

Coralie Reserve Playground Upgrade



Community Consultation Report

May 2024

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Background

Council is proposing to upgrade the playground in Coralie Reserve, Wareemba. The upgrade is in line with Council's Let's All Play Strategy, and the aim is to create a play space that is inclusive and accessible, whilst respecting the heritage of the park.

This consultation sought community feedback on the types of play equipment that should be included in the space.

Consultation ran from 1 April - 12 May 2024 and feedback is summarised in this report. Feedback will be used to develop a concept design for the upgrade, which will be shared with the community for further feedback later this year.

Consultation methods

- Online survey hosted on Collaborate (see appendix A):
<https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/coralie-reserve>
- Kids activity (see Appendix B)
- Drop-in at Coralie Reserve on Wednesday 8 May 2024
- Email/phone feedback

Notification methods

The following methods were implemented to notify the community of this consultation:

- Collaborate page: <https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/coralie-reserve>
- Email to 1,692 Collaborate members
- Notification letter delivered to 887 properties
- 2 x site posters
- Email to nearby schools and childcare centres
- Council print newsletter and enews
- Social media

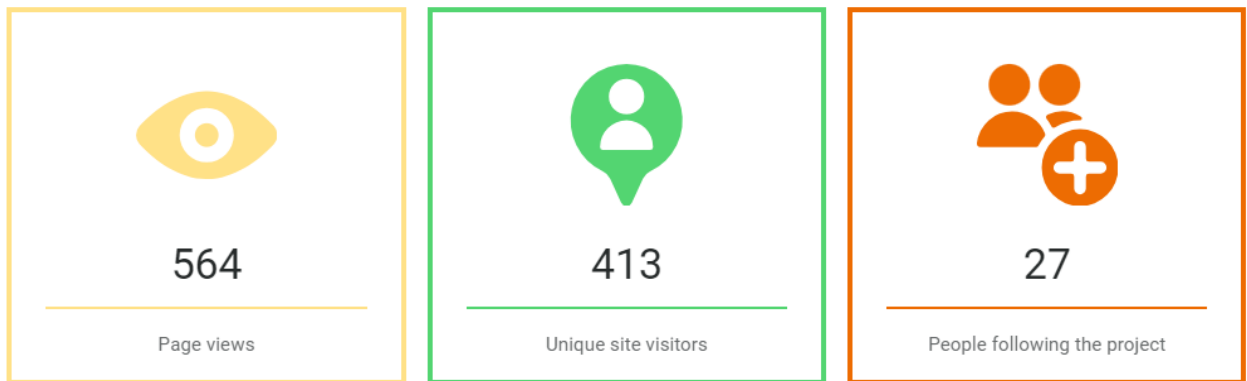
See appendix C for more detail.



Notification letter distribution area

Consultation summary

Collaborate reach



Digital promotions reach



See appendix D for more details.

Results

In total 81 submissions were received on the proposed upgrades:

- 43 surveys
- 33 kids activities
- 6 emails (including one 1 submission which was removed as the respondent had completed the online survey)
- 1 submission collected at the drop-in session (this submission was removed as the respondent had completed the online survey)

Feedback summary

Overall, the community likes the location of the playground and that it is suitable for younger children. 44% of respondents (not including kids activity submissions) would like the playground to include features appropriate for older children, to ensure that the playground is suitable for the range of ages that visit the reserve.

Many respondents (33%, not including kids activity submissions) were concerned with the lack of shade at the playground and would like either a shade cloth or sail to be prioritised to protect users from the sun, especially in summer months.

Some respondents identified issues with the mulch, highlighting that it is dirty, dangerous, and not accessible. 25% of respondents (not including kids activity submissions) would like the flooring to be replaced with rubber soft fall, to ensure the park is cleaner, safer, and more accessible.

Overall, both adults and children would like to see new play equipment incorporated into the playground upgrade; 72% would like to see climbing, 65% swinging, 60% sliding, and 45% balancing play equipment.

Community survey results – 43 submissions

Respondent demographics

86% of respondents noted they are a parent, grandparent, guardian, or carer of a child that visits the playground. Of these respondents:

- 38% visit the playground with a child aged 0-3 years
- 16% visit with a child aged 4-5 years
- 25% visit with a child aged 6-12 years

5% of respondents noted they visit the playground with a person living with a disability.

Suburb

- 30% live in Wareemba
- 30% live in Russell Lea
- 20% live in Abbotsford
- 18% live in other suburbs in the City of Canada Bay

Park visitation

- 14% visit daily
- 44% visit weekly

- 28% visit monthly
- 12% visit a few times a year
- 2% never visit

What people like about the current playground

Respondents were asked what they like most about the current playground. The most common answers highlighted the location of Coralie Reserve, and that the playground is suited to younger children. Ideas stated by two or more respondents are summarised in the word cloud and table below.



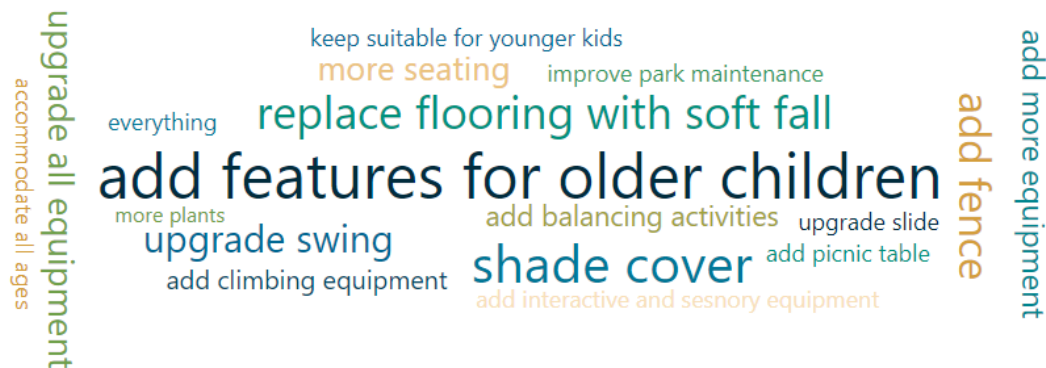
Tag	Percent	Count
good location	39.02%	16
suited for younger children	26.83%	11
seating	9.76%	4
little swing	9.76%	4
quiet space	9.76%	4
drinking station	7.32%	3
safety features	7.32%	3
slide	7.32%	3
natural shade	4.88%	2
bins	4.88%	2
away from roads	4.88%	2
green space	4.88%	2

Other ideas include:

- Motorbike
- Safe
- Secluded
- Open space
- Parking
- Trees
- Not too much equipment

Suggested playground improvements

Respondents were asked to share what elements of the playground they think should be improved. Most respondents mentioned adding features for older children (42%), improving shade cover (33%), replacing flooring with soft fall (26%), and adding a fence (24%). Suggestions mentioned by two or more respondents are summarised in the word cloud and table below.



Tag	Percent	Count
add features for older children	41.86%	18
shade cover	32.56%	14
replace flooring with soft fall	25.58%	11
add fence	23.26%	10
upgrade swing	18.6%	8
upgrade all equipment	16.28%	7
more seating	13.95%	6
add more equipment	11.63%	5
add balancing activities	9.3%	4
add climbing equipment	6.98%	3
add interactive and sensory equipment	4.65%	2
upgrade slide	4.65%	2
everything	4.65%	2
add picnic table	4.65%	2
accommodate all ages	4.65%	2
keep suitable for younger kids	4.65%	2

Other ideas include:

- Park and playground:
 - Keep open space
 - Add sandstone blocks
 - Increase size of playground
 - Add more plants
 - Improve drainage
 - Add parking spots
 - Add a history sign

- Dogs:
 - No dogs off leash
 - Add bin with dog bags
- Equipment:
 - Exercise equipment
 - Basketball hoop
 - Trampoline
 - Rocking horses
 - Play shop
 - Seesaw
 - Monkey bars
- Types of play:
 - Nature play
 - Sustained play

Priorities

Respondents were asked what they would like Council to prioritise in the design of the playground with the most common priorities being to add features for older children (22%), replace flooring with soft fall (20%), add a fence (15%), and add shade (15%). Suggestions mentioned by two or more respondents are summarised in the word cloud and table below.



Tag	Percent	Count
add features for older children	21.95%	9
replace flooring with soft fall	19.51%	8
add fence	14.63%	6
shade cover	14.63%	6
add more equipment	9.76%	4

more seating	9.7	4
add monkey bars	7.3	3
upgrade all equipment	7.32%	3
add climbing equipment	7.32%	3
upgrade swing	7.32%	3
safety features	4.88%	2
drinking station	4.88%	2
improve park maintenance	4.88%	2

Other ideas include:

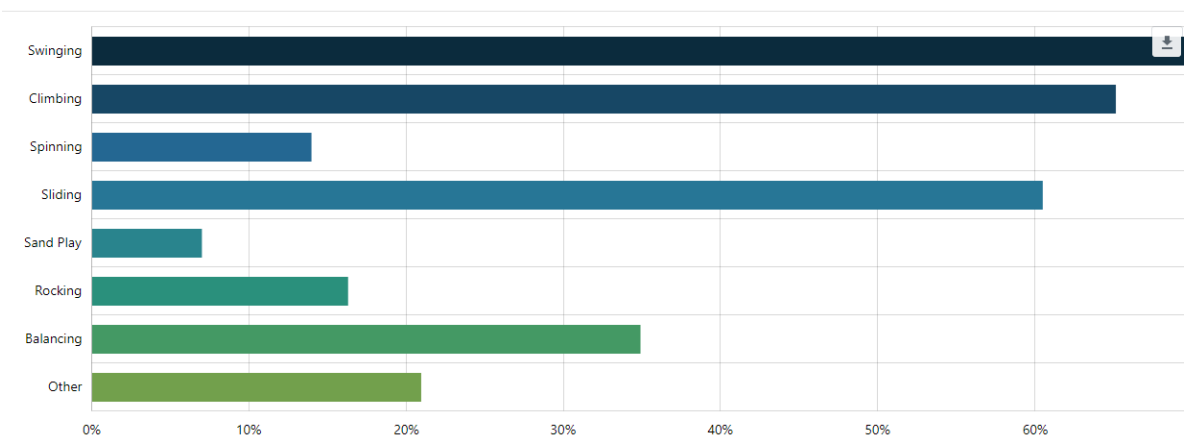
- Improve drainage
- Integrate the playground into the space
- Add exercise equipment
- Use natural materials
- Improve accessibility
- Add interactive and sensory equipment
- Incorporate nature play
- Keep the space suitable for younger children
- More plants

Of the 5% of respondents who visit the playground with an adult or child with a disability, the top priorities for development of the playground upgrade are:

- Park maintenance
- Seating
- Equipment for older children
- Fence
- Replacing the flooring with soft fall

Preferred play equipment

Respondents were asked to select the top three types of play equipment that they would like to see in the space. The most popular types of play equipment selected were swinging (70%), climbing (65%), and sliding (61%) play.



Answer Choices	Percent	Count
Swinging	69.77%	30
Climbing	65.12%	28
Spinning	13.95%	6
Sliding	60.47%	26
Sand Play	6.98%	3
Rocking	16.28%	7
Balancing	34.88%	15
Other	20.93%	9

20% of respondents answered with 'other', which included the following ideas:

- Treehouse
- Upper body strengthening equipment
- Flying fox
- Basketball hoop
- Monkey bars
- Round or hammock style swing
- Nature play
- Water play
- Sensory elements

Additional feedback

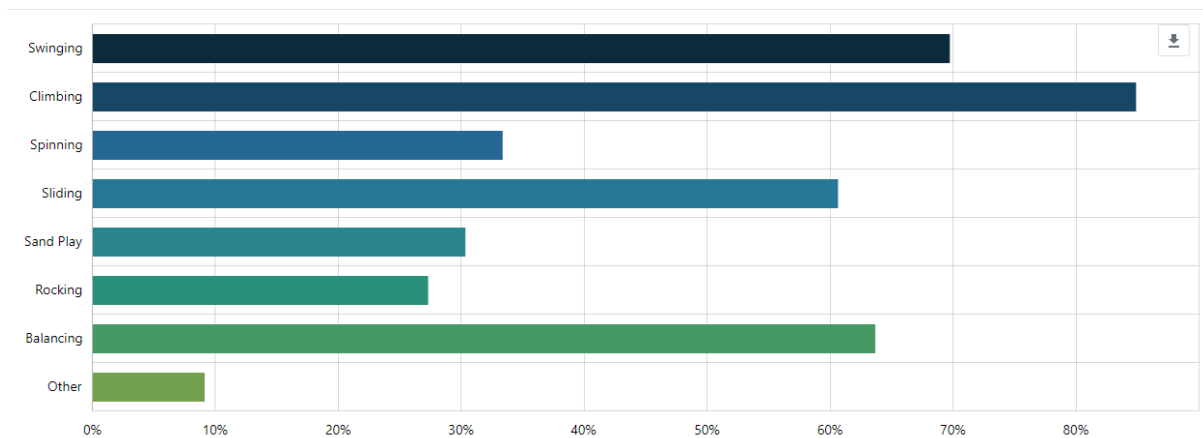
Respondents were asked to provide any additional comments and feedback to inform the upgrade. 35% of respondents listed ideas which were synonymous with responses to the other questions in the survey and are listed below.

Tag	No. of mentions
Shade cover	5
Add features for older children	4
Better accessibility	3
Add monkey bars	2
Improve paths	2

Replace flooring with soft fall	4
Keep suitable for younger children	2
Add fence	2
Upgrade all equipment	2
Prioritise safety	1
Picnic table	1
Upgrade swing	1
Playground theme	1
Improve Park maintenance	1
Use durable materials	1
Add more equipment	1

Kids activity results – 33 submissions

The kids activity asked children to select their favourite things to do in a playground. Most respondents answered with climbing (85%), followed by swinging (70%), balancing (64%), and sliding (60%).



Answer Choices	Percent	Count
Swinging	69.70%	23
Climbing	84.85%	28
Spinning	33.33%	11
Sliding	60.61%	20
Sand Play	30.30%	10
Rocking	27.27%	9
Balancing	63.64%	21
Other	9.09%	3

Other ideas include:

- Monkey bars
- Shop (for pretend play)
- Shade cloth over seating and play equipment

Feedback via email – 5 submissions

5 email submissions were received, ideas expressed include:

- Add features for older children (3)
- Shade cover (2)
- More seating (2)
- Bins (2) – more bins, add bin with dog bags
- Replace flooring with soft fall
- Keep suitable for younger children
- Avoid seating near residents
- Incorporate natural resources
- Equipment:
 - Climbing (3)
 - Sliding (3)
 - Rocking (2)
 - Balancing (2)
 - Swings
 - Flying fox
 - Hopscotch
 - Games court
 - Spinning
 - Monkey bars
 - Treehouse
 - Soccer goal
 - Interactive and sensory play

Appendices

A. Survey questions

01. What do you like most about the current playground?



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02. What do you think needs to be improved about the playground?

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03. What types of play equipment would you like to see in the space?

Please select up to 3 choices.

Select between 1 and 3 answers

☐ Swinging

☐ Climbing

☐ Spinning
☐ Sliding
☐ Sand Play
☐ Rocking
☐ Balancing
☐ Anything else? (Please specify)

04. What would you like us to prioritise when drafting the design for the upgrade?

05. On average, how often do you visit Coralie Reserve?

Select one answer only
☐ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly
☐ A few times a year
☐ Never

06. What is your relationship with Coralie Reserve?

Select one answer only
☐ I live in Wareemba
☐ I live in Russell Lea
☐ I live in Abbotsford
☐ I live in the City of Canada Bay
☐ I don't live in the City of Canada Bay (please state which suburb)

07. Are you a parent/grandparent/guardian/carer of a child that visits the playground?

Select one answer only

☐ Yes
☐ No

08. How old is the child?

Select one answer only
☐ 0-3 years
☐ 4-5 years
☐ 6-12 years
☐ Other

09. Do you visit the playground with a person living with a disability?

Select between 1 and 3 answers
☐ Yes - Child
☐ Yes - Adult
☐ No
☐ I would rather not say

10. Please share any additional feedback here.

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11. Email: **Required**

B. Kids activity

01. What are your favourite things to do in a playground?

Please click which ones.

Select all that apply
☐ Swinging
☐ Climbing
☐ Spinning
☐ Sliding
☐ Sand Play
☐ Rocking
☐ Balancing
☐ Something else (let us know what!)

02. Name

03. Age

C. Notification methods

Notification letter



05 April 2024

The Resident
Waremba NSW 2046

Dear Resident,

Coralie Reserve Upgrade – Help us design the new playground!

In line with Council's Let's All Play Strategy, we're proposing to upgrade the playground in Coralie Reserve. The aim is to create a play space that is inclusive, accessible, and respects the heritage of the park.

Before the designs are drafted, you're invited to share your ideas for the new playground. We're asking for your input on:

- Your current usage of the park
- Ideas for improvement
- Preferences for play activities

We also want to hear from the children who will use the new playground. The attached activity sheet asks kids to draw and describe their ideal playground.

For more information visit collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/coralie-reserve or scan the QR code.

We invite your ideas and feedback until Sunday 12 May 2024 in the following ways:

- Online at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/coralie-reserve (or scan the QR code)
- Email: council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au (subject: Coralie Reserve Playground Upgrade)
- In-person: Council officers will be at Coralie Reserve Playground on Sunday 5 May 2024 from 10am-12pm to talk about the project and collect feedback.
- Mail: Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (Attn: Open Space Planning team)

If you have any questions please contact Landscape Architect, Yuelei Gu on 9121 0205.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Megna".

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Site poster

Coralie Reserve Playground Upgrade

Community consultation
5 April - 12 May 2024

Council is proposing to upgrade the playground at Coralie Reserve to make it a more accessible and inclusive play space. Let us know what types of play equipment you'd like us to consider.



Have your say

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✉ council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

☎ 9121 0205

🗣 Talk to us at Coralie Reserve on Sunday 5 May from 10am - 12pm



D. Communications report

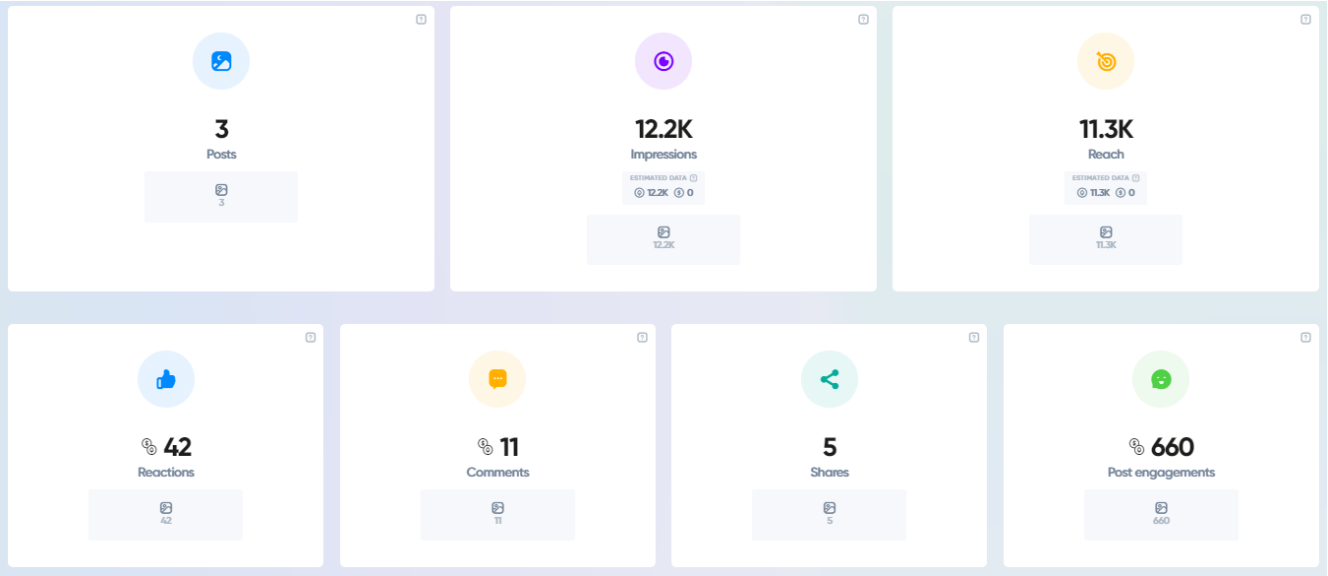
Communication channel reporting

Date	Channel	Reach
1/04/2024	CCB Newsletter April	33,000
2/04/2024	Facebook post	6,442
2/04/2024	Instagram post	2,088
22/04/2024	Facebook post	2,395
1/05/2024	What's On May newsletter	1,673
6/05/2024	Facebook post	2,414

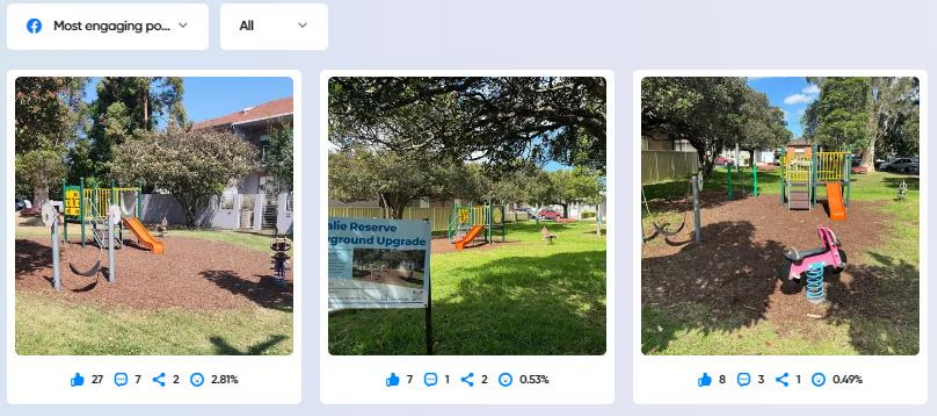
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Online communications

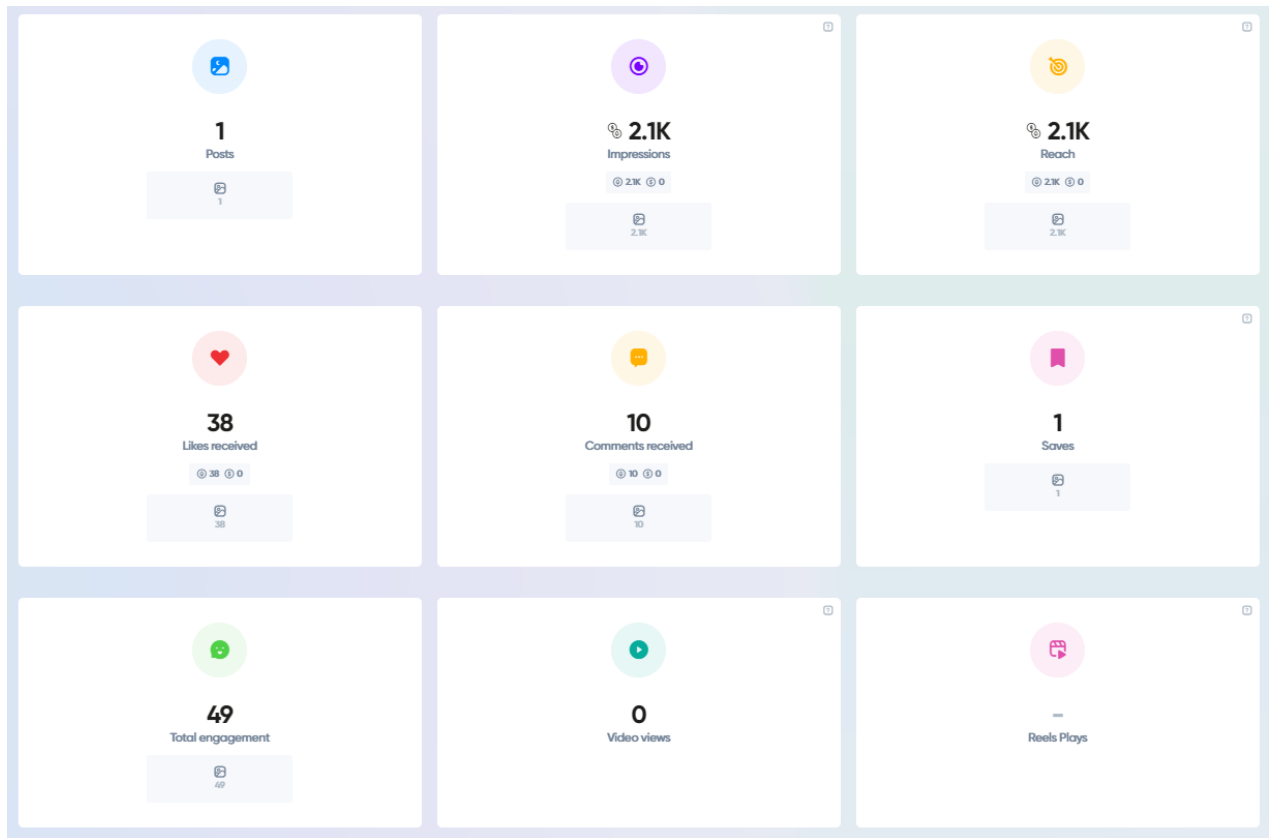
Facebook:



Most engaging posts:



Instagram:



38 likes

canadabay Have you heard about our plans to upgrade the playground in Coralie Reserve, Wareemba? 🐶🐾

We need your help to ensure that the playgrounds design, location, and accessibility caters to the needs of our community. To have your say, head to bit.ly/coraliereserve before submissions close on Friday, 12 May 2024.

View all 10 comments

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Enewsletters

April 2024 What's On:

Playground upgrades



We're upgrading playgrounds across the City of Canada Bay and want your input! Come and learn about the plans for Coralie Reserve in Wareemba and Central Park in Concord and provide feedback in person to the project teams. Council officers will be on site at each playground this weekend:

- Central Park: Saturday, 4 May between 10am–12pm. You can also provide feedback online by [clicking here](#).
- Coralie Reserve: Sunday, 5 May between 10am–12pm. You can also provide feedback online by [clicking here](#).

Print communications

April CCB Newsletter:



Playground upgrades

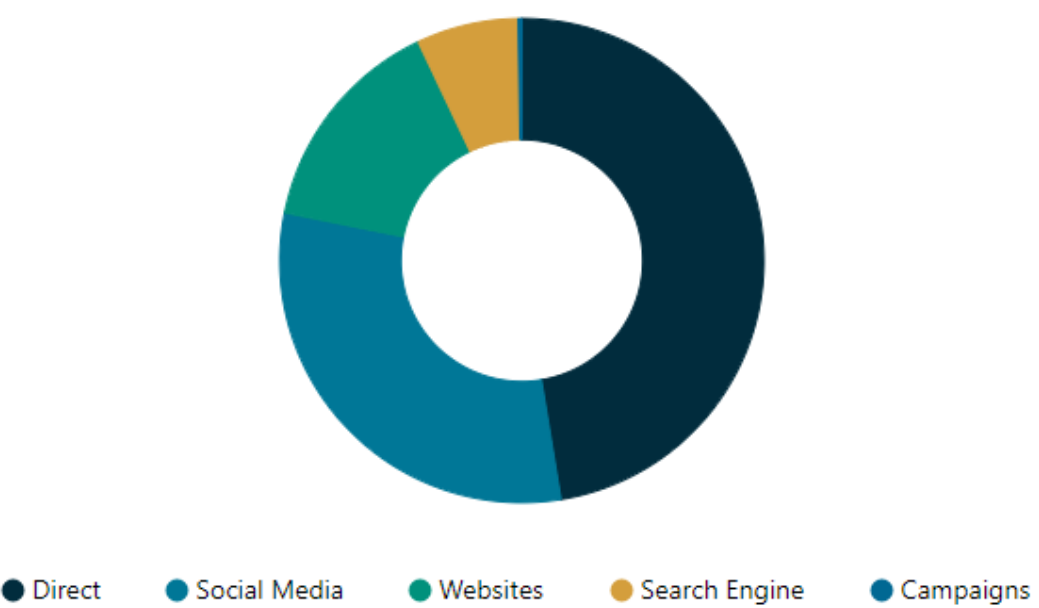
Council is proposing to upgrade two playgrounds in the area – Central Park in Concord and Coralie

Reserve in Wareemba. The aim is to create play spaces that are inclusive and accessible for our whole community to enjoy. Scan the QR code to

read about our plans and provide feedback before submissions close on 12 May 2024.



E. Collaborate traffic report



Referrer Type ↕	Visitors ▾
Direct	202
Social Media	128
Website	41
Search Engine	28
Website	15
Website	7
Social Media	3