

Majors Bay Reserve Masterplan and Passive Recreation Precinct

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT (DETAILED DESIGN 14 OCT – 27 NOV)

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Introduction

Majors Bay Reserve is one of the most important parcels of public open space within the City of Canada Bay. Its connection with the water, open parklands and sporting grounds makes it unique within the Western Sydney Harbour foreshore.

The City of Canada Bay received \$4.75m funding from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to upgrade the passive recreation opportunities in the reserve. Concurrently, the existing Masterplan for the reserve was adopted in 2000 and requires updating. As part of this project, Council decided to redraft the Masterplan to identify what is possible within the reserve and consult the community, with a view to editing the plan to suit the community's needs and wants for the space. Council will then identify which elements will be constructed with the DPE funding grant, and which elements will be ear marked for future consultation and construction as part of the reserve's long-term Masterplan.

This report outlines the feedback received during the final round of consultation with the community regarding the detailed design of the precinct.

Communication methods and reach

A suite of communication methods was used to inform the community about this consultation and encourage submissions.

Methods used included:

- Project page on Collaborate Canada Bay: collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/mbr_precinct
- Letterbox drop by Council officers to 3,800+ residents in surrounding streets
- Canada Bay News print newsletter to 38,000 households
- Direct email to 83 residents bordering the reserve who have provided email addresses to Council's database
- Direct email to schools using the reserve regularly
- Outreach to sporting clubs
- Collaborate email to 1,886 database – those following Concord and Parks & Recreation topics
- Social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Council e-newsletter
- 8 x on site signs

See appendix A for more detail, including communications reach.

Engagement methods

Online survey

A sub-page was developed with separate surveys for the following areas:

- General feedback on ideas for park furniture and amenities
- All access playground
- Outdoor fitness
- Multi-purpose courts
- Jump and pump tracks
- Boardwalk investigations

Survey questions and full results can be found in the body of this report.

Face to face workshops

Around 30 people participated in the face-to-face workshops on site and at Concord Library. Participant feedback is outlined within this report alongside survey data.



Emails

9 emails were received during this consultation period. Emerging themes can be seen in this report.

Sporting clubs

Concord Baseball club participated in the design workshop day on 29 October, including President Tony Solano.

Resident group – Majors Bay Reserve Action Committee

The resident group submitted some feedback on the final Masterplan, showing broad support for most of the plan. The group suggested extending the Deakin St boardwalk out beyond the mangroves, deleting the pump and jump tracks, erecting minimal signage to blend into the natural landscape, and reducing buffer planting near Norman St residents. During the detailed design process, the group submitted individual feedback which is outlined in the below report.

Participation and feedback

This round of consultation did not garner significant feedback on the specific design elements proposed by Council, however there is some useful information for the team to consider.

- Survey submissions = 61
- Emails = 9
- Participants at workshops = approx. 30 people
- Collaborate project page visits = 552

Masterplan feedback

- Broad support for adopted masterplan
- Opposition/confusion regarding loss of kayak launch and original boardwalk proposals
- Remove parkour and give more priority to multipurpose courts (which are in high demand)
- Requests to design Deakin St boardwalk away from residents' backyards
- Objection to unfenced off-leash – safety concerns for children, proximity of off-leash area to picnic area means dogs will disturb people eating
- Parking concerns remain – particularly Concord Club parking area
- Drainage concerns remain
- Picnic shelter design should be sympathetic to the landscape – no primary colours
- Signage should be minimal and natural
- Balance circulation through the park with built environment
- Option to replant Memorial Trees that have been lost in centre of the Reserve

Word cloud: Are there any specific ideas you have that we should consider when designing the following areas: signage, picnic shelters, environmental kiosk, entrances?



Detailed design feedback

Jump and pump tracks



Question	Feedback
How much air would you like the jump track to offer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots • Some. But maybe some tabletops on an alternative line. Having a some close pumps that can be gapped by more confident riders is always nice, as is a spine line to transition • Line of gap jumps • Ability to transfer between paths/lines
What materials should the jump track include? E.g. wooden table tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asphalt but an easier area for smaller kids in synthetic/rubber • Ideally all asphalt so my skateboard and kids scooters can also carve it up in addition to the bikes
Other feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure the detail is attended to with humps, as kids who have trick scooters can easily bottom out plus would damage track. Make sure minimum vertical radii are set to avoid bottoming out and adhered to in construction. • I love both terrey hills and barder ridge. I like the flow and options at barren ridge but would love to see clearer more divergent lines mainly to help traffic when it's busy with any abilities. Ideally the 3yo on a 3 wheel scooter and the 14 yo manual ing all the pumps can be on at the same time and safe. On my skateboard I love the flow as much as possible. • Native landscaping looks good • Natural surveillance – good as is close to road • Needs multiple access points • Move pump track towards junior diamond and away from senior diamond to minimize baseballs entering the area • Shelter would be good for rainy days • No grass infills to the track, infills should be native planting • Surrounding area should be planted to shield the view of the track

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern for safety from baseballs
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Multi-purpose courts



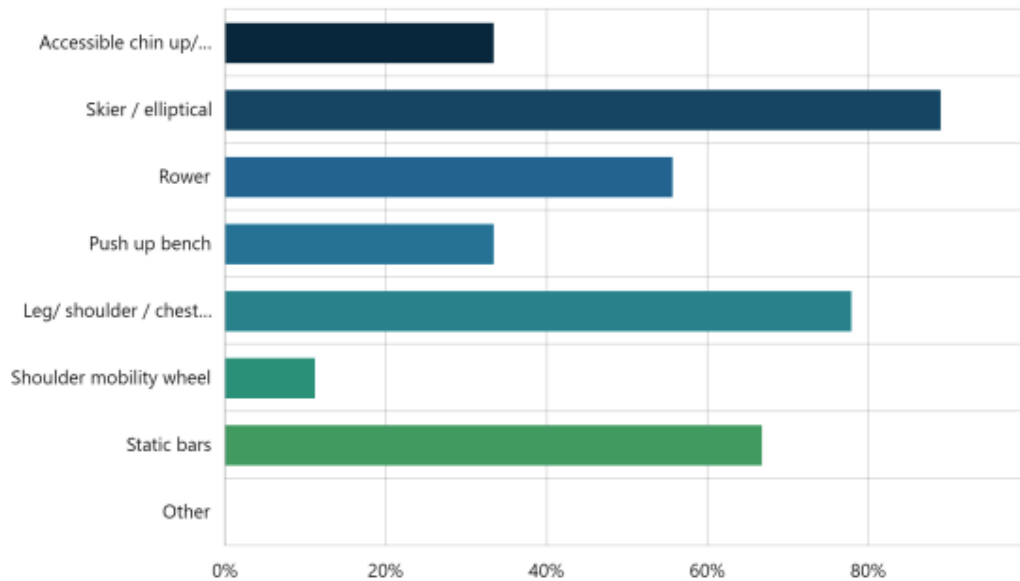
Would you prefer two half courts or one full court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 53% (7) - two half courts 30% (4) - whichever fits best
What activities would you like to play on the courts?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 92% (12) – basketball 46% (6) - netball
Colour preference	Green or blue
Parkour feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No parkour – provide more space for multipurpose courts Focus of multi-purpose court opportunities Concept plan is overcrowded Structure parkour does not fit with the ethos of the sport. Prefer more passive options. Beginner to mid-level challenge please
Other feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What about a climbing wall instead? E.g. Meadowbank Park Ninja/obstacle course like Grant Park, Enfield Rebound wall would be good Seating

Deakin St Boardwalk

The details of the boardwalk are under investigation. Is there anything we should be aware of while we conduct further investigations?	Broad support for the idea of a boardwalk
	Prioritise privacy for residents of Deakin St and keep them involved in the planning
	Extend foreshore track to Wangal Reserve
	Continuous walking path around Canada Bay
	Requests to reinstate kayak launch into masterplan, include in this design now to provide access to the bay
	Consider contamination and ecology, mangrove conservation, endangered migratory bird
Viewing platform in the water	

Outdoor Fitness

1. Please select the equipment you would like to see in the Reserve, keeping in mind that we can't install it all.
Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 9 (90%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Accessible chin up/pull up bars	33.33%	3
Skier / elliptical	88.89%	8
Rower	55.56%	5
Push up bench	33.33%	3
Leg/ shoulder / chest press	77.78%	7
Shoulder mobility wheel	11.11%	1
Static bars	66.67%	6

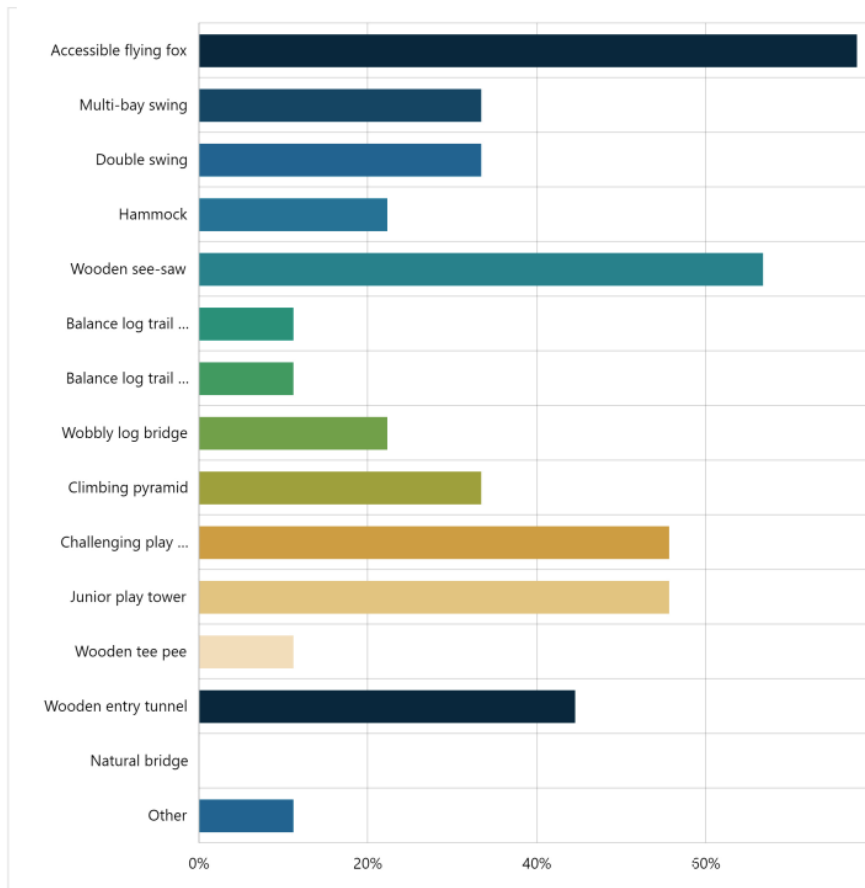
Is there anything else we should consider when designing the outdoor gym?

- Ensure sufficient shading over exercise area.
- I don't think the Reserve is a suitable place for an outdoor gym. There appear to be many elements that could pose accident risks for both active and passive users of the reserve.
- Orient equipment to seniors. Incorporate timber and earthy colours into the design of the equipment to complement the natural environment (i.e. no bright, garish colour schemes). Plant more trees and more soft, bark surfaces, less hard concrete surfaces.

All Access Playground

MAIN PLAY | CONCEPT DESIGN

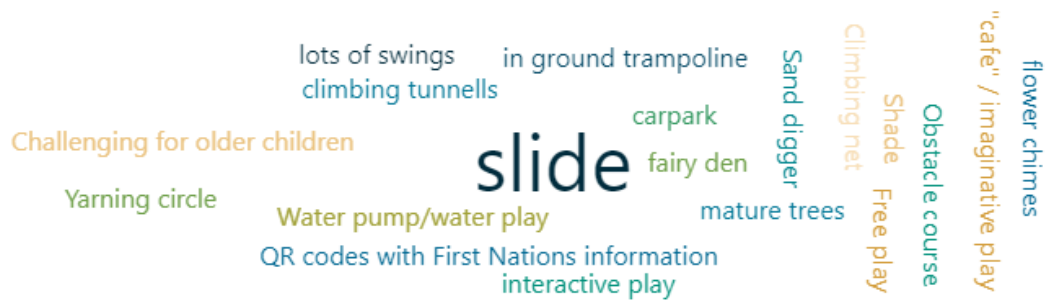
S. MASTERPLAN



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Accessible flying fox	77.78%	7
Multi-bay swing	33.33%	3
Double swing	33.33%	3
Hammock	22.22%	2
Wooden see-saw	66.67%	6
Balance log trail option 1	11.11%	1
Balance log trail option 2	11.11%	1
Wobbly log bridge	22.22%	2
Climbing pyramid	33.33%	3
Challenging play structure	55.56%	5
Junior play tower	55.56%	5
Wooden tee pee	11.11%	1
Wooden entry tunnel	44.44%	4
Natural bridge	0%	0
Other	11.11%	1

Other ideas

Imaginative play, "shop", lots of swings, mature trees



How old are the children you will likely bring to this playground?

4 What age/s are the children you are likely to visit this playground with?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 4 | Answered: 7 (63.64%)

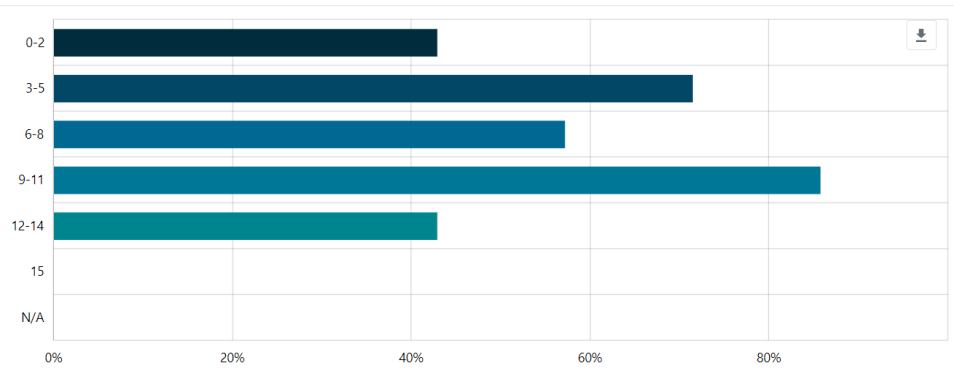


Photo boards from design workshops:

PLAYGROUND

CLIMB



1 FORT



2 CLIMBING NET



3 CRAWLING PYRAMID



4 CLIMBING TUNNEL



5 LOG CLIMBING FRAME



6 ROPE CLIMB

BALANCE + BOUNCE



7 IN-GROUND TRAMPOLINE



8 SEE-SAW



9 STEPPING LOGS



10 BALANCE LOGS



11 BALANCE SLITS



12 ROPE RUN

IMAGINATION PLAY



13 TEEPEE



14 CUSTOM TIMBER TUNNEL



15 TIMBER CREATURES

MAJORS BAY RESERVE



PLAYGROUND

IMAGINATION PLAY



16 PLAY SHOPFRONT/MUD KITCHEN



17 SHIP BOW



18 PLAY DIGGER

SWING + SPIN



19 SWING PENDULUM



20 HAMMOCK SWING



21 FLYING FOX SINGLE ZOM W/ PLATFORM



22 DOUBLE SWING



23 ACCESSIBLE CAROUSEL



24 SPIN

INTERACTIVE/SENSORY



25 TALKING TUBES



26 DIGITAL INTERACTIVE PLAY



27 STEPPING BELLS



28 FLOWER CHIMES



29 BABEL DRUM



30 TUBULAR CHIMES

MAJORS BAY RESERVE



CENTRAL AREA/YOUTH PLAY

General Issues: 1. Removal of trees
2. Safety of users
3. Maintenance cost
4. Overdevelopment - need open space

SPORT



1 BASKETBALL HOOP ✓✓



2 REBOUND WALL ✓✓



3 MULTIGOAL AND HOOP ✓✓



4 MULTIPLE KEY BASKETBALL COURT ✓✓



5 PING PONG TABLE ✓✓
- replicates should be single color to not lose sight of the ball.



6 PAINTED HANDBALL COURTS ✓✓✓

YOUTH



7 CUSTOM PARKOUR WALLS



8 CUSTOM PARKOUR WALLS



9 PARK WARRIOR CIRCUIT ✓✓



10 BALANCE RAIL AND VAULT WALL ✓



11 WALL AND CAGE



12 STEP OBSTACLE ✓



13 CAMPUS WALL



14 PARKOUR MEDIUM CAGE ✓



15 CLIMBING ✓✓✓

MAJORS BAY RESERVE

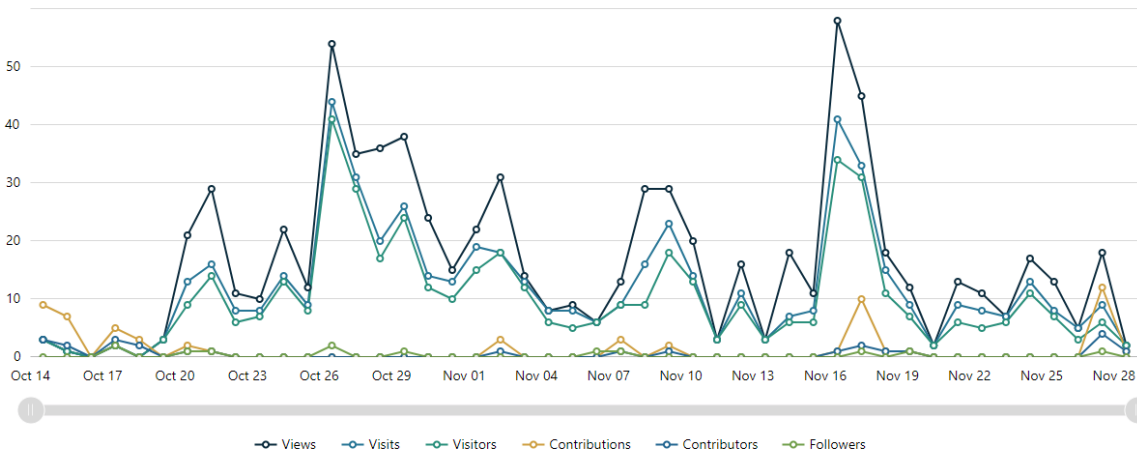


Appendices

A. Communications reach

Performance Summary

769 Views	552 Visits	400 Visitors	61 Contributions	22 Contributors	12 Followers
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Project page on Collaborate Canada Bay: https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/mbr_precinct

Views - The number of times a Visitor views any page on a Site.

Visits - The number of end-user sessions associated with a single Visitor.

Visitors - The number of unique public or end-users to a Site. A Visitor is only counted once, even if they visit a Site several times in one day.

Contributions - The total number of responses or feedback collected through the participation tools.

Contributors - The unique number of Visitors who have left feedback or Contributions on a Site through the participation tools.

Followers - The number of Visitors who have 'subscribed' to a project using the 'Follow' button.

Social media (Facebook and Instagram)

	No. of posts	Reach	Engagements	Link clicks
Facebook	3	11,127	684	108
Instagram	1	942	2	0

Council newsletters and newsletters

Council newsletter	Reach	Opens	Link clicks
City of Canada Bay News (print) November	35,000 households		
City of Canada Bay News (online)	1,794	1,794	69



Letter distribution map – 3,833 properties

