

Parks for People George Kendall Riverside Park

What we've heard

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment would like to thank the many individuals who provided their valuable time and insights to help shape the upgrades to George Kendall Riverside Park.

We, along with the City of Parramatta, were thrilled to see the level of enthusiasm for the project, through two rounds of community engagement.

Phase 1 Engagement: Vision

The Phase 1 community engagement created a clear vision for George Kendall Riverside Park as a place that will continue to attract walkers, cyclists, sports people and dog lovers to a place that is cool and welcoming for the whole family.

“ This park is great. Especially the path along the river. However, I feel more could be done with some of the open spaces. ”

— Social media comment



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What you told us



Your comments and ideas helped provide a solid foundation for some of Australia's best designers and architects to develop a draft Concept Design for the new park.

The main priorities for the community were:

You told us you want a cool space that highlights the natural environment with play and fitness opportunities for individuals of all age and accessibility levels.



ACTIVITY AND PLAY

An active place for diverse recreational interests, ages and abilities



WELCOMING AND ACCESSIBLE

A welcoming and accessible space for the whole family



COOL AND NATURAL

A cool space that celebrates the natural landscape as a place for relaxation and respite



Phase 2 Engagement: Feedback on the draft concept design

Overall, participants considered the Park to be a valuable, natural asset for the local community. More broadly participants appreciated the natural feel of the Park and valued the range of inclusive amenities proposed in the draft concept design. The majority of comments associated with participants that disagreed with the draft concept design related to the proposed looped parking and skate park. Further engagement will occur on the draft concept design in June and July 2021.

The following table highlights key design elements commented on by participants in relation to the Concept Design:

Participants agree the Concept Design is on the right track by:

- Maintaining natural feel of the Park
- Water trails and wetlands
- Boardwalk and viewing opportunities
- Improved dog park
- Inclusive play elements
- Seating opportunities for rest

Participants were concerned about two elements of the Concept Design

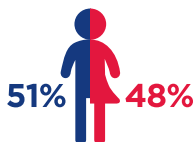
- Location and provision of the Skate Park
- Safety and traffic concerns related to the looped entry

PHASE 1

239
community
members
participated



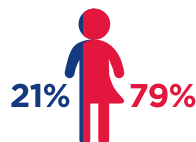
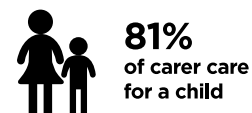
98% regular users of the park



Consultation dates: 13 Oct – 3 Nov 2020

PHASE 2

181
community
members
participated



PEOPLE WATER Popular words used in the Design Board (attached to positive sentiment)



Consultation dates: 5 Mar – 29 Mar 2021



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This park will be managed by City of Parramatta Council when complete.