

North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan (Stage 1)

Frequently Asked Questions.

How was Stage 1 of the North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan developed?

[Consultation Outcome Report- Draft Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy](#) (pages 18-27) identifies the key issues and opportunities for the Granville Precinct collected during the NSW Government 2015 community consultation to inform the development of the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program (PRUAIP) projects. This consultation was considered sufficient to commence the works associated with the PRUAIP at F.S. Garside Park and Alfred Street.

The development of a Masterplan to inform recreational and community amenity planning for North Granville was considered necessary to plan and identify funding requirements beyond the scope of the PRUAIP. The Masterplan also provides certainty as to how the park will develop as Granville's population increases.

Council conducted two rounds of community consultation to inform the development of the North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan:
Phase 1 (June-July 2019) – to understand community recreation and community requirements.
Phase 2 (Oct-Nov 2019) – to publicly exhibit the draft Masterplan to identify issues and include amendments.

During public exhibition of the draft masterplan, an online survey and a series of drop-in sessions were used to engage with a broad cross-section of the community, including local residents and sporting groups including:

- 100 respondents completed the online survey
- 62 people completed a paper-based survey
- 15 residents attended an additional drop-in session
- 19 open submissions were received

A majority of the community expressed support for the Masterplan which identifies upgrades to community and recreational facilities at F.S. Garside Park and the adjoining reserve at Duck Creek. The plan provides a long term vision to guide planning for social infrastructure,

population growth and active transportation. Following community consultation, Stage 1 of the Masterplan was adopted by Council at its 16 December 2019 meeting.

You can view Stage 1 of the Masterplan and the community engagement results that helped inform the development of Stage 1 in the Resources section of this webpage.

Further community consultation is planned across 2020 to inform the detail design of each area i.e. Northern Play Area, Playing Field, Youth Recreation Area and Dog Park, Alfred Street Cycleway. Please refer to project timeline for estimated dates to provide feedback.

How will Council use community feedback collected in March 2020 to inform the upgrade to F.S. Garside Park?

Council greatly values community input to ensure that identified park improvements meet local requirements. In March 2020, we invited feedback from the local Rosehill, Harris Park and North Granville community to inform the design of the F.S. Garside playground, picnic facilities, dog park and new youth recreation area. These areas were identified for improvement as part of the implementation of the Stage 1 North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan.

Council invited participation through flyer distribution to local households, an email to previous respondents and stakeholders, as well as drop-in session attendance, social media and online participation. The community consultation campaign reached over 11,000 people.

To collect feedback, a dot democracy (dot voting) activity was used at drop-in sessions and online to collect preferences from the community to describe park features that they preferred. Participants placed dots/stickers (or voted online) next to their 5 preferred options relating to activities, play equipment and amenities.

The top five highest votes collected were for spaces and amenities, and included:



Other great suggestions were:

"We need to ensure that the space is activated, by allowing pedestrian paths to go through (not just around) areas. This creates a sense of connection to the community."

"Large dog play section with smaller fenced area for anti-social dogs."

"Separate spaces for older and younger children, but with a transition area between (such as swings or a nature area) would be good. Older kids often scare younger kids away."

"Plant more trees to mitigate Granville's severe urban heat problem".

What are the objectives of the masterplan?

1. To deliver a masterplan for the North Granville precinct that offers welcoming places to gather and meet, as well as providing a range of active and passive recreation activities.
2. To engage with key site stakeholders and the local community in the development of the masterplan.
3. To ensure that F.S. Garside Park and community facilities meet the needs of North Granville's current and future population.
4. Improve the site accessibility and connectivity between recreational spaces.
5. Address contamination issues to ensure public safety.

What are the next steps following adoption of Stage 1 of the Masterplan?

Council will begin progress on the below actions to implement Stage 1 of the Masterplan. Preparation of a delivery plan for Masterplan items based on requirements relating to Section 117 Ministerial Direction EP&A Act 1979 and PRUAIP funding commitment including:

1. Scoping the cost and recommended delivery timeframes of any additional project/upgrade requirements identified under the Masterplan during the detailed design process
2. Preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF), Remediation Action Plan (RAP) and management plan where relevant.
3. Continue to work with the local community, DPIE, EPA and Sydney Water on the detailed design development of the Stage 1-North Granville Community Facilities Masterplan.
4. Negotiate a variation with DPIE to seek additional funds for remediation and extension in project delivery timeframes to provide the best outcome for the community.

Following public exhibition, the community building and the new car parking arrangement were considered key issues. Both these components are part of Stage 2 which is now subject to further site analysis and community consultation.

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