

Introduction

The NSW Government is transforming 20 hectares of Moore Park Golf Course into a new public park for Sydney.

This proposal responds to the demand for high quality parkland close to one of the most densely populated parts of Australia. The new park will support the needs of the growing communities surrounding Moore Park while retaining a minimum 9-hole public golf course.

In 2024, the NSW Government consulted with park users, community and sporting groups, surrounding communities, councils and government agencies on their vision for the park.

We have developed an establishment plan that:

- delivers on the NSW Government's commitment
- responds to community feedback on 'The Future of Moore Park South' discussion paper
- provides for a variety of community recreation uses
- improves connectivity across Moore Park
- improves biodiversity and creates opportunities for people to spend time in nature
- embeds First Nations peoples' Connections with Country.

We are now seeking feedback on the establishment plan for the new park.

The establishment plan will prioritise the activation of the new park with delivery of multi-purpose sports courts and a community sports field.

Your feedback will help inform our planning and shape the future of Moore Park South.

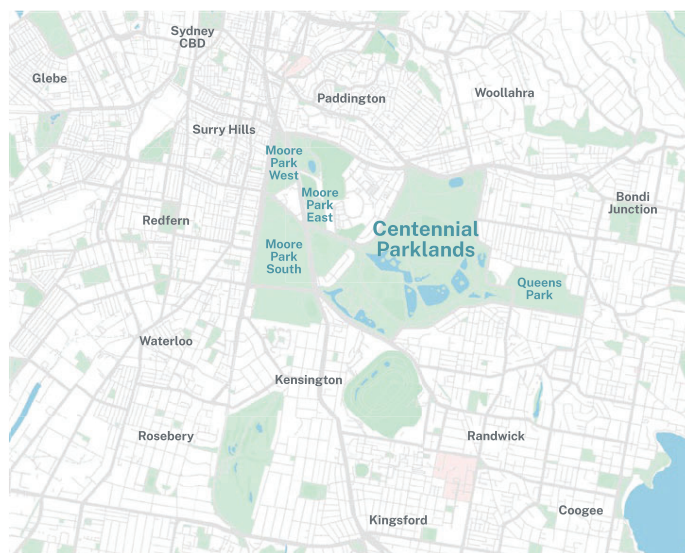
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A growing community

Centennial Parklands provides vital open space supporting Sydney's recreational needs. This is valuable for people living in higher density housing such as apartments and terraces with limited access to open space. The residential population in the surrounding suburbs to Moore Park is planned to increase over the next 15 years.



690,000

people within a 5km radius
of Centennial Parklands

100,000

more people
by 2041



Consultation: what we heard

A wide range of feedback was received on
The Future of Moore Park South discussion paper.

KEY THEMES WERE:

A natural park for community recreation

An integrated and connected park

The need for supporting park infrastructure

The social and health benefits of community sport

Allow the park to evolve over time

Considered planning and decision-making required

A diverse golf offer

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and sky upon which the parklands are located and pay respect to the Elders of these lands – past, present and emerging.

We recognise First Nations peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to place and their rich contribution to society.

We acknowledge the rights and interests of First Nations peoples to be involved in the ongoing management of these traditional lands. We work in a respectful manner with Traditional Custodians, local Aboriginal land councils and the First Nations communities of Greater Sydney.

We support their custodianship of the natural and cultural heritage of parklands so that these become places where First Nations peoples feel socially, culturally and economically included.

Moore Park South vision

A transformed Moore Park South:

- Provides a new parkland for the fast-growing communities of the inner city, as well as supporting diverse sports and recreation activities.
- Improves connectivity within Moore Park, enhancing community access to major events, public and active transport networks.
- Restores natural landscapes, improves ecology and protects cultural heritage.
- Creates a welcoming place for people to exercise, play, relax and spend time in nature.

Principles for Moore Park South



Timeline



Establishment Plan

The NSW Government has committed \$50m to establish a high quality 20-hectare park and reconfigured minimum 9-hole golf course that will be delivered over the next 3 years.

The establishment plan focuses on delivering new sports and recreation facilities for the community.

The plan prioritises early activation of the new park with multi-purpose sports courts and a community sports field.

PARK

- 1 Amenities
- 2 Community sports field
- 3 Multi-purpose sports courts
- 4 Playground
- 5 Lighting to main paths
- 6 Walking, running, cycling paths and trails
- 7 Picnic areas and park furniture
- 8 Biodiversity enhancement works (trees, shrubs, grasses, planting)
- 9 Parking

GOLF

- 10 Reconfigured minimum 9-hole golf course
- 11 18-hole short form (mini golf) course
- 12 Expanded 90-bay driving range (30 additional bays)

We are seeking feedback on priorities for park establishment. Key features could include:

- 13 Off-leash dog area
- 14 Outdoor fitness stations
- 15 Youth recreation facilities such as a pump track
- 16 Perimeter loop track
- 17 Spaces for passive recreation and being in nature



Golf

The minimum 9-hole golf course will be familiar to golfers at Moore Park with amendments to the current course and adjustments to provide adequate buffers to the parkland. Hole length has been designed to benefit the pace of play, avoiding the bottleneck of the existing golf course. Additional holes have been retained for operational and maintenance requirements.

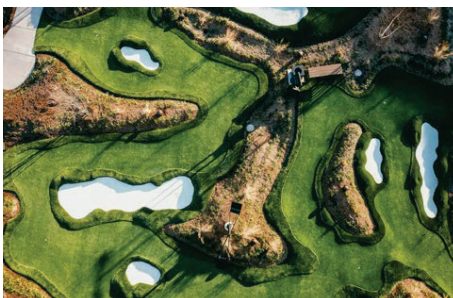
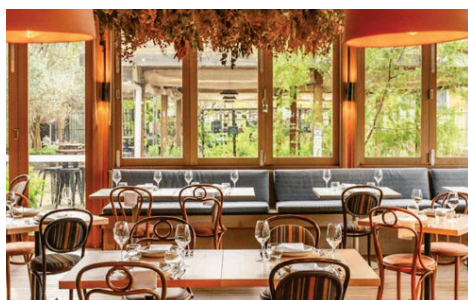
Renewed golf facilities will allow the public to enjoy different forms of the game and activate the space with short form (mini) golf, hospitality and complementary entertainment.

Features include:

- 1 9-hole golf course (36 par course)
- 2 New 18-hole short form (mini) golf course
- 3 Expanded driving range from 60 bays to 90 bays, including future premium bays
- 4 Putting green retained. Future upgraded Golf House with improved access and quality food and beverage offering.
- 5 Drainage improvements
- 6 Amenities
- 7 Chipping green retained

Golf course scorecard

Hole	Metres (m)	Par
1	235m	par 4
2	215m	par 3
3	398m	par 4
4	317m	par 4
5	480m	par 5
6	401m	par 4
7	382m	par 4
8	363m	par 4
9	286m	par 4



Paths and trails

The new park will be easy to move through with paths connecting to surrounding communities and improving access to other parts of Centennial Parklands and nearby public transport.

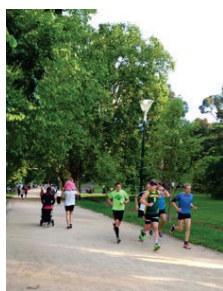
Safety is a key consideration. Pathways will be designed to ensure clear sightlines, with lighting that provides high levels of illumination while minimising impacts on wildlife.

Signage and way finding throughout the park and at main entry points will help visitors navigate the park.



Active recreation and sports

Moore Park South will be a place for active recreation and sports. Walking, running, cycling, golf and other active recreation and sports facilities will integrate into the natural parkland setting. The size and location of the proposed facilities will consider the landscape and tree loss will be minimal.



Informal recreation

Away from the activity hubs and active recreation areas, the remainder of the park will be mostly natural landscape with places to socialise and gather, and quieter places to enjoy the natural surroundings.



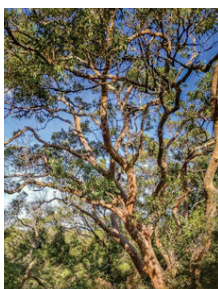
Park places

Major precinct attractions will be grouped into three community hubs. This responds to community feedback for most of the park to be as open and natural as possible. The three areas are Dacey Corner which will include formal and informal recreation spaces with a playground, multi-purpose courts and community sports field. Mount Rennie situated at the Golf House will be improved with enhanced park access connecting to the Toll House entry area. Mount Steel will remain natural, with trails and small nature play spaces.



Environment and nature

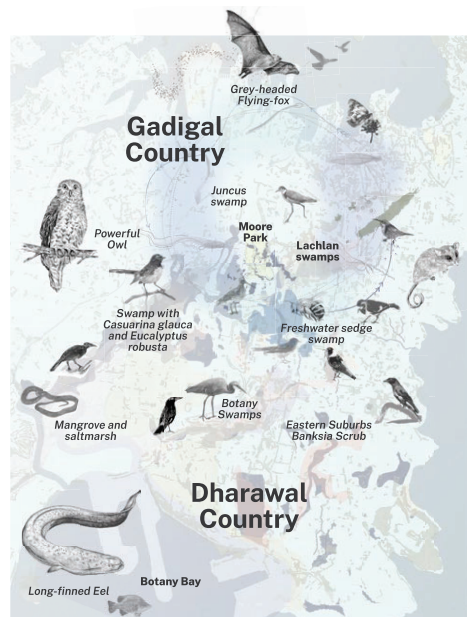
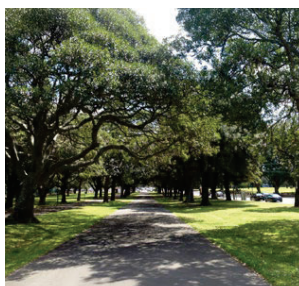
The priority will be to work with existing trees and plant native grasses, shrubs and trees to create new habitat for wildlife and improve biodiversity. Habitat creation will contribute to important regional biodiversity corridors.



Culture and heritage

Moore Park has state and local heritage significance. Established as Sydney Common in 1866, Moore Park has a long history as a place for public recreation for a growing Sydney. Moore Park has long served as a place for various sports, including golf. The contemporary values for the parklands guide opportunities to acknowledge, recognise and conserve the cultural landscape and heritage values of the site.

During engagement on the discussion paper, Aboriginal communities told us that Moore Park South has ongoing significance to the Aboriginal community. We will work with Traditional Custodians and Sydney's Aboriginal community to make sure values of First Nations peoples are incorporated into the park.



Have your say

Share your thoughts on the establishment plan.



To find out more, attend one of our pop-ups:

- Saturday 8 November, 9am to 1pm at Moore Park Golf
- Saturday 8 November, 2pm to 4pm at Bat and Ball Field, Moore Park
- Sunday 9 November, 8am to 12pm outside Centennial Homestead, Centennial Park
- Sunday 9 November, 2pm to 4pm at Kokoda Park, Kensington
- Saturday 15 November, 2pm to 4pm at Crystal Street near Coles Waterloo
- Sunday 16 November, 10am to 12pm at Joynton Park, Zetland
- Sunday 16 November, 2pm to 4pm at The Drying Green, Green Square

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Next steps

Community feedback will inform the finalisation of the establishment plan and feedback will inform priorities for delivery over the next 3 years.

Master Plan update

Moore Park will evolve over time in response to growing community needs. Greater Sydney Parklands will update the existing Moore Park Master Plan 2040 to include proposed changes for Moore Park South. Community Consultation will occur on the Master Plan update in 2026.

Access and connection improvements

Improving access and connectivity are important considerations for the new park. Greater Sydney Parklands will work with Transport for NSW and Councils to consider options to improve how people get to and from the new park.

