

DUNDAS WARD UPDATE

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Family Fun Day at Sturt Park, Telopea

Council invites you to attend a Family Fun Day at Sturt Park in Telopea on 24 July. We'll be celebrating the completion of upgrades for Acacia Park before construction works start at Sturt Park. The community is invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle, activities and entertainment at this COVID-safe event.

The upcoming upgrades to Sturt Park will include a new amenities block, amphitheatre, barbecue facilities, multipurpose courts and new playgrounds. Construction is anticipated to commence by August with completion expected by the end of 2021.

Up the road, the final touches are being made to the Acacia Park upgrade. Construction is expected to be completed in July and there will be a small maintenance period to allow turf and planting to

establish before the park reopens to the public. The upgrades at both parks are being funded by a \$5 million grant as part of the NSW Government's Precinct Support Scheme.



Artist's impression of Acacia Park

Changes at Cowells Lane Reserve

Cowells Lane Reserve in Ermington will remain predominantly an off-leash area for dogs, with an on-leash area clearly defined around the popular playground and parking area.

Following a recent and extensive six-month consultation, Council trialled the installation of a temporary fence and found it created a safer environment for all park user groups while ensuring that Cowells Lane Reserve remains one of Sydney's best off-leash dog parks. Of the 359 respondents, 71 per cent (253) voted in support of the fence. On this basis, Council is proceeding with the installation of a permanent fence in the same location as the temporary fence.

In addition to the permanent fence, Council will also install a new water station (with dog water bowl) in the off-leash area, replace Betty's Bridge, and install a new disabled car parking space and kerb ramp on Cowells Lane. More outdoor gym equipment is also being considered for the on-leash section of Cowells Lane Reserve.

Construction for the new fence, water station and disabled car parking space is expected to be completed by the end of June 2021. Betty's Bridge is due to be replaced by the end of September this year.

Message to our community

Welcome to the project update newsletter for Dundas Ward.

Planned projects include upgrades to Sturt and Acacia Parks, Telopea; Cowells Lane Reserve, Ermington; Dundas Village shops; a North Parramatta outdoor sporting and recreation network; Doyle Ground playground, North Parramatta; and Sherwin Park community garden, North Parramatta.

Shade sails will also be installed in five playgrounds in time for summer.

Such upgrades ensure the local community continues to enjoy high-quality parks and recreational areas, which are crucial for fitness, relaxation and socialising, as well as continued access to wonderful shopping facilities, dining areas and more.

You can find further information about these projects and many others throughout this newsletter.

New Shade Sails

Five new shade sails are soon to be constructed in local playgrounds throughout the community. New shade sails are planned for:

- Sherwin Park, North Parramatta
- Burnside Gollan Reserve, Oatlands
- Winjoy Reserve, Dundas
- Lockyer Reserve, Ermington
- Jenkins Reserve, Dundas

These shade sails are being installed to protect families from the sun and make local playgrounds more enjoyable in the hot summer months. Council is planning to have the shade sails installed by the time the weather heats up again.



Deputy Lord Mayor Michelle Garrard enjoying our local shade sails

Minor upgrades for Burnside Gollan Reserve, Oatlands

Along with the new shade sail proposed for the space-themed playground, Burnside Gollan Reserve in Oatlands is receiving a new picnic table and bin. Council is constantly providing small upgrades throughout the local area to encourage the community to use our fantastic amenities.



Have you tried the space-themed playground at Burnside Gollan Reserve?

Heart of Play Masterplan

Submissions have closed on an exciting new blueprint for a 30-hectare outdoor sporting and recreation network in North Parramatta to serve as the local community's 'shared backyard'. Council's Heart of Play masterplan proposes connecting seven parks and reserves via pedestrian and cycleway links to create a welcoming and improved open space in a rapidly growing part of the city.

The parks included in the masterplan are Doyle Ground, Dan Mahoney Reserve, Barton Park, Old Saleyards Reserve, PH Jeffery Reserve, Sherwin Park and Corry Court.

Council is reviewing all feedback received during the consultation period. As part of this process, the draft masterplan will be amended if necessary and a final version will be made publicly available and put forward to Council for adoption.



Doyle Ground



Cr Pierre Esber at existing fitness equipment at Doyle Ground

Doyle Ground Upgrades

Council is upgrading the playground at Doyle Ground in North Parramatta. The playground upgrade is designed to improve the space for all ages, with a particular focus on ensuring play elements provide a challenge for older children.

The well-shaded playground is set to become a fantastic attraction within Doyle Ground, which already offers a circuit track, outdoor gym equipment and plenty of seating. The proposed playground, to be set in the same location as the existing equipment, is within walking distance of some great local cafés. Mature trees and a large shade canopy will ensure the playground doesn't get too hot in summer.

Council is also investigating the installation of additional outdoor gym equipment in the north-eastern corner of Doyle Ground following strong demand for outdoor gyms during the height of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Dundas Village Shops Upgrade

The Dundas Village shops will soon receive a \$150,000 upgrade under Council's Better Neighbourhood Program. Upgrades will focus on the public domain in front of the newsagency, including a shelter structure over the existing table and chairs. This will be in addition to a wider landscaping package, new shade sail at Winjoy Reserve, and an investigation into improved lighting. Works are expected to be completed in mid- to late-2021.



Cr Pierre Esber at the soon to be upgraded Dundas Village Shops