

COMMUNICATIONS

Community Consultation Report

Bundock Park Playground, Clovelly

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1. Summary

Randwick City Council is planning to upgrade the playground at Bundock Park, Clovelly with new play equipment, soft fall and shade.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to consult with the community to help plan the playground upgrade, specifically in relation to what kind of equipment kids would like to play on. The community were invited to attend a drop in session at the park, share an idea online or participate in the online budget allocator.

The consultation was promoted using notifications in local media, digital and social media, mail box drop and posters around the park.

The Your Say Randwick webpage had over 824 unique visits, 45 ideas shared on the ideas board, and 21 submissions using the budget allocator. Three drop-in sessions were also held, attended by a mix of local residents and visitors to Clovelly.

Based on the number of votes received online and at the drop-in sessions, the most popular pieces of play equipment were the swings and climbing equipment. Feedback from the drop-in sessions and online ideas board suggested that the playground needs a water fountain, shade and seating.

Concept plans will be developed based on the community ideas and feedback received, and will go on public exhibition for further comment in mid-2020.

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2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background and objectives

Randwick City Council is upgrading the playground at Bundock Park on Clovelly Beach thanks to a *My Community Project* grant from the NSW Government. Council will be upgrading the playground with new play equipment, landscaping and shade.

A community consultation program was undertaken to gather ideas from the community on the type of playground they would like to see at Bundock Park.

The consultation program aimed to:

- To gather ideas from the community for the playground designs
- To determine the main users of the playground
- To determine support for moving the playground to the south of the current playground and building a shade structure
- Involve key stakeholders in planning the location and design of the playground.

2.2. Consultation period

The consultation was open from 5 February to 3 March 2020.

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

The community were asked to share an idea online, use the budget allocator to choose their preferred play equipment or chat with Council staff on-site at Bundock Park.

2.3. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

- A dedicated consultation website to share an idea or use the budget allocator
- Onsite workshops: 19, 20 and 22 February 2020
- Letter to adjacent residences
- Flyer drop in streets closest to the playground
- Posters around the park
- Email to Your Say subscribers (4865 residents): 5 February 2020
- Randwick Council ad in Southern Courier: 5 February 2020
- Randwick News (weekly email): 5 and 19 February 2020
- Facebook posts: 5 February (9,830 people reached and 1,345 engagements), 19 February 2020 (2,831 people reached and 176 engagements) and 20 February (4,597 people reached and 689 engagements)
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage and *What's On* page
- Digital display screens at all Randwick City Libraries and Customer Service Centre
- Councillor notification.

3. Consultation outcomes

3.1. Your Say Randwick website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to allow the community to share an idea for the upgrade, use the online budget allocator and promote the on-site workshops.

www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/BundockPark

The website was live from 5 February to 3 March 2020, a total of 28 days.

During this time, the site experienced the following:

- 824 unique visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage
- 45 ideas shared
- 21 playgrounds designed using the budget allocator

3.2. Online budget allocator

21 submissions were made via the online budget allocator, which allowed residents to tell us how they would spend the \$175,000 allocated to upgrade the playground equipment and landscape the area at Bundock Park. Participants could choose from 20 pieces of play equipment with prices attached.

The budget allocator is a useful way to help Council prioritise its spending on this project and also educate the community on the costs involved in upgrading a playground.

3.3. Face to face engagement

Council hosted three drop in sessions at Bundock Park on Wednesday 19 February 3-4pm, Thursday 20 February 9.30-10.30am and Saturday 22 February 9.30-10.30am.

The aim of the sessions was to engage with local residents in person to find out how they would like to see the park improved, and for Council staff to see who uses the playground and how they use it. The sessions were attended by Council's Communications team and the Landscape Architect working on the project.

Visitors were invited to use an 'offline' version of the budget allocator, where pictures of play equipment could be used to design their preferred playground. They could also 'vote' for their favourite play equipment or leave a comment.

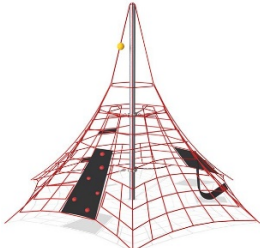


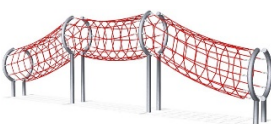
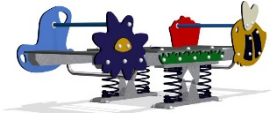


3.4. Overall results

The following tables summarise the results of the online and face to face engagement; the budget allocator and drop-in sessions.

Table 1: Playground equipment

Equipment	Votes	Equipment	Votes
	Combi swing 26		Emerald space net 25
	The witch tower 24		Tower and climber 18

Equipment	Votes	Equipment	Votes
	2 person seesaw 17		Carousel with seats 17
	Forest giraffe 15		Tunnel bridge 13
	Balance plus 13		Home seesaw 13
	Home and ocean play 12		Balance 12
	Fairy throne 12		Wheelchair carousel 12
	Birds nest swing 9		Hammock 9

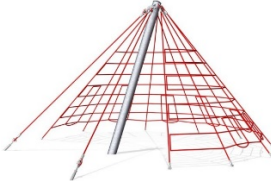
Equipment	Votes	Equipment	Votes
	Climbing net 7		Tower slide 6
	Slide and swing tower 5		Small climbing net 3

Table 1 shows how many times various pieces of play equipment were chosen to design the playground at Bundock Park. The combi swing and emerald climbing net were the most popular pieces of play equipment, voted for 26 and 25 times respectively. These were closely followed by the witch tower and tower & climber with 24 and 18 votes respectively.

Table 2: Landscaping

Landscaping	Budget allocator
Drinking fountain	19
Shade structure	18
Bench seats	17
Trees	15
Soft fall rubber	14
Ground cover plantings	11
Soft fall mulch	5

Table 2 shows how many times different landscaping aspects were chosen to design the playground at Bundock Park. A drinking fountain and shade structure were the most popular additions to the playground with 19 and 18 votes respectively. These were closely followed by bench seats and more trees with 17 and 15 votes respectively.

Table 3: Key themes from ideas and comments

Theme	Number of times mentioned
Shade	20
Seating	8
Nature play (logs, paths etc.)	6
Fencing	6
All abilities	4
Climb	4
Natural looking	4
Fix drainage issues	4
Ramp	3
Water play	3
Nautical theme	3
Picnic area	3
Path to the park	3
Bubbler	3
Soft fall	2
Balancing	2
No swings	2
Do not remove any greenery	2
No playground	2
Build into the hill	2
Shower	2
Bike racks	2
Safe cycling access	2
Slide	1
Fire pole	1
Double slide (side by side)	1
One structure	1
Toilets	1
Made from recycled products	1
Sign 'no training groups'	1
Hopscotch and handball court markings	1
Surf boat	1

Table 3 summarises the ideas shared online and comments made at the on-site workshops. Overall, the feedback from the online ideas board and drop-in sessions found that the community would like more shade over the playground. There was also interest in more seating, nature play and some fencing.

4. Submissions

A total of five submissions were received via email to Randwick City Council. The submissions are shown below.

Submission

Please consider installing a street library like the City of Sydney did recently at Kepos Street park playground in Redfern and various other councils in NSW and Australia have done. Further info at www.streetlibrary.org.au

What a wonderful idea to upgrade the playground at Clovelly. My thoughts (I have a 2y old boy) are as follows:

- shade is really important as there is hardly any shade at all at the beach during the day
- please add a ramp so that the area can be accessed with a pram or wheelchair (this is also important if the playground gets relocated; the access path to the beach which currently runs across the playground will continue to be used by families to go to the beach regardless of where the new playground will be, and the three steps make this hard to navigate with a pram)
- plenty of seating - the current steps around the play area are a great little place to rest, put bags down etc. and similar spacious seating at the new playground location would be good
- a better floor - the current plastic mats (or whatever the current soft floor is called) gets really hot in the sun. Thank you for your consideration.

Don't have to move the playground, just reroute the unofficial path through the playground to the side and add a couple of steps. Any competent engineer could plan this easily.

Having used the park over a number of years with our kids, now aged 9 and 11, the need for shade is imperative and I am pleased to see that is part of the plan.

Furthermore, the space lends itself to an additional water feature positioned up from the beach, so that those who use the park can either cool/wash off after the beach, or use it as an alternative playground to the beach, more so in Summer.

Thirdly, whilst there is an outdoor gym around the corner and up the hill, Clovelly Beach serves as an end stopping point for many, for the Coogee to Clovelly walk. It would be great to see, budget permitting, an additional outdoor gym resource available for parents and carers as well.

I have lived in Clovelly for 45 years and, during that time, I have been observing developments. The primary issue with the Clovelly Beach playground is stormwater drainage both from the adjoining lane down the gully as well as substantial surcharge (overflow) from the gross pollutant trap in the adjacent grassed area..

To control the flow from the laneway, it will be necessary to install a suitable drainage system capable of collecting runoff from severe storms. These occur as frequently as once in five years and wash away the soft fall paving. We have observed the paving being washed away on several occasions, so the cost of proper drainage appears justified.

Regarding the surcharges (overflows) from the gross pollutant trap, these occur every year or so. The most recent overflow washed away the grass and spread street debris over the beach. This is not acceptable. The appearance to me is that the gross pollutant trap is several times smaller than it needs to be, having regard to the severe and intense runoff events we are now seeing. After the lid blew of the gross pollutant trap quite explosively a couple of times (it was a very big bang) a formal surcharge outlet was installed. However, the surcharge flows become very large once the debris filters are full, causing the whole street flow to erupt via the surcharge outlet onto the park. Rather than reconstruct the gross pollutant trap system to an adequate size at this time, an interim solution may be to direct the surcharge flow via a sufficiently large by-pass conduit so that the flow can return to the large drainage conduit under the southern promenade. This conduit discharges to the ocean on the south eastern side of the carpark. The street debris lands in the ocean but at least it does not land on the beach.

I am a civil engineer with 50 years of drainage experience so I believe that my observations address the reality of the problems facing the Clovelly Beach Children's Playground. Call or e-mail should you wish to discuss options.

5. Examples of community engagement material

Figure 1: Poster and Flyer



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UPGRADE WORKS

Bundock Park Clovelly Playground Upgrade

We are upgrading the playground at Bundock Park on Clovelly Beach.

Thanks to a *My Community Project* grant from the NSW Government, Council will be upgrading the playground with new play equipment and shade. If you've bounced, climbed or run around Bundock Park we would love to hear your ideas for improving this valuable play space.

Join us at the playground to tell us how we can make the playground better for your family.

Wednesday 19 February, 3-4pm
Thursday 20 February, 9.30-10.30am
Saturday 22 February, 9.30-10.30am

Have your say online

You can also go online to share an idea or use our fun interactive budget allocator to help us design a new playground.
Visit yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au

Consultation closes: 3 March 2020.

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Figure 2: Randwick News article and listing



Bundock Park: Have your say!

Thanks to a *My Community Project* grant from the NSW Government, Council will be upgrading this Clovelly playground with new equipment, landscaping and shade. We want to hear your thoughts on the upgrade.

[More](#)

Have your say

Lurline Bay, Matraville, Malabar and Yarra Bay Flood Study

The study will provide Council with information to better understand, plan and manage the risk of flooding across these catchments. If you live in these areas, your local knowledge matters. Let us know about your past experiences with flood at your property through [this link](#).

Bundock Park Playground upgrade

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