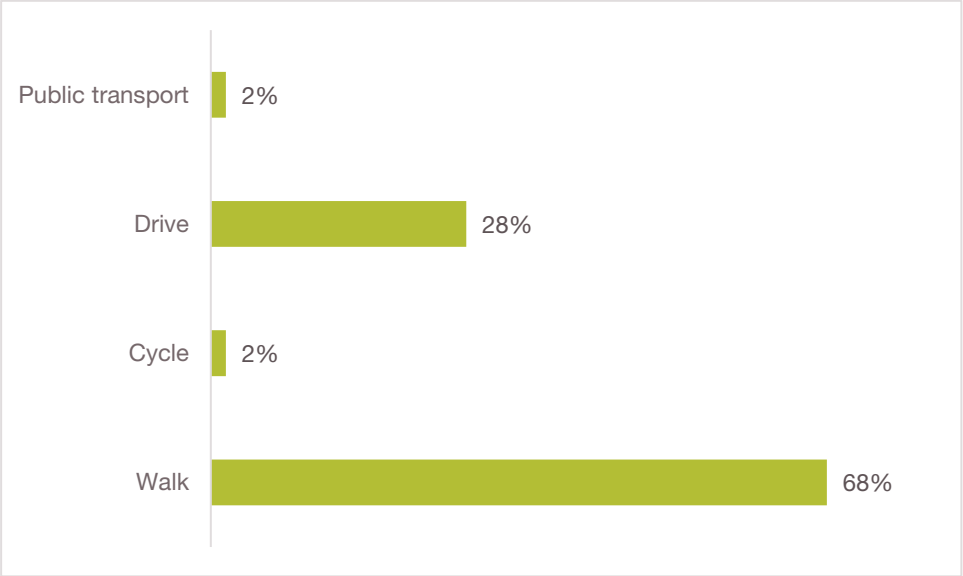
The following Graphs 2-6 show the responses to several follow-up questions asked if a respondent indicated 'yes' they had visited the playground.

3.2.2. Which best describes how often you visit the playground?



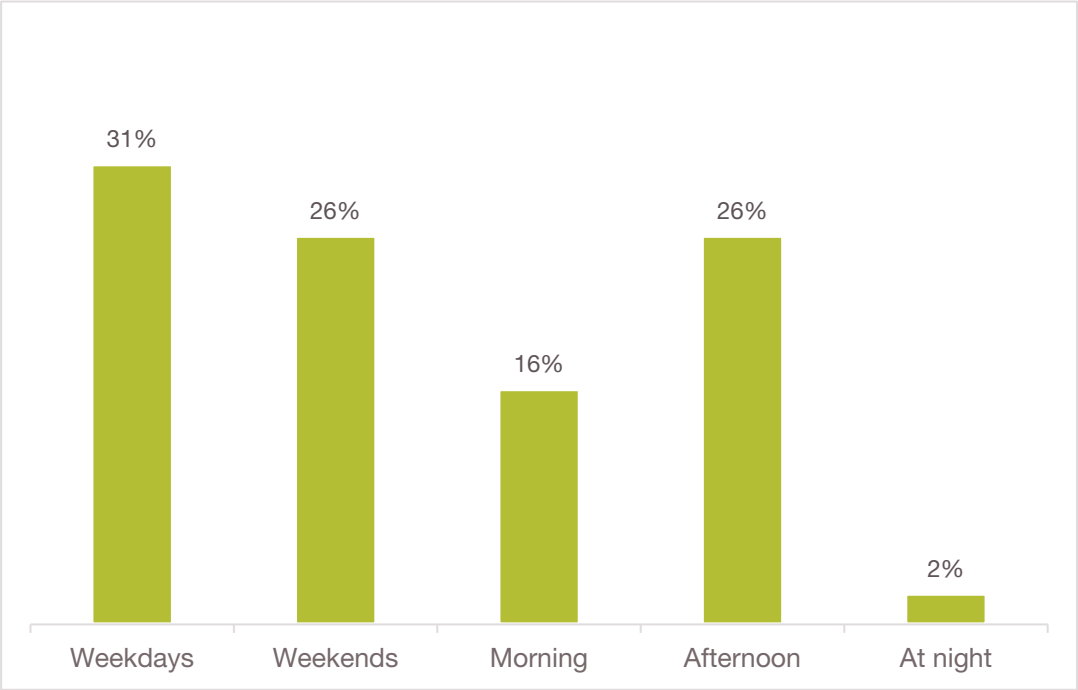
Graph 2: *(n=60) How often respondents visit the playground*

3.2.3. How do you get to the playground?



Graph 3: *(n=60) How respondents get to the playground*

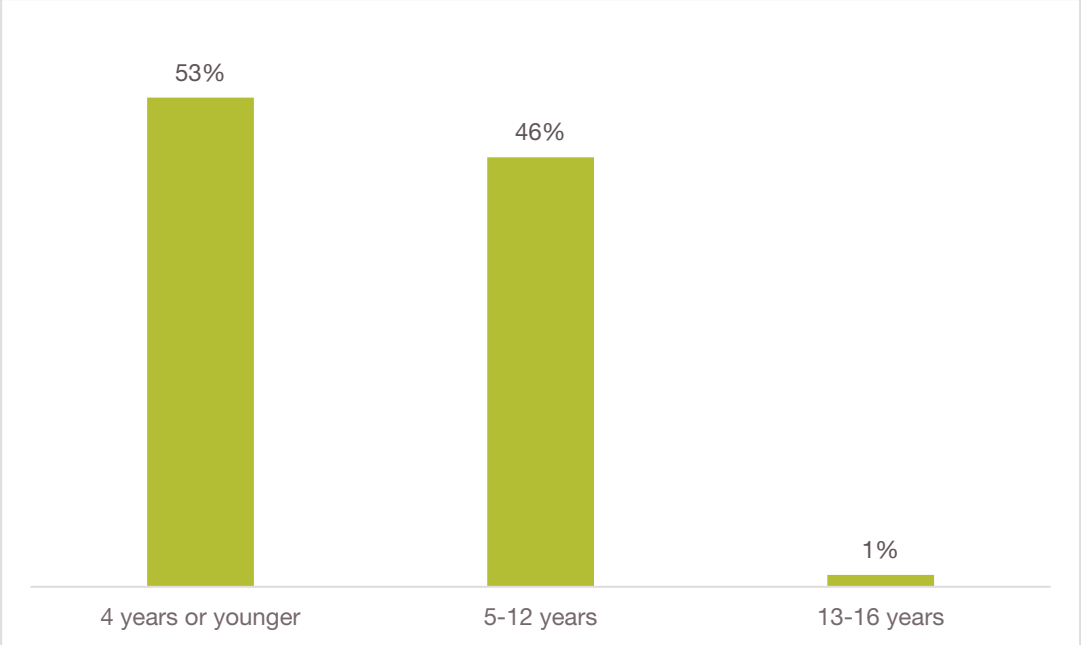
3.2.4. When do you usually visit the playground?



Graph 4: *(n=139) Visiting the playground (respondents could choose more than one option)*

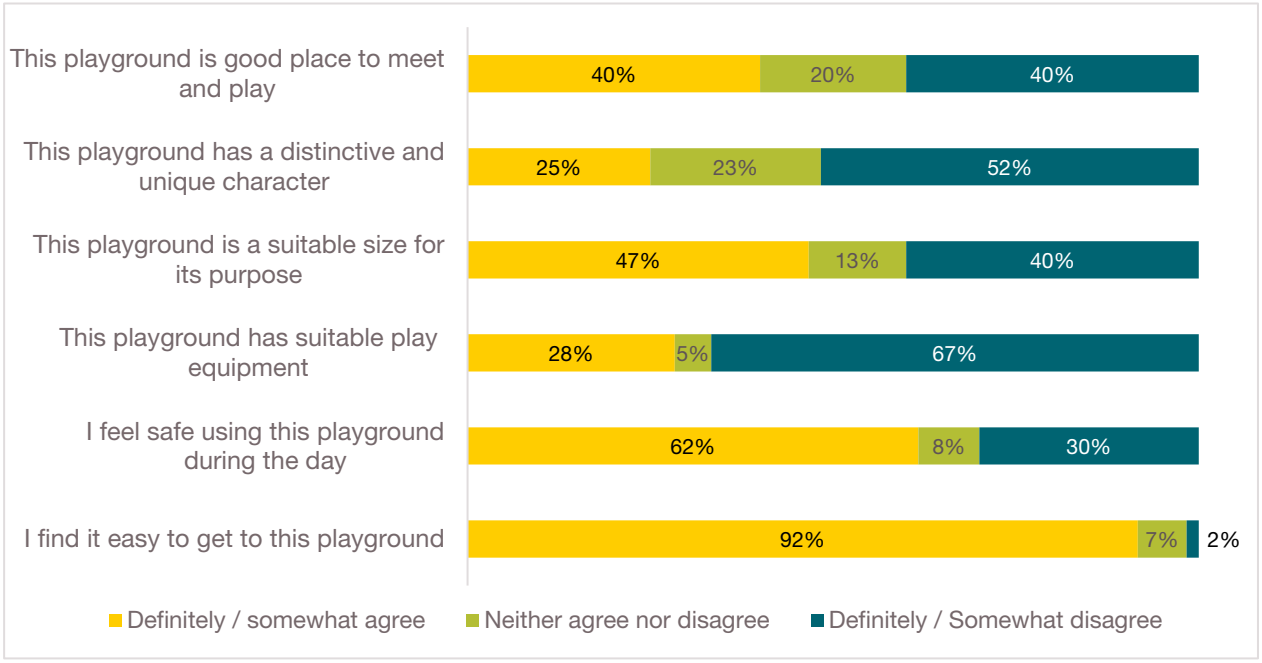
Graph 4 indicates that respondents who visit the playground do so equally throughout the week and on the weekends (31% and 26% respectively). Afternoons appear to be slightly more popular.

3.2.5. What is the age of the children you visit the playground with?

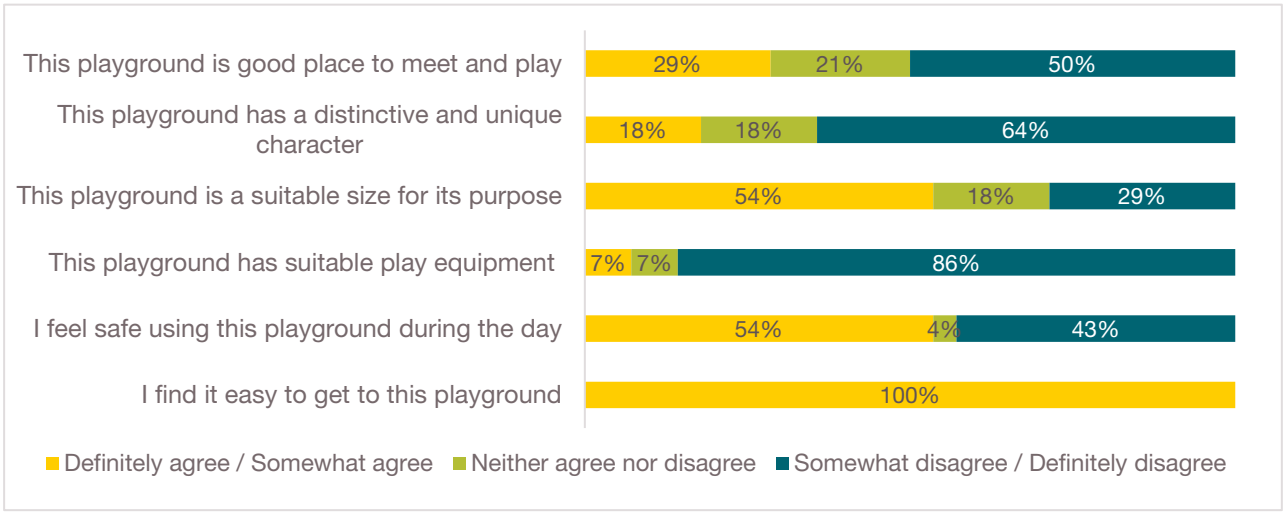


Graph 5: *(n=75) Age of children who visit the playground (respondents could choose more than one option)*

3.2.6. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the playground?



Graph 6: *(n=60) How respondents perceive the playground*

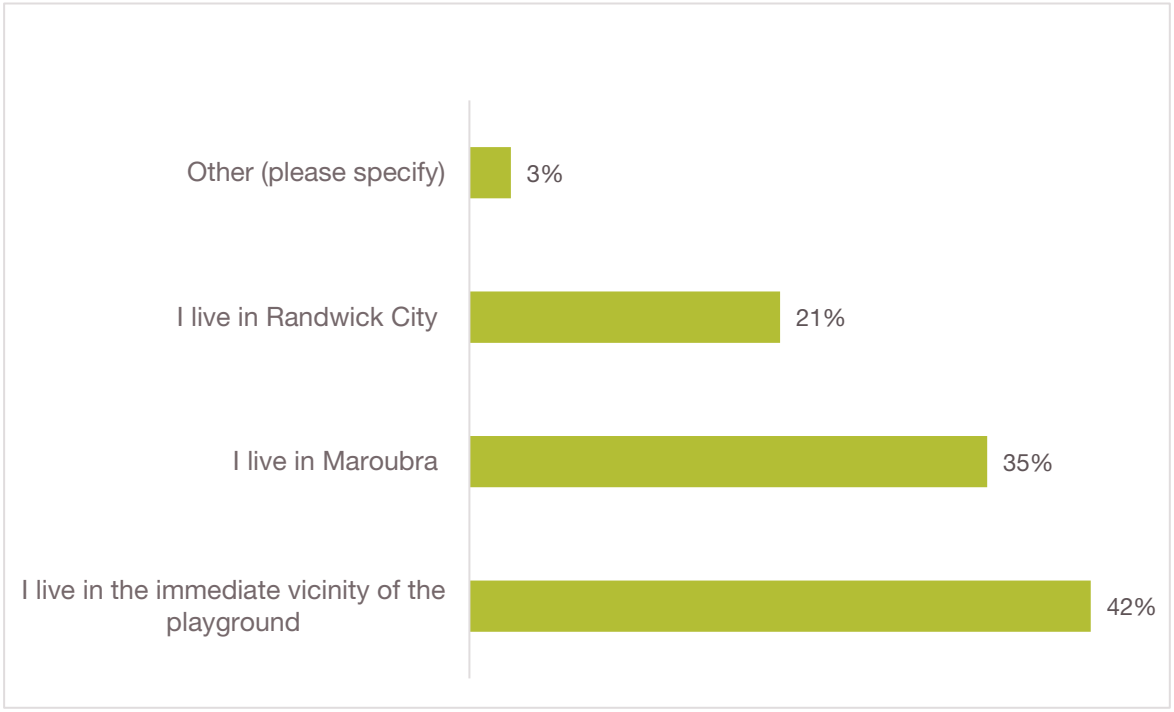


Graph 6a: *(n=28) How respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the playground perceive the park*

Graph 6a shows the perceptions of the playground by those who live in the immediate vicinity (28 respondents). Statistical there are a few differences in how residents in the immediate vicinity perceive the playground compared with all respondents who visit it.

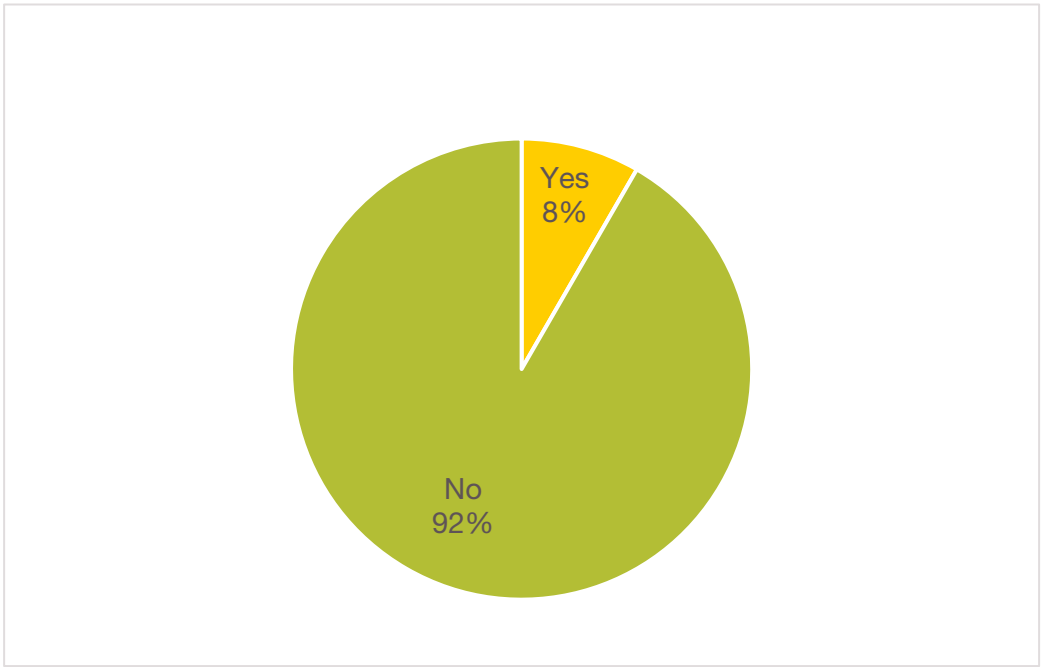
Fewer respondents in the immediate vicinity feel safe using the park, with 54% agreeing that they feel safe compared with 60% of all respondents. They are also less inclined to agree that there is suitable equipment with 86% disagreeing that the equipment is suitable compared to 67% of all respondents. However, they are more inclined to perceive that the playground is a suitable size with 54% compared to 45% of all respondents.

3.2.7. Which best describes you?



Graph 7: *(n=72) Which best describes you?*

3.2.8. Are you a parent or carer of a child with a disability?



Graph 8: *(n=72) Are you a parent or carer of a child with a disability?*

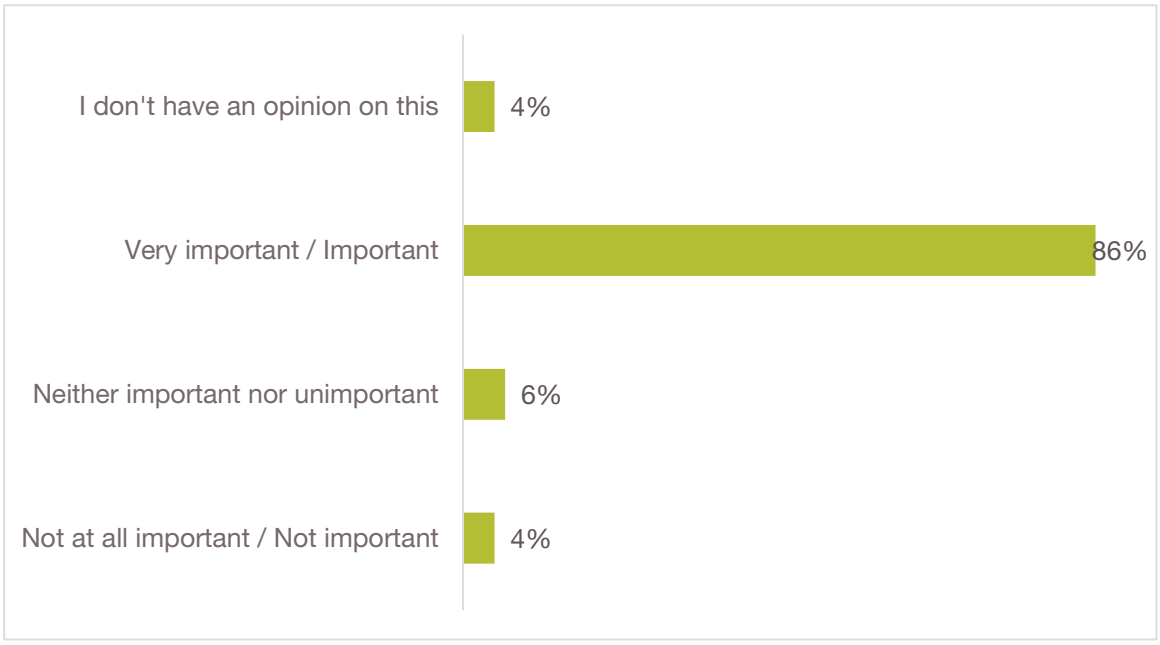
Graph 8 shows that only 8% of respondents are a parent or carer of a child with a disability, which is equal to 6 respondents.

Of these 6 respondents, 2 indicated they live within the immediate vicinity of the playground, 1 lives in Maroubra, 2 live in Randwick City, and 1 lives outside the LGA.

Further analysis of those respondents who identified as a parent or carer of a child with a disability and live within the immediate vicinity of the playground (n=2) provides the following insights:

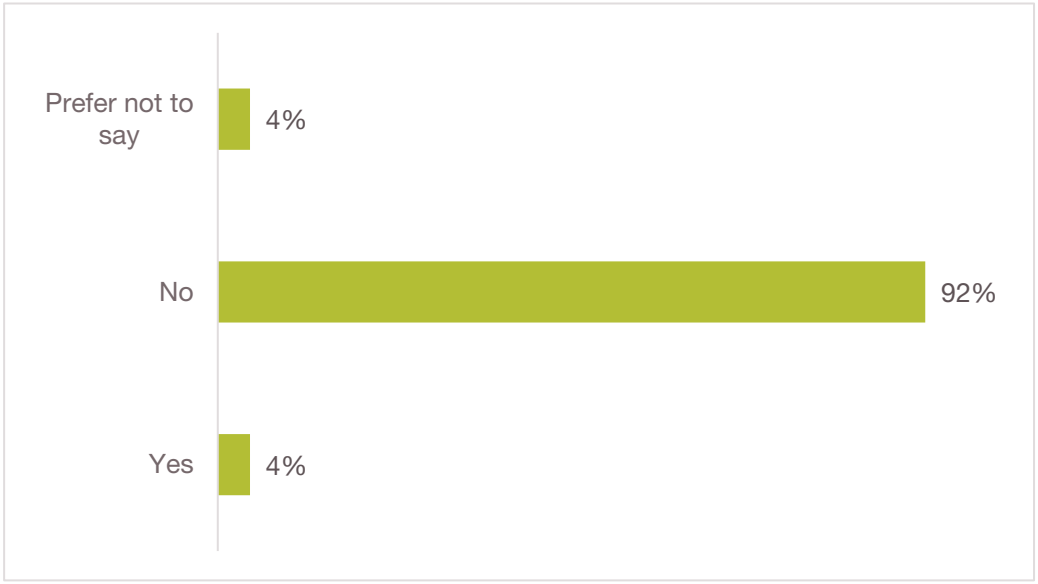
- They visit the playground 4 or more times a week
- They visit with a child 5-12 years old
- They 'definitely disagree' that the playground has suitable play equipment
- One 'definitely agrees' that the playground is a good place to meet and socialise, the other 'neither agrees nor disagrees'
- They believe it is 'very important' that the playground is upgraded
- They support more shade trees, a BBQ with picnic table and shade, improved footpaths
- One supports more seating, the other is unsure
- One would like to see the playground fully fenced, the other would like it fenced only on the street side and open to the park.

3.2.9. How important is it that Council upgrades this playground to be inclusive for children of all ages and abilities?



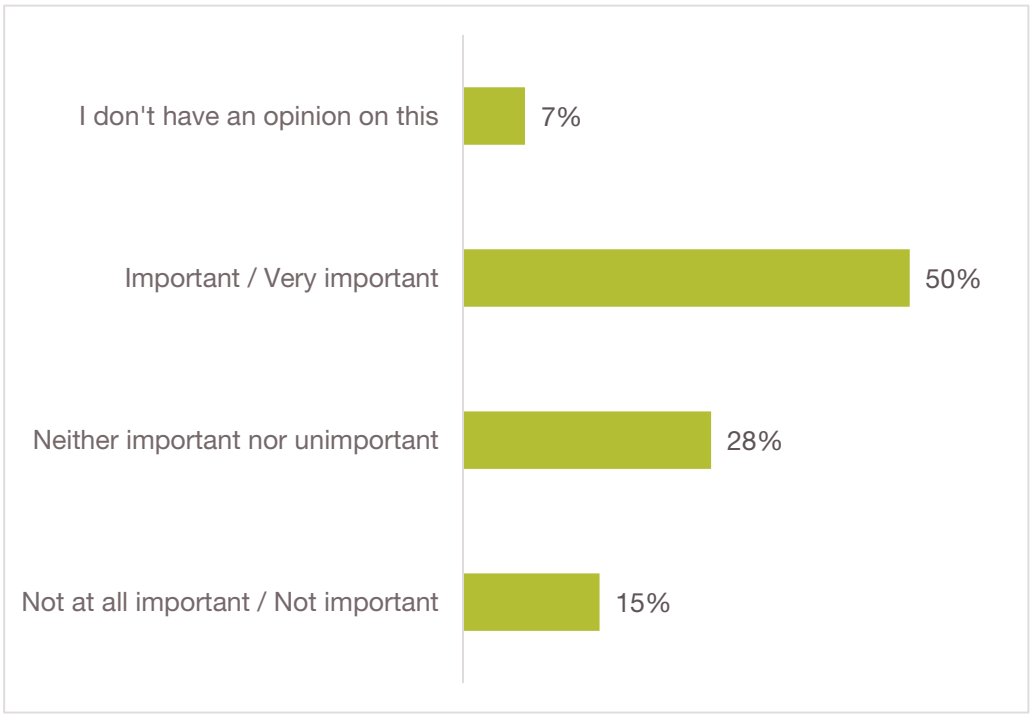
Graph 9: *(n=72) Importance of upgrading the playground to be inclusive*

3.2.10. Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?



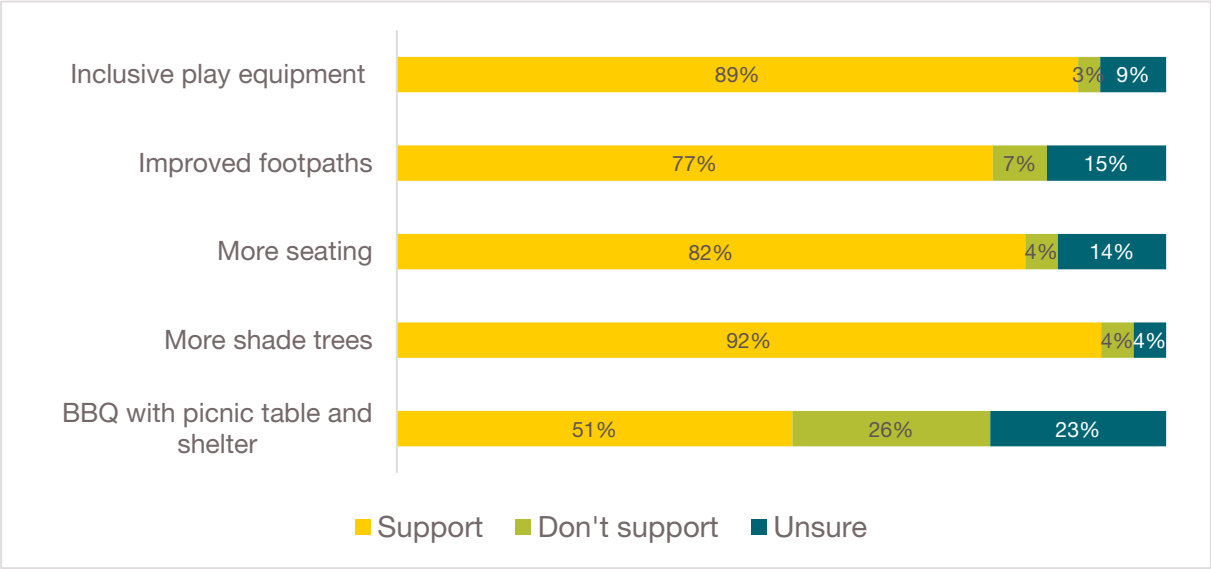
Graph 10: *(n=72) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander*

3.2.11. How important is it that the playground reflects the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture?

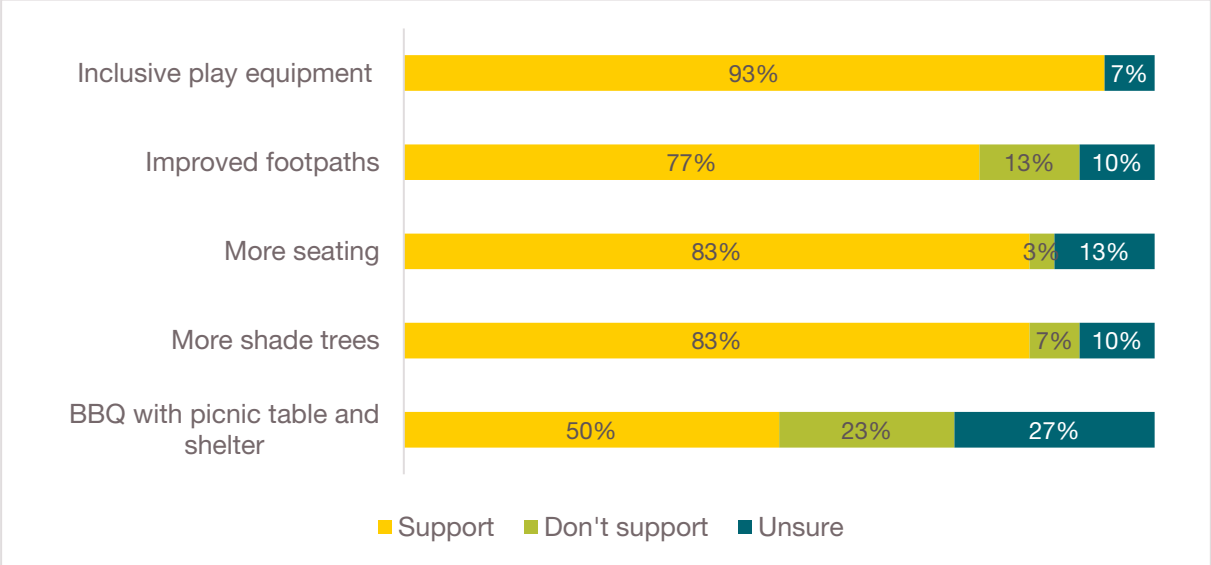


Graph 11: *Perceived importance of reflecting the Aboriginal culture*

3.2.12. How supportive are you for the following inclusions or upgrades within the playground?



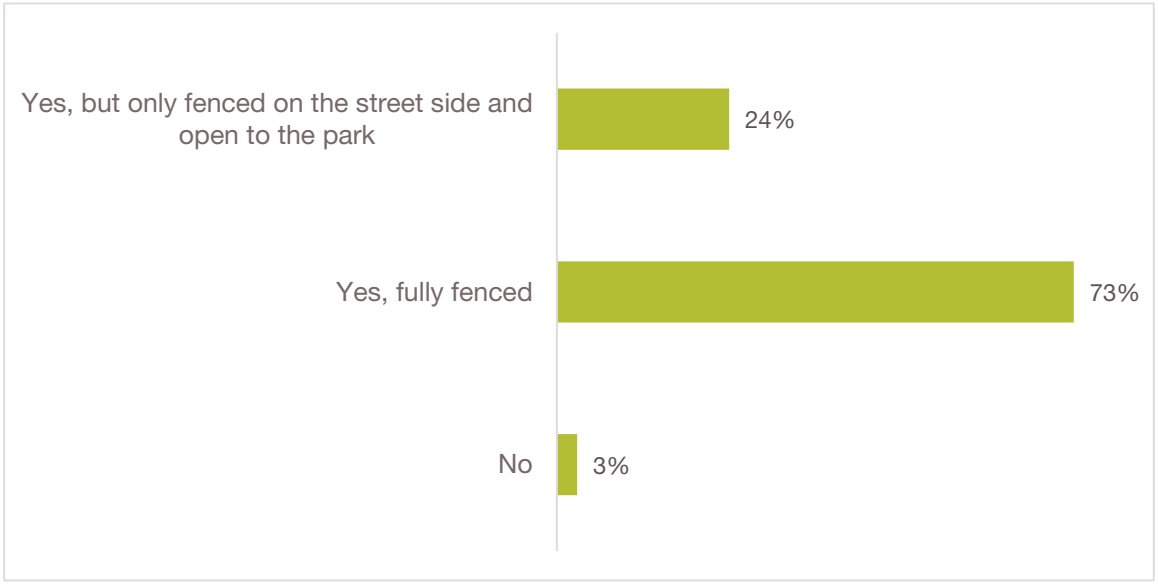
Graph 12: *Level of support for playground inclusions*



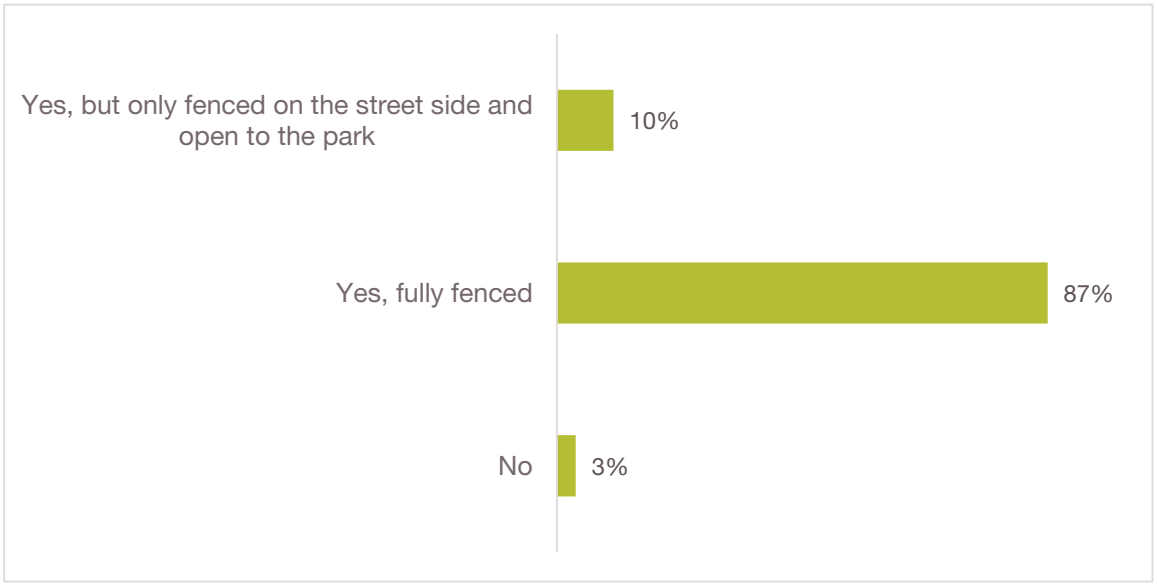
Graph 12a: *Level of support for playground inclusions by respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the playground*

Graph 12a shows the level of support for various elements by those who live in the immediate vicinity of the playground (30 respondents). Generally there was no statistical difference in the attitudes of residents in the immediate vicinity compared with all respondents.

3.2.13. Would you like the playground to be fenced?



Graph 13: *(n=72) Playground fencing*



Graph 13a*: (n=30) Playground fencing by respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the playground*

Graph 13a shows the preferred fencing style by those who live in the immediate vicinity of the playground (30 respondents). Residents living near the playground typically support fully fencing the playground more than all respondents (87% compared with 73%).

3.2.14. What would you love to see in this playground in the future?

	Comments
1	A water feature for children to get wet under, similar to the water playground at Southbank, Brisbane
2	A set up that is more prone to vandalism…Some more bins would help and also some clear no smoking signs as that seems to be unclear to some of the parents at the moment. Perhaps even include some outdoor training facilities for the parents too so they can work on their shape too! The kids love them at the beach too.
3	Some more challenging and exciting play equipment for the kids. Use the Newmarket park development as an example. Kids of all ages and abilities can play in the park and its incredibly popular for good reason
4	Playground equipment has been installed in many local parks (e.g., Wulaba Park, North Sydney, Artarmon) the reflects state-of-the-art possibilities. It certainly encourages diverse usage and, hence, community
5	Mulch/ bark instead of rubber softfall across all Randwick city Council playgrounds, please:).
6	At the moment its really only suitable for older kids so having more facilities for all ages will be great. The playground at Malabar beach is a wonderful example of a playground being a shared space for older and younger kids. If the water bubbler is to be kept within the bounds of the playground, can it be one that is not so accessible to really small children as they can't resist playing with them and letting many many litres of water flow down the drain despite parents trying to control its use. I do appreciate that the playground could be tricky to maintain and keep it from being vandalised…but this is the most unappealing aspect of the playground in its current form.
7	More nature play elements as well as formal play items, more welcoming native landscaping that cools down the playground in hot weather. Needs good shade. Generally a more welcoming environment for more families to linger and explore.
8	I'm not sure what you mean by "inclusive" play equipment. You need to accommodate kids who are older than age 8. Some challenging equipment for older kids like flying foxes and climbing walls are important. There is a general dearth of such outlets for older kids in this municipality. I hope that your idea of inclusivity takes older kids into account.
9	Keep the baskebtall courts that's what we use most
10	More play equipment. Water play would be amazing as there are none in Randwick like other councils have. Slides and swings and monkey bars. Anti-graffiti treatment and equipment that is hard to burn…Having lived opposite with young kids it would be amazing for this park to be improved!
11	A variety of play equipment for ages 1-12. My daughter loves slides, swings, climbing, flying fox. Must have shade too - Maroubra beach playground has great shade.
12	More variety of play equipment. More shade.
13	…This park has a major dog problem. Double fencing and big no dog signs with pictures would help. No toilet is also a problem.

	Comments
14	Lots and lots of shade. Equipment suitable from 1-3 and from 3 plus. 4 swings (2 toddler and 2 child). Better use of large space with plenty of equipment (as much of the park is currently unused). Recycling and waste bins close by.
15	I would love to take my kids there and feel safe and that they could have fun and enjoy various equipments. It is very poor as is.
16	More play equipment - what is there is good but needs adding to and some parts are quite broken. Equipment for kids up to about 10-12 years old. Monkey bars. Climbing equipment. Strong fencing and gates - it is in an off leash dog park. It used to have an area for little kids which was great. Having an area for young and older kids is great and keeps them all busy and safe.
17	More equipment suitable for younger children/babies. More swings. Could be bigger and space better utilised. Looking forward to the upgrade thank you!
18	Upgrade for the equipment including fixing the swing floor area and extra swings More kids playing area such as a smaller kids slide Sand pit will also be great with further kids game A larger surface with foaming / safe floor for kids to play Fixing the water fountain In general this park get often vandalized…Don't know if a camera could be put on…
19	flying fox, climbing equipment, different swings (already there), some new things that have not been there before
20	I think the park should be developed similar to the Malabar playground. I think this is a fantastic representation of what is required in this area. Another part which would be good for the older children say age 5 to 10 would be Rose Bay line Park as they have a huge tower with roped monkey bars and a fly fox, my 9 year loves it and it also satisfies my three-year-old as there is something to do for both ages… We need a proper upgrade of the park in line with Malabar/Rosebay playground. In order for all cultures/ backgrounds to blend together… it would enable the community to be more cohesive. If there was a play ground and park that would be similar to Malabar/ Rose Bay . This would attract people from all over Maroubra to attend the park for a social gatherings. I think this is very important, for community. I feel that it's a very pretty park but it's being under utilised. In addition it is a known spot for use for drinking and drugs. Sports are conducted in coral sea sometimes with soccer this is great for the community it makes everyone feel included. If I there was a playground such as Malabar/ Rose bay that would be a further deterrent for youth to party /drinking and drugs in the park... as it's a known hotspot this. Furthermore, it's come to my attention that there is no lights, around the park or anywhere on midway for that matter… I feel very unsafe getting out of my car at night. But if this was an area with the huge telephone pole/lights this would rectify this issue and would deter people drinking and using drugs in the park at night. I'm unsure as to why they are not there.

	Comments
21	Natural play spaces. Swings!! A swing like they have at Parramatta park where there is a baby seat and adult swing combined. Steering wheels. Water play. Areas for climbing. Good lighting at night to discourage antisocial behaviour/damage to play equipment. A metal spinning seat/turn table type equipment.
22	1. play equipment suitable for toddlers 2. a flying fox for older kids
23	Monkey bars, rounded swings and a bigger slide.
24	more play equipment for 5 to 12 year olds please
25	More than 2 swings, an adventure theme of some sort
26	Equipment for toddlers as well as older kids. More climbing, agility and coordination equipment. Seating. No bark chips/sand as ground covering. It is really messy. Hides possible nasties, such as broken glass and needles and shifts/blows away leaving the sharp concrete edges exposed currently.
27	Water feature please. I have played in this park since I was a kid and myself and friends would use the bubbler as a water sprayer during summer. I'm grown and my child now does the same when it's hot! Some sort of water feature would be AMAZING. BBQ is NEEDED!
28	Inclusive equipment for all levels of age associated with dissability, appropriate access points to each peice of equipment to be used with appropriate motor skill function such as cause and effect. a perfect example of inclusive equipment can be seen at Timberal Park which could do with some streamlining but very accessible and suitable for all ages with mental and physical disability. Scensory as in sight, touch, sound, smell. Climbing jungle, Round swing for 1-3 persons (weight capacity of 200kgs)…
29	Better access to slide for toddlers, climbing frame, water feature
30	Areas such as tables and BBQ so families can meet there with children. Excellent play equipment. Some open grassed areas for babies/prams/mothers groups but still within the fencing. A water fountain. Shade. Some challenging climbing equipment
31	At the moment the playground is run down and unsafe, and regularly contains rubbish…It needs to be kept clean and better maintained once done up. It would be great to see a sandpit, and features that reflect the area (beach feel, multicultural etc.).
32	Must have swings and lots of them Equipment that suits toddler to tweens so play is challenging Needs a gate so toddlers can't abscond A large path around for bikes and scooters
33	Levelled surface, rotting wood replaced, safer equipment, no bike or scooter track inside (little ones don't see them)
34	Play equipment for toddlers and young children. It currently best services age 6+ so is not very inclusive. I would not return until it is upgraded as we did not enjoy our experience given my toddler could only use two pieces of equipment. It also needs basic shade and seating.

	Comments
35	Better flooring and equipment. The current layout is not safe for small children and poorly equipped. A playground within an off leash dog park needs to be fully fenced for the safety of the children.
36	Not to be used during the night. As a local resident, it is very noisy, even at 2am.
37	Flying Fox for older children Climbing equipment Monkey bars Ninja warrior style/theme
38	I'd like to see a flying fox, a complete upgrade of the climbing equipment (including an imaginative shopfront, boat helm, fire truck (like at the Snape park playground) and slides (it would be great if the slides could face in a southerly direction so that the sun doesn't heat it up so much that you cant slide on it), Comprehensive shade cloth that covers areas that the trees do not, A rubberised surface instead of bark, a spinner, a rocking boat and spinning rope tree (like at the Bronte playground), 4 swings including a basket type. Finally upgrade the footpath to look like a road with signs like the Heffron park bike park). Basically we're after a playground we can go to all the time with pride!
39	A more robust fence around the perimeter of the playground. Existing fence and gates have not been maintained and dogs can easily come into the playground. A small hardstand area would be good to allow children to ride small bicycles within the playground.
40	This park desperately needs to be updated to create a nice space for kids to play…
41	Playground and equipment well maintained.

3.2.15. Pick your favourite play equipment

The following table shows how respondents voted for various pieces of play equipment from eight key categories: balancing, climbing, sensory, multiplay, sliding, spinning, bouncing, and swinging.

Balancing	
#1 **48 votes**	 Balancing option 3

Balancing	
#2 **7 votes**	 Balancing option 2
#3 **5 votes**	 Balancing option 1

Climbing	
#1 **24 votes**	 Climbing option 3
#2 **14 votes**	 Climbing option 1

Climbing	
#3 **13 votes**	 Climbing option 4
#4 **10 votes**	 Climbing option 2

Sensory	
#1 **22 votes**	 Sensory option 3
#2 **14 votes**	 Sensory option 5

Sensory	
#3 **10 votes**	 Sensory option 6
#4 **8 votes**	 Sensory option 4
#5 **3 votes**	 Sensory option 1

Sensory	
#6 3 votes	 Sensory option 2

Multiplay	
#1 30 votes	 Multiplay option 2
#2 23 votes	 Multiplay option 1
#3 9 votes	 Multiplay option 3

Sliding	
#1 **28 votes**	 Sliding option 3
#2 **21 votes**	 Sliding option 5
#3 **6 votes**	 Sliding option 4
#4 **4 votes**	 Sliding option 1

Sliding	
#5 **2 votes**	 Sliding option 2

Spinning	
#1 **41 votes**	 Spinning option 3
#2 **11 votes**	 Spinning option 1

Spinning	
#3 **6 votes**	 Spinning option 2
#4 **2 votes**	 Spinning option 4

Bouncing	
#1 **22 votes**	 Bouncing option 3

Bouncing	
#2 **16 votes**	 Bouncing option 2
#3 **16 votes**	 Bouncing option 5
#4 **4 notes**	 Bouncing option 4

Bouncing	
#5 **3 votes**	 Bouncing option 1

Swinging	
#1 **36 votes**	 Swinging option 3
#2 **20 votes**	 Swinging option 1

Swinging	
#3 **4 votes**	
#4 **1 vote**	 Swinging option 2

3.3. Stories

Two stories were shared on Your Say Randwick and are included in the following table.

	Story
1	Disappointed. We have been to this playground about 4 times. We would have gone there a lot more if the facilities were of the standard of playgrounds such as Chifley (a much larger site), Malabar and the Alby Smith memorial playground at Coogee. The playground looks run down and at times vandalised (fences, slides, swings etc.). It's good to see the fences have finally been repaired. Our then 2 year olds (now 3.5) would get out and run all over the place. We're so happy to see some investment in this playground with a wonderful park right next door.
2	Coral Sea Park and the Greening of Randwick. Randwick CC now shares the GSC ambition of a 40% canopy over its lands by 2030, to provide shade and hence lower temperatures in summer to playgrounds and footpaths leading to them. The footpaths (and cycleways) are designed as Green Links between parks/reserves, town/village centres, beaches and other recreation areas, to form the Randwick and Greater Sydney Green Grid. Over the past two years I have walked all over Randwick identifying possible Pedestrian Green Links, photographing every reserve playground. Coral Sea Park can be linked by routes to Cromwell Park (Malabar Beach), Heffron Park and the Randwick Environmental Park. It needs more trees for shade for the playground and for a new footpath round the eastern side.

3.4. Submissions

One submission outside Your Say Randwick was received and is included in the following table.

1	I have lived on Midway Drive (opposite children's play area) for 15 years. There has been 5 occasions that I am aware of where my kids have been almost hit by cars. I would like to express the need for a sign of warning of children crossing to and from the park. Or even consider lowering the speed to 40 km as the street has s-bends where people speed around not be aware that it is a high risk area for children playing and crossing.

3.5. Facebook



Barbara Johns
Will trans kids be allowed in this playground?
Like · Reply · 3w
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2 Replies

Anna Pechura
Randwick City Council this is great. But what about Coogee Park playground- it is getting very dangerous to play there for kids with missing parts here and there



Like · Reply · 2w
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Anita Bogović Pante
Sounds fantastic! Maybe you could also upgrade Dr Walter's Park in Chifley 🙏🙏
Like · Reply · 3w

Kyle Barrington
Good move Rcc all playgrounds should be inclusive
Like · Reply · 2w

Krissy Lea
😊 this is awesome
Like · Reply · 3w

Alex Zammit
Hopefully the design will cater for kids of all ages.
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Tammy Stanley
Barbara Stanley
Like · Reply · 3w

Nora Highfield
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Shaney Hudson
Julie Jones Xx

Karen Stern
Roger Berman please complete.
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Karen Stern
Nadine Lipworth
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Brittany Morrell
Teresa Skylar Morrell
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Corina Powell
Tori Walmsley thought of u babe 😀
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Agnieszka Tymula
Kuba Tymula
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4. Next Steps

Concept plans will be developed based on the community feedback and will go on public exhibition for further comment later in 2021.

5. Communications material



Figure 1: Flyer and poster for Coral Sea Park Playground consultation.

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