

MOORE PARK EAST WHAT WE HEARD

**Community feedback on the Moore Park
East Landscape Plan**

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We acknowledge the rights and interests of First Nations Peoples to be involved in the ongoing management of these traditional lands. We will work in a respectful manner with Traditional Custodians, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and First Nations communities of Greater Sydney to facilitate and support their custodianship of the parklands' natural and cultural heritage and to ensure our parklands are places in which First Nations Peoples are included socially, culturally and economically.

THANK YOU

Greater Sydney Parklands would like to thank the community and stakeholders who have shared their valuable thoughts and ideas on the future of Moore Park East. Your feedback will help us to establish Moore Park East as a 'place for everyone'.

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Executive summary

This report contains the feedback received during formal consultation and engagement on the draft Moore Park East Landscape Plan between 22 July and 11 September 2022.

Following the announcement that car parking will be progressively removed from grassed areas of the park by 2025, Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) worked with landscape designers ASPECT studios to prepare a draft Landscape Plan for Moore Park East in line with the Moore Park Master Plan 2040.

The consultation and engagement approach was designed to seek feedback from community members and stakeholders about the future of Moore Park East.

Consulting on the draft Landscape Plan

GSP consulted with the community and key stakeholders on the draft Landscape Plan over a seven-week period from 22 July to 11 September 2022.

Engagement snapshot



Project website and **online survey**



Community sporting groups webinar
(Monday 1 August)



Email submissions



Briefing with Alliance of Moore Park Sports



Two **community pop-up events**
(Saturday 30 July and Saturday 20 August)



Briefing with the City of Sydney
(Thursday 4 August)



Live community webinar which was recorded and published on the website
(Monday 1 August)



Briefings with Centennial Park and Moore Park Community Consultative Committee

What we heard

This report is a summary of what we heard and key themes that have emerged from community and stakeholder feedback. The report shows how feedback relates to the Design Principles used to guide the draft Landscape Plan. It also identifies focus areas – Village Green, Sporting Fields, Connecting Spaces and Kippax Lake – and highlights feedback specific to the various spaces and functions across Moore Park East.

Emerging themes



Increased planting



Removal of parking



Protection of wildlife



Improved connections



Community uses (eg. picnic spaces)



Dog-friendly areas



Children's play spaces



Sporting fields

Next steps

GSP has considered all feedback ahead of finalising the Landscape Plan, this feedback will also inform future detailed design approaches for the park.

Next steps include:

- Greater Sydney Parklands Board Approval of Moore Park East Landscape Plan (completed 22nd of December 2022)
- Develop delivery plan and prepare for staged implementation works
- Develop detailed design and approvals for Stage 1 priority projects (\$2M)
- Prepare detailed technical investigations and studies
- Develop remediation action plan
- Detailed technical investigations and studies
- Progress statutory approvals for future projects as funding becomes available
- Continue to update stakeholders and community as future works are detailed and programmed for delivery



Consultation approach

The Phase 2 consultation and engagement approach was designed to reach and encourage feedback from stakeholders and community members to inform the development of the final Landscape Plan.

The approach considered previous stakeholder and community conversations about the future of the area (including Moore Park Master Plan 2040 consultation in 2015/2016) and invited fresh ideas for Moore Park East.

The online survey broadened the reach of engagement to time-poor but interested members of the community. Webinars overcame some of the accessibility barriers to participation some stakeholders and community members face.

The consultation and engagement approach sought to provide opportunities for feedback to people with a lot to say, and people with brief but important feedback. All ideas about the future of Moore Park East were welcomed and considered.



'Walk-shop' with local Aboriginal community to Moore Park East.



Pop-up community consultation at Moore Park East.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK EAST



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK EAST

Moore Park East has long been a destination for recreation, play, sport and physical activity.

With the NSW Government's commitment to remove parking from Moore Park East by 2025, GSP can now explore opportunities for the future of this important piece of parkland.

Guided by the Moore Park East Master Plan 2040, along with feedback from local stakeholders, community, First Nations representatives and sporting groups, GSP has worked with landscape designers ASPECT studios to prepare a draft Landscape Plan for Moore Park East.

The Moore Park Master Plan 2040 Vision for Moore Park East

- Create an Entertainment Boulevard prioritising pedestrian and cycle access along Driver Avenue
- Improve pedestrian and cycle access to the Entertainment Quarter, Sports stadia and improved employee access to Disney Studios
- Provide continuous pedestrian and cycle paths
- Enhance green open space following the progressive removal of on-grass parking in Moore Park East
- Maintain, enhance and interpret the historic Kippax Lake while maintaining its importance as a destination for social and cultural activities
- Introduce appropriate plantings to maintain a healthy aquatic habitat and support wildlife.



Artist impression of Driver Avenue

PLANNING WITH COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

With the right planning as well as community and stakeholder input, Moore Park East will become 'a place for everyone'. To bring this vision to life, GSP has undertaken several phases of consultation to help shape the future of Moore Park East.

Moore Park Master Plan 2040

Extensive consultation was undertaken in two stages to develop the Master Plan. Initially, '7 Big Ideas for Moore Park' was exhibited for a six-week period from August to September 2015 which captured community and stakeholder input on the future of Moore Park. Based on feedback from this process a draft plan was prepared.

The draft plan was then publicly exhibited from November to December 2016 following a public awareness campaign and an eight-week consultation process.

Over 700 responses were received including formal submissions, online surveys and face-to-face discussions.

This feedback was critical in informing the final recommendations of the Master Plan and assisted GSP and ASPECT Studios when preparing the Moore Park East Landscape Plan.

Preparing the draft Landscape Plan

Detailed consultation was undertaken with a range of key stakeholders and community representatives to inform the development of the draft Landscape Plan. This included:

- Two design workshops with community and key stakeholders
- Meetings with the Centennial Park and Moore Park Community Consultative Committee
- A meeting with Saving Moore Park
- A meeting with the Paddington Society
- Meetings with sporting groups, including Allied Moore Park Sports
- First Nations workshop
- A briefing with the City of Sydney
- Stakeholder feedback from Transport for NSW
- Feedback from Transdev

Project timeline



WHAT WE HEARD



Artist impression of Village Green

WHAT WE HEARD – A SNAPSHOT

This report summarises feedback from more than 360 community and stakeholder responses to the draft Landscape Plan. A range of diverse feedback provided GSP with a clearer understanding of the issues and opportunities that are important to park users in 2022 and highlighted the changing needs of visitors and the community.

Who we heard from



2,877
website visits



44
written submissions



70
attendees at two pop-up events



5
sporting group webinar attendees



249
responses to the online survey responses



4 briefings with key stakeholders, including Council, community groups, First Nations representatives and sporting groups



40
community webinar attendees

Top feedback themes



Increased planting

Many participants said they would like to see more planting at Moore Park East. Most participants who mentioned planting called for the planting of native species to improve biodiversity and create a natural environment.



Removal of parking

There was strong support for the NSW Government's commitment to remove parking from Moore Park East by 2025.



Protection of wildlife

Protecting the native wildlife was important to many participants. Several people called for opportunities to protect and care for the black swans in Kippax Lake including fencing, planting food sources and building an island in the lake.



Improved connections

There were a range of suggestions to improve connectivity in Moore Park East, including new or changed pathways, lighting, cycling paths and signage.



A place for the community

Participants supported improved places and spaces for community use in the park. These included places to gather and relax, picnic spots, BBQs, shaded seating and cafes.



Dog-friendly areas

There was strong support for the inclusion of dog-friendly areas in the park, including opportunities for fenced off-leash areas.



Play for kids

There was strong support for children's play areas, including for older kids. Some participants would like to see 'nature play' opportunities and others would like traditional play equipment like swings.



Sporting fields

While some participants supported greater access to sporting fields for community sporting groups, others said too much of the parklands has been dedicated to sport.



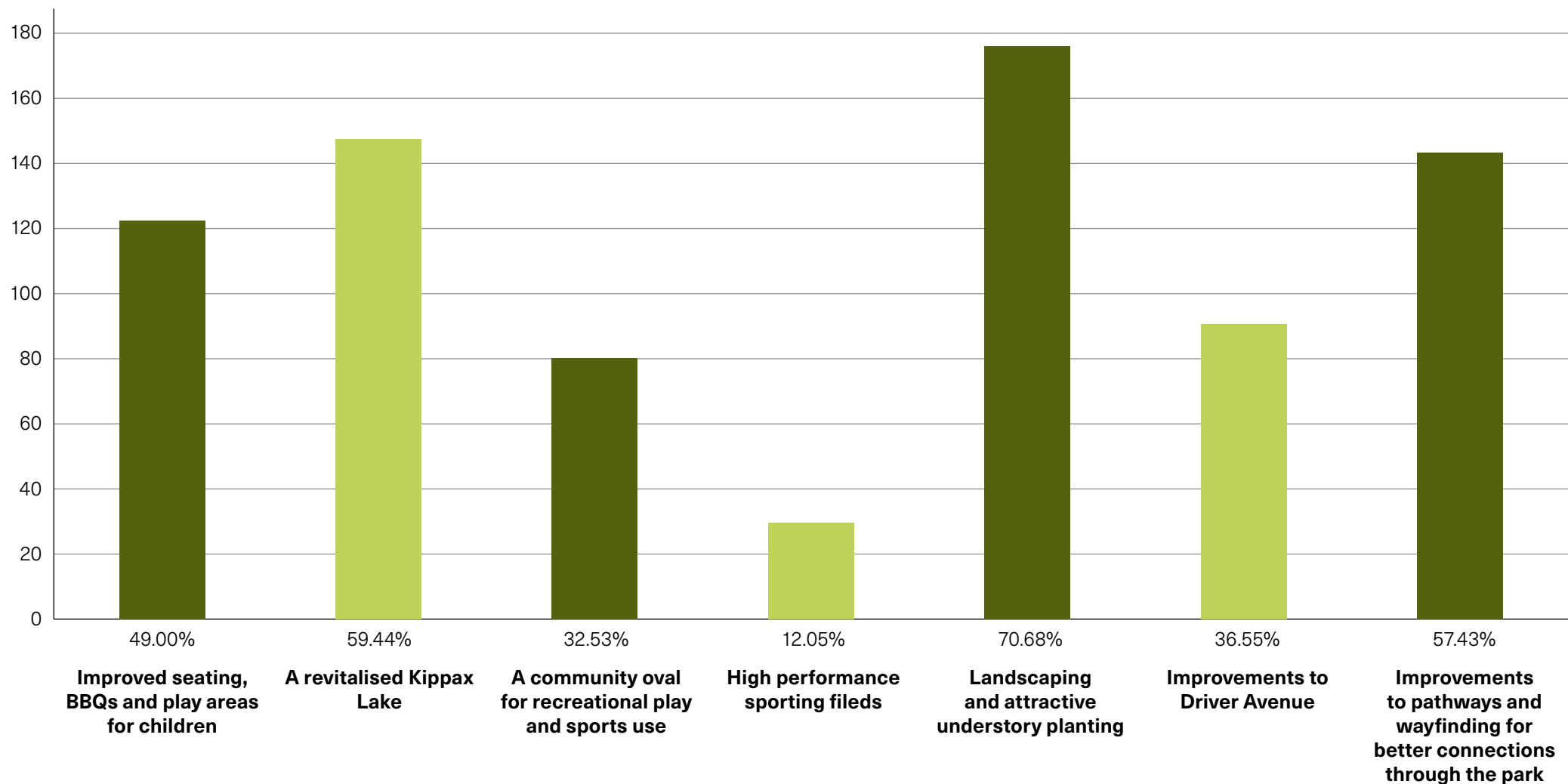
'Time for change' vs 'keep it simple'

While many participants welcomed improvements to what they see as an 'underutilised' and 'barren' area of parkland, some participants said they would like the park to remain 'as is' - simple and unstructured.

WHAT WE HEARD – ONLINE SURVEY

What parts of Moore Park East would you like the Landscape Plan to improve?

Note: the option was provided to select more than one element



LANDSCAPE PLAN AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES



Artist impression of Kippax Lake

DESIGN PRINCIPLES



Contemporary Country

Connecting with Country
(Government Architect NSW)

Celebrate the area's historic Civil Rights Movement

Incorporate indigenous knowledge to encourage further understanding of local Aboriginal history

Celebrate and reveal the pre-colonial landscape

Introduce species to celebrate six Aboriginal seasons



Clear connections

Better Connected and more Permeable
(Moore Park Master Plan 2040)

Improve access and safety through wayfinding and lighting strategies

Establish a hierarchy of movement that supports event day visitors and park locals

Consider paths as places and create a variety of experiences

Strengthen connections north to south and east to west

Define new entrances into the park



A park for everyone

Improved visitation and participation
(Moore Park Master Plan 2040)

Create new social places for community by establishing a 'community heart'

Balance sports, community and natural systems

Provide for a greater variety of users including age and ability

Improve a sense of safety through appropriate design (including lighting)



A seasonally beautiful park

Preserving the green spaces and heritage
(Moore Park Master Plan 2040)

Re-define Moore Park as a parkland that supports biodiversity and natural habitats

Extend on Kippax Lake's natural systems by extending water systems and WSUD (water sensitive urban design)

Promote the use of endemic species

Increase shade canopy to reduce urban heat and enhance visitor comfort



Anchoring sports in community

Improved visitation and participation
(Moore Park Master Plan 2040)

Enrich communities by combining informal fields with community seating and barbecue areas to create a "Village Green"

Create connected active loops that cater to exercise, cycle and play

Encourage community participation through spectating opportunities at high performance training fields

LANDSCAPE PLAN

Legend

- 1 Village Green
- 2 Parklands Entrance
- 3 Park Play
- 4 Kippax Lake Field and Spectator Mound
- 5 Kippax Meadow
- 6 Kippax Lake
- 7 Moore Park East Bus Link
- 8 Meeting Spot
- 9 Tramway Oval
- 10 Tramway Courtyard
- 11 Moore Park Light Rail Link
- 12 Showground Field
- 13 Active Play
- 14 Driver Avenue



Moore Park East
Landscape Plan

DESIGN PRINCIPLE

CONTEMPORARY COUNTRY

What you told us

There was support for celebrating and revealing the pre-contact landscape at Moore Park East, with many participants calling for the re-introduction of native planting to encourage biodiversity in the parkland.

There was also significant interest and support for the proposed natural landscape and water systems at Kippax Lake.

Some participants, including students from Crown Street Public School, mentioned opportunities to celebrate and share First Nations culture and heritage within the parklands. Several community members also spoke about the current and historic importance of Moore Park East for First Nations sporting groups.

A small number of participants also said they would like to see the non-Aboriginal heritage and history of Moore Park East celebrated through education and signage.

“More needs to be done to improve the habitat for water birds, including swans, at Kippax Lake. While it is great to see some new trees and plants are planned around Kippax Lake, I believe there is the opportunity to do more to improve this area.”

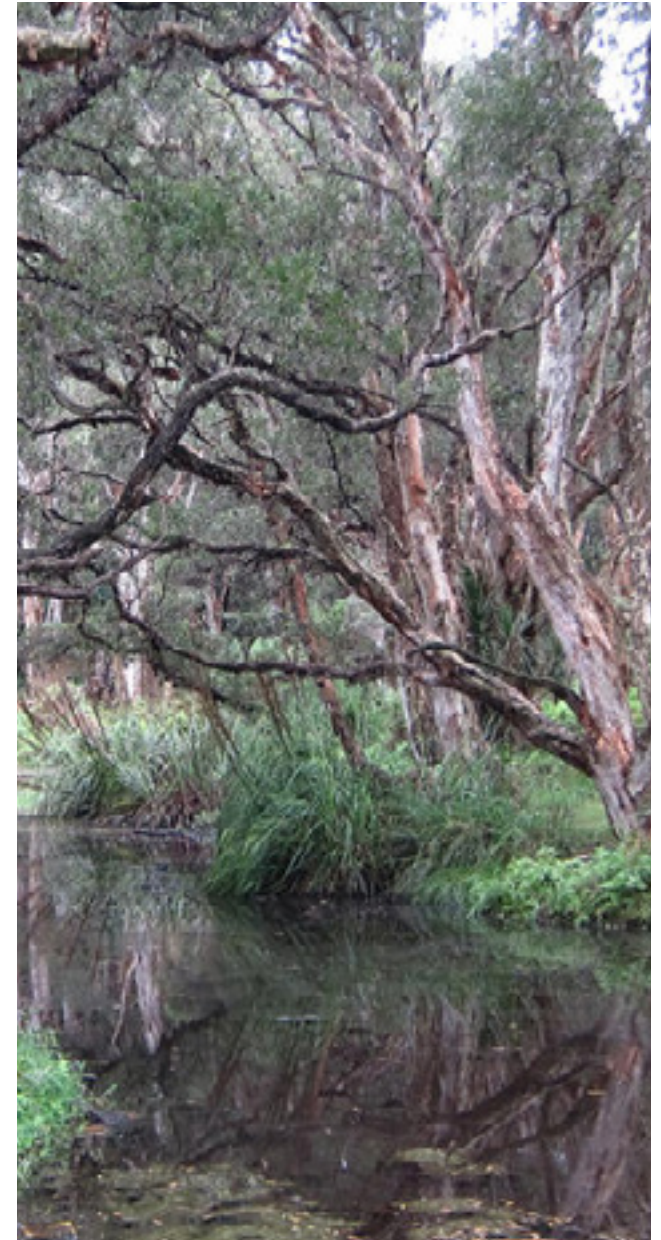
“Kippax Lake is indeed – as an ancient wetlands spring from the Botany Sands aquifer – the ‘jewel in the crown’ of Moore Park East.”

For consideration

A productive collaboration between Yerrabingin and ASPECT Studios has enabled Moore Park East to be approached sensitively and in consultation with the local Aboriginal community. This has identified a number of opportunities to weave Country-centred design into the key spaces of Moore Park East, which will be co-designed in future design phases.

GSP was delighted to receive positive comments from Crown Street Public School students regarding opportunities to Connect with Country at Moore Park East, and we will investigate ways to further support and celebrate Aboriginal living culture within the parklands. Through the landscape, GSP will continue to investigate nature-based designs to improve water quality at Kippax Lake and native planting to encourage biodiversity and habitat for wildlife and aquatic birds.

Nearly 60% of survey participants said they would like to see Kippax Lake revitalised.



DESIGN PRINCIPLE

A SEASONALLY BEAUTIFUL PARK

What you told us

There was strong support for landscaping and understory planting at Moore Park East, with several participants suggesting landscaping would improve 'bare' or 'barren' areas of the park. Most people who were interested in understory planting called for an increase in native species to improve biodiversity, and only a small number of participants said they would like to see more introduced species.

Woollahra Council supported the focus on native planting and suggested there was an opportunity to create a habitat corridor for threatened species such as the Grey-Headed Flying Fox. Several participants said they would like to see more shade in the park, particularly shaded walkways, and a number of people talked about their love for Moore Park East's fig trees.

While many people supported increased landscaping, some participants said they would like the park to remain an open, unstructured, grass space.

"The only suggestion I would make is that verges where wildflowers and plants can grow are helpful for cultivating/encouraging bees and butterflies which in turn assist in pollinating plants and adding to the biodiversity of the area."

"Please, don't over-engineer it. A green space should be primarily that – grass and trees."

For consideration

GSP will prioritise future works that deliver on what we have heard from the community and contribute to a more attractive and biodiverse Moore Park East.

Centennial Park Tree Master Plan

The Centennial Parklands Tree Master Plan sets out a long-term vision for the parklands which will be respected in the new Landscape Plan. This includes protecting significant trees and identifying planting recommended for removal to allow for new landscape characters to emerge. The landscape design will balance the European landscape heritage of the park, it's strong perimeter structure of Fig trees with areas for new native planting, seasonal variety, and water sensitive urban design.

Urban heat

There are significant areas of tree canopy at Moore Park East today, and GSP plans to plant new trees in high visitation areas to create climatically comfortable places for park visitors, such as along pathways and Driver Avenue.

Stage 1

In the next stage of work GSP will prioritise improvements to the landscape quality and character of the park, focusing on understory planting. These changes will make Moore Park East a distinct part of the larger park which is more attractive for the community and will create increased opportunity for biodiversity.

70% of survey participants said they would like to see landscaping and attractive understory planting at Moore Park East.



DESIGN PRINCIPLE

CLEAR CONNECTIONS

What you told us

There was a range of views and suggestions about how clearer connections could be created within and around Moore Park East.

Within Moore Park East

There was strong support for improving connections within Moore Park East. Participants proposed specific connections, including north-south connections, better connections to the light rail and circular or looping pathways through the park. Some participants raised concern about the extent of concrete surfaces proposed for the area. Participants also talked about the need for better lighting of footpaths, and improved signage within the park.

Around Moore Park East

There were a range of suggestions for improved connections into the park. These included safer and easier crossings at the corner of Anzac Parade and Moore Park Road, Anzac Parade and Lang Road and Lang Road and Driver Avenue, as well as an increase in the number of crossings across Anzac Parade and Moore Park Road. Representatives of the Paddington Darlinghurst community suggested the entrance to the park should be located at the corner of Anzac Parade and Moore Park Road and proposed the movement of the bus stop to facilitate this connection.

Note: GSP does not have authority over the crossings and pathways into Moore Park East, or the bus lane located along Anzac Parade.

36% of participants said they would like to see improvements to Driver Avenue.

Cycling at Moore Park East

Several community members talked about the opportunity to improve cycling connections at Moore Park East, with BIKEast saying the proposed pathway will 'complete a missing link in the local bike network'. While some participants were open to joint pedestrian and cycle paths, others called for separate bike paths within the park. Several participants also called for more bike parking to meet increasing demand.

Event mode

Several stakeholders and community members mentioned the need for improved provision for event egress from the stadia to the Moore Park Light Rail Stop and better night time wayfinding and lighting. It was highlighted that there is also an opportunity to improve the experience of Driver Avenue for event-goers.

"Improving the pedestrian experience, removing clutter and enhancing wayfinding, lighting and access will have a genuine benefit for [event] participants, members and fans."

"Consideration of 'desire lines' will improve connectivity of the park."

"We believe that this project will ensure more residents and visitors access the parklands using bicycles."

57% of survey respondents said they would like to see improvements to pathways and wayfinding for better connections.

For consideration

GSP understands it's important to consider connections holistically as part of an integrated transport network.

Improving connection strategies is important for the accessibility and functionality of the park. In response to the varied feedback we received from consultation, GSP decided to re-visit this function of the park prior to finalising the Landscape Plan.

Primary connections North/South and East/West have been further considered with specialist consultants and key stakeholders to support multi-modal uses and provide adequate path widths during event and everyday modes.

GSP has also committed to preparing a wayfinding and lighting strategy for the site, to ensure the design accommodates safe pedestrian event ingress/egress during both day and night.

*(For more detail see **Focus Area: Connecting Spaces**)*



DESIGN PRINCIPLE

A PARK FOR EVERYONE

What you told us

GSP knows that Moore Park East plays a different role for different people, and this was confirmed by the feedback we received in this consultation. For the local community, Moore Park East is a place to walk the dog, watch the swans, relax by the lake or connect to neighbouring suburbs. For high-performance and community and sporting groups, it is a place to train, socialise, exercise, watch sport or move through and wait for a game to start. To meet the diverse needs of the community, GSP will focus on finding a balance to support the different uses of Moore Park East.

The community

There was strong support from the local community for new areas to gather with friends, enjoy quiet reflection, as well as the opportunity to introduce a children's playground. Some community members also said they would like to see fewer sporting fields at Moore Park East. Notably, there was a strong call for an off-leash dog area at the park which was not raised previously in consultation with stakeholders and the community for the development of the Moore Park Master Plan 2040. This likely reflects the significant increase in dog ownership in the local area in recent years.

Sporting groups

These groups mentioned the need for sporting fields at Moore Park East, and several community sports representatives called for improved access to playing fields for community sporting groups.

"Given the dramatic increase in pet numbers during the pandemic, there is an urgent and pressing need for a fenced off-leash area for people to safely walk their dogs."

"I am generally pleased that your plan for Moore Park East will allow for a variety of enjoyments in its beautiful, and enhanced, environment. Even simple relaxed leisure is provided for."

78% of survey respondents said they would enjoy the park proposed in the Landscape Plan.



For consideration

It is valuable to receive feedback on how GSP can best increase Moore Park East's capacity to support the various needs of the growing community. Increased opportunities for passive recreation at different scales came through as a high priority and are in alignment with the Moore Park Master Plan 2040 vision for the park. As part of Stage 1 Design Development, GSP will focus on the creation of new places within the park, inviting and comfortable spaces that encourage interaction and social cohesion for all ages, abilities and identities.

*(For more detail see **Focus Area: Community Spaces**)*

Dogs

GSP understands that dog ownership has increased over recent years and we were pleased to hear from many pet owners during the consultation period.

For the first time during community consultation for Moore Park, we received suggestions for a fenced off-leash area. We also received calls for increased protections for wildlife at Kippax Lake.

In response to these concerns, GSP will undertake further research and investigation to better understand the needs of local residents with dogs, and to evaluate the feasibility of a fenced off leash area for dogs within Centennial Parklands.

All areas of Moore Park East will become on-leash at the completion of Stage 1 works in late 2023, which will see better protection for the wildlife at Kippax Lake and ensure greater safety for proposed children's' play areas.

At Moore Park West there will be no changes to the large area designated as off-leash for dogs (under effective control). GSP urges all dog owners to act responsibly and review our guidelines here: [Your Guide For Dogs](#)

DESIGN PRINCIPLE

ANCHORING SPORTS IN COMMUNITY

What you told us

There was strong support for community access to sporting fields at Moore Park East when not in use by high-performance sporting groups, and a number of participants said sporting fields should not be fenced. Suggestions for improvements to the park for community sporting groups included installing cricket nets and ensuring there are places where families and friends can kick a ball around.

There were also suggestions as to how the Village Green could better support community sport. Cricket NSW supported the proposal for a synthetic wicket in the Village Green that meets Cricket Australia Community Cricket Facility guidelines and shaded or sheltered spaces for spectators. AFL NSW would also like to see opportunities for AFL training grounds at the Village Green.

“Increasing the amenity and flexibility of Moore Park East will provide a tangible benefit to all users, and we support the provision of an active play area to the southern end of the precinct.”

“Facilities for kids to play sport like football fields, smaller goals, cricket nets provides an opportunity for young people to meet and be active.”

79% of survey participants said the Landscape Plan will serve the needs of community sporting groups.

For consideration

Moore Park East has been an important place for community and high-performance sport for a number of years and its provision of active recreation space is key to the identity and public amenity offering of Moore Park.

The progressive removal of parking from grassed areas along Moore Park East provides an opportunity to make sports more inclusive by increasing the availability and quality of our existing turf playing fields, as well as creating more comfortable areas for spectators.

GSP will seek to gain a better understanding of the operational requirements of team sports and the changing nature of vehicular access to the site, to improve access to sporting fields in future design phases. GSP will balance sports needs with other active uses and will look to increase the flexibility of the park for exercise without impacting on passive recreation spaces. This includes circuit loops at specific lengths to support active lifestyles for all.

Cricket nets

In response to feedback GSP has committed to upgrading the cricket field at Village Green with a synthetic wicket and will rotate the pitch by 30 degrees following Cricket Australia’s Community Cricket Facilities Guidelines.

In response to consultation requests for cricket nets, GSP will investigate the provision of cricket nets at an appropriate location within Centennial Parklands but cannot commit to providing them within Moore Park East, due to competing spatial demands.

*(For more detail see **Focus Area: Sporting Fields**)*



FOCUS AREAS



FOCUS AREA

CONNECTING SPACES

What you told us

The Landscape Plan looked at everyday and 'event day' connections at Moore Park East, including the significant connections along Driver Avenue; and between Driver Avenue and both the light rail station and the bus link next to the Tibby Cotter Bridge.

Driver Avenue

Participants who provided feedback on Driver Avenue supported opportunities to improve this thoroughfare. Stakeholders such as the City of Sydney and AFL NSW were in favour of the plans to improve Driver Avenue to service major events and create an attractive pedestrian environment. There was also support from a range of participants for the cycle connection along Driver Avenue, with BIKEast suggesting this cycleway should be separate from the footpath and clearly marked. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) was interested to understand how this link would operate on 'event day'.

Moore Park East Bus Link and Moore Park Light Rail Link

There was a range of different views on how the Landscape Plan could improve the Moore Park East Bus Link and the Moore Park Light Rail Link. While some community members said these connections take up too much space in the park, some stakeholders said the paths will need to be wide enough to accommodate event day foot traffic through the park and connect public transport to the various venues along Driver Avenue. Several community members would also like to see improved connections between public transport and the residential area to the north of the park, and BIKEast suggested bike lanes could lead from Driver Avenue to the Tibby Cotter Bridge. The City of Sydney suggested that the visual impact of wide footpaths and the Tibby Cotter Bridge, could be reduced with additional planting.

"[There are] options for Driver Avenue to better support major events and create a more attractive pedestrian environment to reduce the impact on parklands."

"More people will be encouraged to access the events and sporting facilities by bicycle."

63% of participants said the Landscape Plan will help better respond to the needs of people attending major events.

GSP response

Driver Avenue

Driver Avenue has been an area of focus in response to the consultation period. Opportunities exist to improve the character and amenity of Driver Avenue through the landscape design, shifting the focus from vehicles to pedestrians and cyclists. GSP has identified an opportunity for Driver Avenue's carriageway and parking widths to be reduced, creating more space for a generous and continuous footpath along the Eastern (Park) side of Driver Avenue to provide a primary North / South connection from Moore Park Road to Lang Road.

Light rail link

The increasing frequency of high-profile events through the day and night at Moore Park is a significant consideration for balancing path widths, safe crowd control and non-event activities to ensure Moore Park East is a beautiful and multi-functional park. Footpaths and active transport links in Moore Park East should be responsive to their requirements while also minimising hardscaping. Major routes are wide enough for safe movement during event mode (6m) and minor connecting routes vary in width (1.5m to 3m) to support connectivity across the park.



Artist impression of Driver Avenue

FOCUS AREA

COMMUNITY SPACES

What you told us

There was strong support for dedicated places and spaces for community use at Moore Park East, with some respondents saying they would like to see community use prioritised in the Landscape Plan. Some of the suggestions for improvements to community spaces included places for people to gather, relax, connect and play.

Places to gather and connect

There was support for better places and spaces for park visitors to enjoy with friends and family. Suggestions included picnic spots, barbecues and a café.

Places to relax

Several participants said they would like Moore Park East to offer quiet places for rest and relaxation. Suggestions included shaded areas to sit, grassed areas by the lake, improved seating and yoga or meditation areas.

Places to play

There was strong support for children's play areas at Moore Park East. While some participants would like to see 'nature play' opportunities, where children play and engage with the natural environment, others called for traditional play equipment such as swings. Some people talked about the need for fencing or barriers for children's playgrounds to increase safety near roads.

There was also support for an Active Play area for older children, including from stakeholders such as the City of Sydney and AFL NSW. While respondents did not provide extensive feedback on what this Active Play area should include, several people said they don't want to see this area heavily concreted, and a small number of people suggested a skate park would be suitable in this location.

"Moore Park East is a meaningful and relevant opportunity to cater for the physical health, community connection and mental wellbeing for our children and the broader community such as demonstrably gained through skate parks."

"We use the park daily for transport (walking), exercise (children and dog), and recreation (picnics with neighbours and family, exercise)".

GSP response

The Landscape Plan offers a variety of play opportunities for children of various ages and abilities and has been considered to provide a contrast to the dynamic play offering in the new Sydney Football Stadium development. In response to community feedback the Active Play space has been shifted away from Lang Road, and both play areas (Active and Nature) will be designed with buffer landscaping to protect them from busy park edges.

Village Green

Community and stakeholder feedback regarding the Village Green is in close alignment with GSP's vision for Moore Park East. Stage 1 works will see an improvement to the passive recreation opportunities in the north of the park, including seating for individuals and groups, together with new understory planting to enhance the character of the Village Green, making the park more inviting for visitors and local residents.



Artist impression of Village Green

FOCUS AREA

KIPPAX LAKE

What you told us

Nearly 60% of survey participants said they would like to see Kippax Lake revitalised.

There was positive support from the community and key stakeholders in the potential outcomes for Kippax Lake, with support for the elements featured in the draft Landscape Plan, including native understory plantings, coupled with calls for strengthened efforts to support local birdlife.

There was strong support for increasing protections for the Black Swan population at Kippax Lake, along with practical suggestions to reconcile conflict between native animal species and off-leash dogs, such as fencing and/or a permanent shelter for the swans.

Feedback suggested there should be a clearer plan for how GSP will protect local wildlife and their habitat with the revitalisation of Kippax Lake.

"In these crowded cities of ours, as it has been scientifically proven that green space and nature have a beneficial effect on our mental health and relaxation."

GSP response

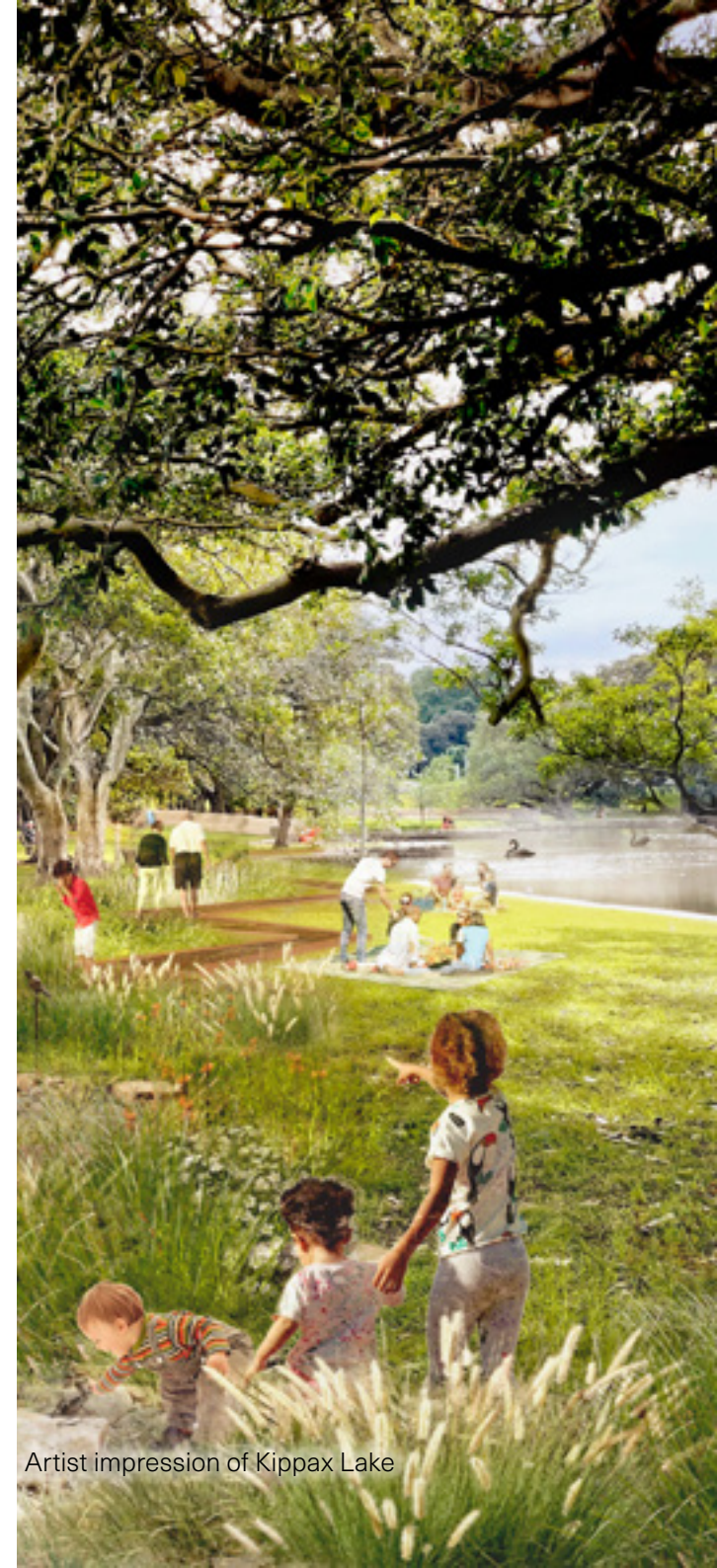
The Landscape Plan seeks to maintain, enhance and interpret the historical Kippax Lake while maintaining its importance as a destination for social and cultural activities.

Swan safety is a priority

GSP is dedicated to protecting Kippax Lake's wildlife, which is why we've committed to creating greater protection by introducing a temporary fenced off-leash dog area within the site, which will see all dogs needing to be on-leash at Moore Park East.

The future renewal of Kippax Lake will be sensitive to the needs of the inhabitant aquatic birds (commonly sighted birds include Black Swan, Hardhead, Pacific Black Duck, Australasian Grebe, Eurasian Coot), which will be done in line with specialist advice.

Improvements will include increasing buffer planting and the variety of plants available for grazing. Our Environment team will be making upgrades to the Lake's nesting platform and investigating aquatic planting in 2023.



Artist impression of Kippax Lake

FOCUS AREA

SPORTING FIELDS

What you told us

There were diverse views on sporting fields proposed in the Landscape Plan. While some participants suggested there were too many sporting fields at Moore Park East, others called for opportunities to change or improve the usage of these fields for a range of community or high-performance sporting uses. Several participants also said they would like to see fencing removed from the sporting fields so they can be accessed when not in use by high-performance sporting groups.

In their submission, Cricket NSW called for increased access to the sporting fields at Moore Park East, including for women's cricket. They also called for the renewal of key infrastructure at the park, and the maintenance of playing surfaces.

Eastern Suburbs Football Association suggested there is a need for a dedicated football pitch of an international standard for high-performance programs and community use, which they suggested could be located at Showground Field.

AFL NSW said the number of AFL fields in Eastern Sydney does not meet current demand, and called for Showground Field to be a flexible space for use by a range of codes. They suggested an oval-shaped field, instead of a rectangular-shaped field, would allow for greater flexibility in use.

"Maybe another AFL field please. The sport is growing very fast in Sydney."

"Football (Soccer) would compliment the precinct as inclusive and holistic."

GSP response

Village Green

In response to feedback GSP has committed to upgrading the cricket field at Village Green with a synthetic wicket and will rotate the pitch by 30 degrees following Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facilities Guidelines. We have heard your requests for cricket nets and GSP will consider the inclusion of cricket nets at an appropriate location elsewhere within the Centennial Parklands, but cannot provide them within Moore Park East due to competing spatial demands.

A soil Remediation Action Plan will be undertaken in the next stage of work, and instalment of irrigation will be planned for future upgrades to the Village Green sports field.

Showground Field

Whilst GSP supports the ongoing use of Moore Park East for high-performance sports, in realising the Moore Park Master Plan 2040's vision of a 'park for everyone', GSP must balance the needs of varied park users and visitors. The southern portion of the park at Showground Field proposes a rectangular high-performance field with equitable community access (as envisaged by MP2040) along with a widely supported Active Play area for older children. The landscape design has been revised to enable safe movement of pedestrians between the sporting stadia and Moore Park Light Rail stop, and a landscape buffer has been introduced to screen active use areas from Lang Road. Whilst GSP have heard stakeholder suggestions, the spatial constraints and programmatic demands of Showground Field make an oval field prohibitive at this location.



Artist impression of Kippax Lake Field

