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Community Engagement Outcomes Report

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Summary of key themes

Connection to Country and First Nations representation

First Nations stakeholders indicated that the Bank Street Park site and surrounding area holds great significance for First Nations peoples, particularly as a site of healing and medicine. First Nations participants identified the site as important to women who participated in fishing on and around the site. Participants also highlighted that the ANZAC Bridge above the Bank Street Park site is symbolic for all ANZACs, including the 'Black Diggers', and that a significant opportunity exists to explore recognition of them in the design of the new park.

Participants expressed a desire for the design of the park to represent First Nations peoples and incorporate culturally significant elements, including weaving grasses, fishing symbols and Indigenous flora and fauna. It was felt by First Nations stakeholders and participants from the online community workshop and residents who attended the drop-in that there is an opportunity to make the park a welcoming place that educates the broader community about First Nations history and cultural practice in the area.

Participants also suggested that the new Bank Street Park, be named Tjerruing Park, after the thick forests of Tjerruing (*callicoma serratifolia* or blackwattle), that protects the freshwater as it flows into the garigalo (saltwater).

A welcoming and accessible park that caters to different users and activities

Participants emphasised the need for the new Bank Street Park to be welcoming, accessible and inclusive for all people. They felt that the park should have features and amenities catering to diverse users and a range of activities, including walking, cycling, relaxing, exercising, participating in informal sports and play. In particular, some local residents expressed the need for the new park to cater for young people, expressing that younger children were well catered for in surrounding parks but teenagers were not.

Amenities

Participants identified the need for a range of well-maintained amenities, to ensure the park is a comfortable place for people to spend time in and to meet local community need. There was support for shaded areas, places to sit where small groups could gather, public toilets, areas protected from the weather, play equipment and a kiosk for food and beverages.

Consideration of the needs of boating users and water sports

Participants emphasised the importance of considering the needs of the recreational boating users and other water sport users who currently use the site, including dragon boaters, recreational kayakers and canoeists. Participants saw a need for features including storage, change room and shower facilities, an office and club house to support these groups.

Mixed views around the future of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street

There were mixed views around the future of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. Some participants, particularly those who lived locally, valued the heritage, character and visual appeal of the buildings, and expressed a desire for some or all of them to be retained for community benefit. Other participants saw value in removing the buildings entirely and replacing with public open space.

Many participants who supported retaining the existing buildings shared ideas for how the buildings could be adaptively repurposed for other uses. Suggestions included a waterfront bar, café or restaurant, artist studios and storage and change room facilities for the boating community.

A green place of respite

Participants saw a need for the park to be a quiet, calm space that acts as a place of respite from the busy city surrounds and provides green, climate responsive, grassy open space and Indigenous gardens for the community and visitors to enjoy.

Connection to the water and enhanced views

Participants expressed a desire for the park to reflect the natural environment and have a strong connection to the water, including access for people to swim and launch canoes or kayaks. Participants also hoped that access to the beautiful views and scenery would be enhanced by the park design.

A distinct identity for the park

Participants identified the importance of the park having a distinct, unique identity that complements nearby facilities and park offerings. Participants saw value in a networked approach for the parks and recreational facilities in the local area, to ensure the needs of the community and visitors are met without duplication.

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The redevelopment of Blackwattle Bay offers an exciting opportunity to build an inclusive and iconic waterfront destination that celebrates innovation, history, culture, diversity and community.

As part of this redevelopment, there will be a new harbour foreshore walkway that connects to and throughout a new 1.1-hectare waterside park at Bank Street, Pyrmont.

The new park will surround the southern pylon of the Anzac Bridge. The site provides a rare chance to create a new waterfront park that will celebrate its First Nations history, iconic harbourside location and maritime history.

Bank Street Park also presents an opportunity to consider the future of the buildings on the site at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont. These are the four vacant buildings located between the southern Anzac Bridge pylon and the Glebe Island Bridge abutment, which are owned by the NSW Government. Further investigations are required to assess the condition of the building, and further technical work needs to be done to understand what can be done with the buildings and how this area of the park might be used.

Infrastructure NSW engaged Cred Consulting to design and deliver two phases of community engagement. Phase one (this report) will inform the design brief of the new waterfront park at Bank Street, Pyrmont. Phase two will commence in 2023 and will test design options for the park with the community.

1.2 Community engagement

Phase one community engagement to inform the design brief for the new Bank Street Park was undertaken between 22 August 2022 – 25 September 2022.

During this phase of engagement, consultation aimed to:

- Understand community priorities for the new Bank Street Park
- Explore how First Nations connection to Country can authentically be included in the Bank Street Park concept design
- Generate a collection of ideas that will help inform concept designs of the park
- Understand the character and identity of the place - learning from stories from years ago to now
- Understand how the community would like to use the new park, and the features that would need to be considered to accommodate these activities
- Build on ideas that have been raised in previous community consultation, including the Call for Great Ideas
- Test ideas for the potential character and look and feel of Bank Street Park, and
- Inform the community about the investigations we are doing at 1-3 Bank Street, the future options for the buildings, and record the community's views on these options.

The engagement program consisted of a mix of online and face to face opportunities for community to participate, and included:

- An online survey (available in English and simplified Chinese) hosted on the INSW webpage
- Four pop-up engagement events in various locations in Pyrmont
- One community drop-in session on site at Bank Street, Pyrmont
- Two online community workshops
- One First Nations workshop which included an Indigenous weaving session and vox pops interviews with participants
- Distribution of postcards and posters to local businesses and schools, postcards were available in English and Simplified Chinese

This report provides a summary of findings from the program of community engagement listed above. Findings in this report have been summarised by engagement activity, with key themes summarised in the Summary of Key Themes.

Table 1 provides details of the community and stakeholder engagement activities conducted to inform the design brief for Bank Street Park.

Table 1 - Phase 1 community engagement activities conducted in August - September 2022

Engagement activity	Location	Date	Reach
Survey	Online via Infrastructure NSW's webpage	22 August – 25 September 2022	425 respondents
Pop-ups	Sydney Fish Market	Saturday 3 September 2022, 11am – 1pm	50 people (approx.)
	Pirrama Park Playground	Sunday 4 September 2022, 11am – 1pm	100 people (approx.)
	Sydney Fish Market	Thursday 8 September 2022, 11am – 1pm	50 people (approx.)
	Sydney Fish Market	Saturday 10 September 2022, 11am – 1pm	45 people (approx.)
Community drop-in	1-3 Blackwattle Bay Marina, 5 Bank Street, Pyrmont	Sunday 11 September 2022, 11am – 1pm	20 people
Community workshops	Online via Zoom	Tuesday 13 September 2022, 6pm – 7.30pm	8 people
	Online via Zoom	Thursday 15 September 2022, 6pm – 7.30pm	7 people
First Nations workshop and vox-pops	1-3 Blackwattle Bay Marina, 5 Bank Street, Pyrmont and Sydney Fish Market	Sunday 18 September 2022, 10am – 1pm	8 people

2. Online survey findings

2.1 About the online survey

This section summarises findings from the community online survey. The survey was available online via Infrastructure NSW's Bank Street Park webpage from 22 August until 25 September 2021. A total of 425 surveys were completed.

The online survey aimed to better understand community vision and priorities for the Bank Street Open Space. The survey also aimed to explore respondents' views on the future of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. A full list of questions asked in the survey can be found in Appendix A.

A survey was created in simplified Chinese; however, no surveys were completed in community language.

2.2 Snapshot of key findings

- Survey respondents agree or strongly agree with many of the suggested principles to guide the design of the Bank Street Park
 - Connection to water (94%), addressing amenity (91%) and quality open space design (90%) are the principles with the highest proportion of survey respondents indicating they 'agree' or 'strongly agree' with the principle.
- Top activities respondents would like to do at Bank Street Park include enjoying the views (78%), enjoying nature (62%), walking, or running (55%) and getting a coffee or snack at a kiosk (52%)
 - Cycling was the most popular activity suggested that was *not* included in the list provided to respondents (22 comments)
- The most important features for the future Bank Street Park include grassy open space (58%), shade trees (55%), Indigenous plantings (36%) and covered (weather protected) areas (30%)
- There are mixed views on the future of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street
 - 38% of respondents prefer to remove the buildings
 - 31% want to keep some of the buildings
 - 11% want to keep all the buildings
- Survey respondents who wished to keep all or some of the buildings would like them used for commercial purposes (55%), cultural uses (54%), community meeting spaces (52%) and social enterprises (50%)
 - Other ideas included expanding facilities for dragon boating, using them for more amenities and turning them into more off-street parking
- Participants have many ideas about what makes a good park including
 - A range of activities to appeal to all different people including walking, cycling, relaxing, exercise and sports and play equipment
 - Well-maintained good quality amenities including shade, seating, and public toilets

- Open space for a variety of uses
- A strong connection to nature including to the water and native flora and fauna
- A welcoming, accessible, and safe space for everyone.

2.3 Respondent profile

Relationship to Bank Street Park

As shown in Figure 1, most respondents (37%) live in the surrounding suburbs to Bank Street Park including Glebe, Ultimo and Rozelle. This is followed by 35% who live in Pyrmont, 25% who visit the area, and 20% who are members of a recreation club. A smaller number of respondents work nearby (10%), travel past the area (10%), are part of a local community group (6%) or none of the above but interested in the park (3%).

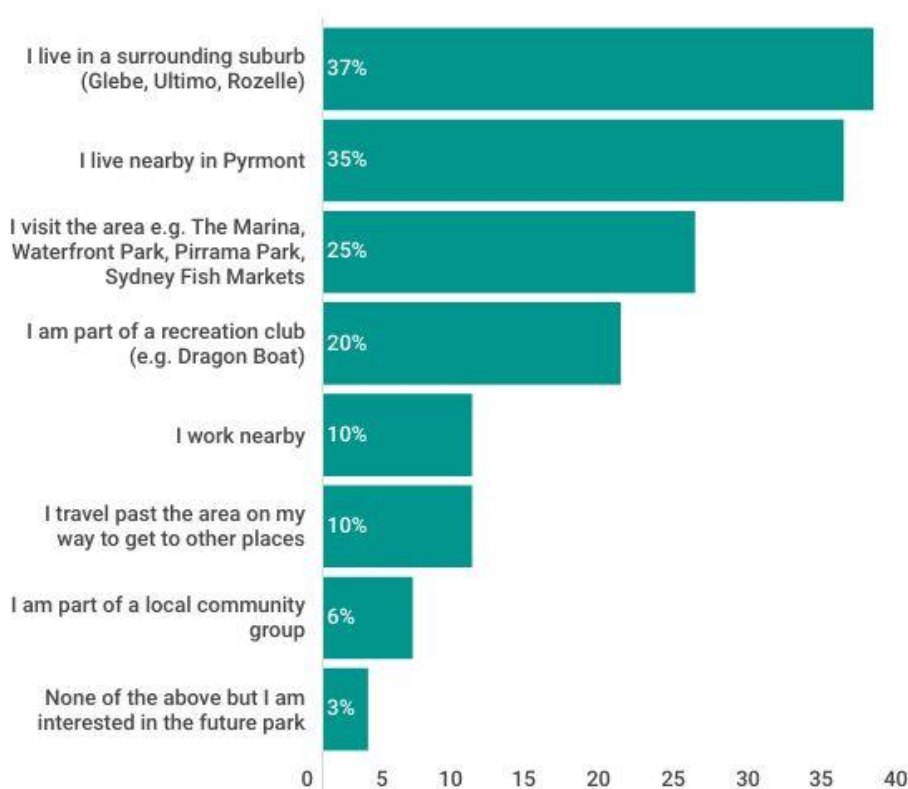


Figure 1: What is your relationship to the Bank Street Park location?

Age

As shown in Table 2, most survey respondents were aged 35 to 49 (26.6%), followed by 50 to 59 (24.8%) and 60 to 79 (21.7%). There were very few respondents aged under 24 and over 85.

Table 2: What is your age?

Age	Percentage	Number of respondents
Under 18	0.3%	1
18-24	1.6%	6
25-34	8.3%	32
35-49	26.6%	103
50-59	24.8%	96
60-69	21.7%	84
70-84	14%	54
85 and over	0.8%	3
Prefer not to say	2.2%	8

Gender

49% of respondents identified as female, 47% identified as male and 1% identified as non-binary or gender diverse.

Disability

7% of survey respondents identified as a person living with a disability.

Cultural diversity

2% of respondents identified as a First Nations person. These respondents were asked if there was anything they would like to share about their community, cultural or spiritual connection to Bank Street Park. Four respondents provided responses:

- The gentrification of the site feels inaccessible, cold and unfriendly
- More murals of famous Indigenous people from the community
- The inclusion of colonial and European history
- Ensuring that Gadigal takes space such as artist Nadeena Dixon.

17% of respondents spoke a language other than English. Top languages included Cantonese (24%), Mandarin (22%), Spanish (10%), Vietnamese (5%) and Italian (5%). A full list of responses can be found at Appendix D.

2.4 Principles to guide the design of Bank Street Park

Ten principles to guide the design of Bank Street park were identified through previous community engagement and technical studies.

Finding 1: Strong agreement with majority of the principles.

Respondents were asked how strongly they agree with these principles, on a scale of strongly agree to strongly disagree. Figure 2 shows the percentage of respondents who agreed (strongly agree or agree), were neutral or disagreed (strongly disagree or disagree) with the principles.

The principles that survey respondents agreed with the most were:

- Maintain and enhance the connection to water (94%)
- Be a place for everyone that is inviting, socially inclusive and accessible (92%)
- Address amenity like safety (lighting), climate (sun and shade) and hard and soft spaces (91%)
- Achieve a high-quality open space design (90%)

The principles that survey respondents agreed with the least were:

- Draw on European heritage of the location when designing the park (15% disagree)
- Include retail offerings such as place for morning coffee or afternoon snacks (14% disagree)
- Ensure the living culture of First Nations people is recognised and present (9% disagree)

A table of responses to this question can be found at Appendix B.

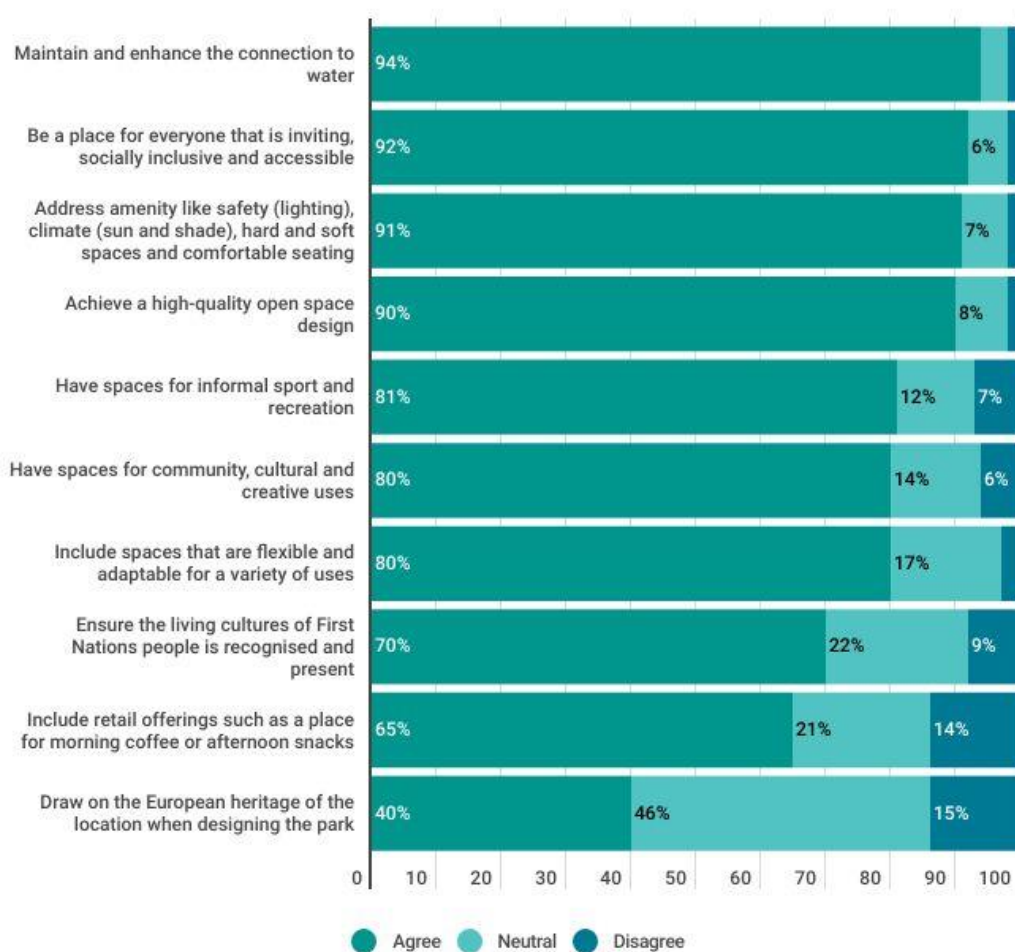


Figure 2: The following principles have been identified through community engagement and technical studies carried out to date, to guide the development of Bank Street Park. How strongly do you agree with these principles? Bank Street Park will:

What is Finding 2: Connection to water, amenity and quality open space are the most important principles for Bank Street.

Survey respondents were asked, if they were designing Bank Street Park, which three principles would be most important. As shown in Figure 3, the top three principles identified were:

- Maintaining and enhancing the connection to water (58%)
- Addressing amenity (52%)
- Achieving a high-quality open space design (46%).

The least important principles were draw on the European heritage (5%), flexible and adaptable spaces (18%) and recognising the living cultures of First Nations (21%).

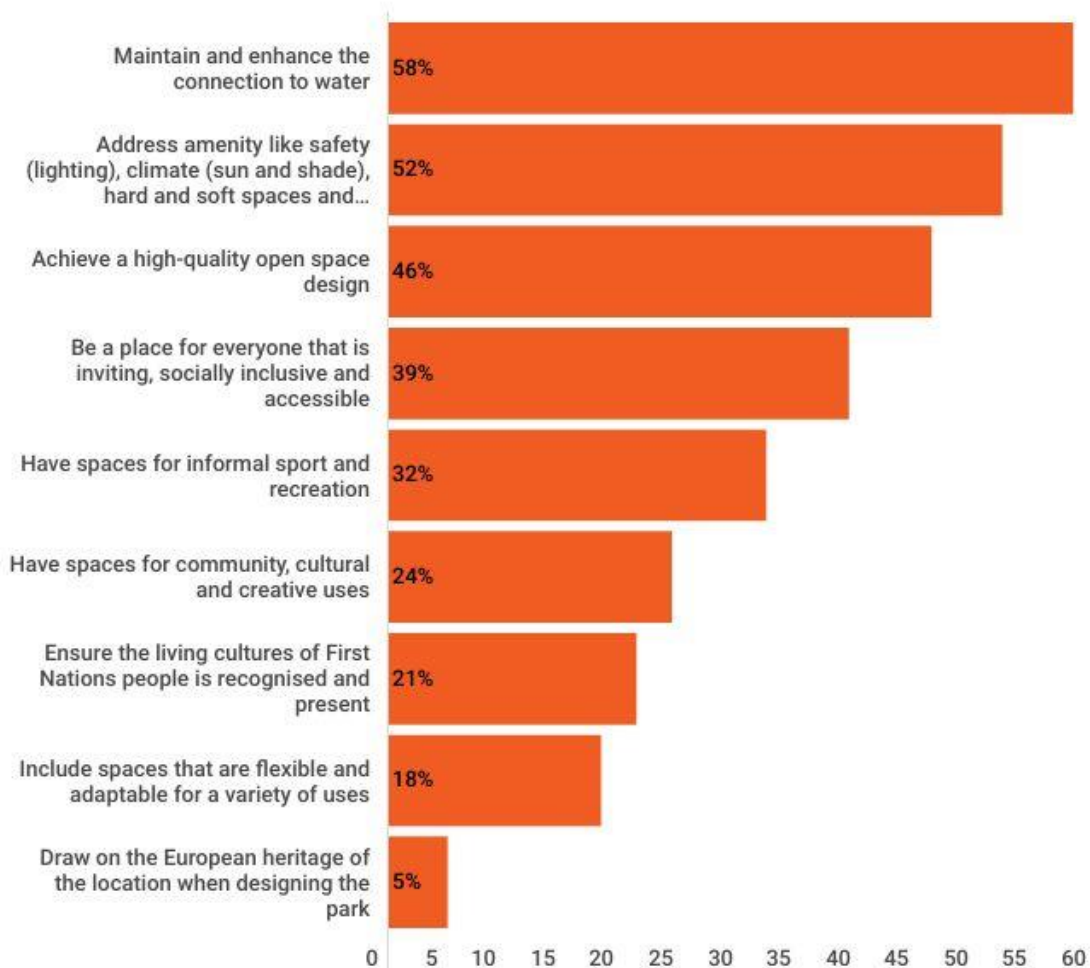


Figure 3: If you were designing the Bank Street Park, which of the following are the top 3 principles most important for Bank Street Park?

2.5 Use of Bank Street Park

Survey respondents were asked what activities they would like to do at Bank Street Park.

Finding 1: Enjoying the views, nature and walking or running are the most popular activities for the future Bank Street Park.

Respondents were given an extensive list of activities to choose from. Figure 4 shows the top ten activities chosen by respondents.

The most popular activity respondents would like to do at Bank Street Park was enjoying the scenery and views (78%).

This was followed by:

- Enjoying nature (62%)
- Walking or running (55%)
- Getting a coffee or snack at a kiosk (52%)
- Meeting with friends (44%).

The least popular activities typically involved sports including handball (2%), volleyball (2%), frisbee (3%), basketball (5%) and scooting (6%).

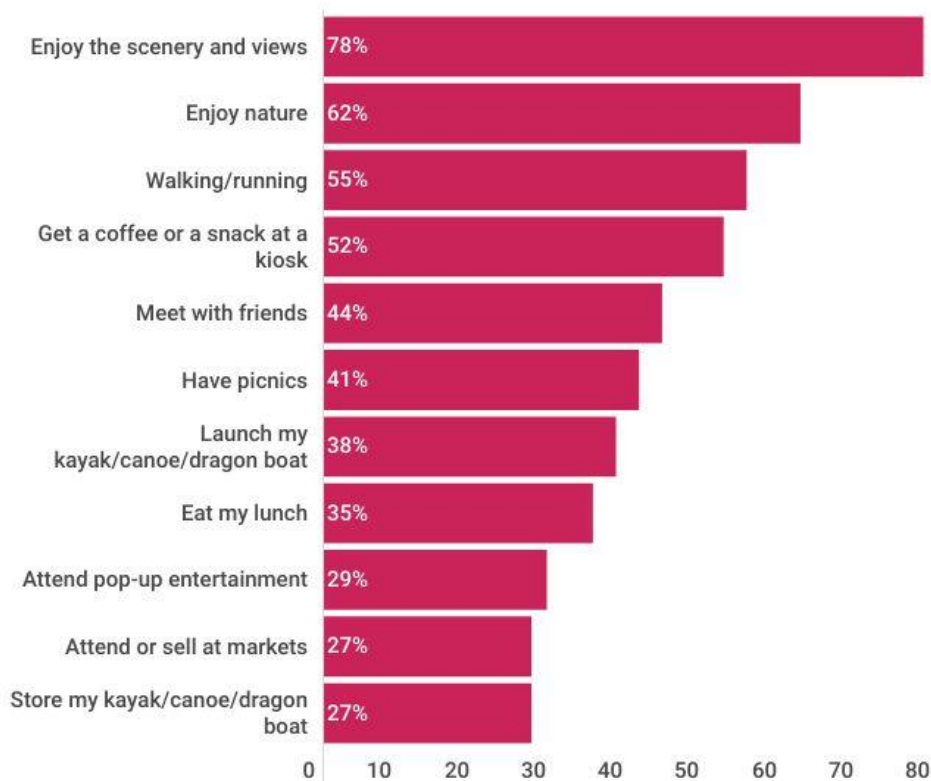


Figure 4: Thinking about the space available and the location, what activities would you like to do or have available at Bank Street Park? (select all that apply)

A full list of activities and responses can be found at Appendix C.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to provide ideas for activities not included on the list. Table 3 shows some of the popular activities suggested, including cycling, swimming, and skating. Many respondents spoke about parking, however as this is not considered an activity, it has been omitted from Table 3.

Table 3: Is there anything else you would like to do here in the future? (if yes, please describe)

Activity	Comments
Cycling (22 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Ride my bike around the foreshore on an off-road path” “Separated bike track for access to the fish markets & Wentworth Park” “Provide cycle access along the waterfront to provide connected routes for cyclists”
Swimming (8 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Swimming pool or launch area to bay for swimming” “Paddle in the water and play in sand with my grandchildren.” “Surf man-made waves generated by a boat, as per Webber Wave Pools.”
Skating (4 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Roller skate along the water” “Skateboard rink for young people”
Drinking and eating at a bar (2 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Have a bar where I can buy drinks and watch the sunset”
Activities that are available at night (2 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Night sky watching that a space with trees where sky watchers can set their telescopes, have the lights shining down to be able to watch the stars”
Other (5 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball Painting Tennis Children's playground Movie screen

Finding 2: Grassy open space, shade trees and Indigenous planting are the most important features for Bank Street Park.

Survey respondents were asked how important certain features were for Bank Street Park. They were asked to rate them as very important, important, neutral, minor importance or not at all. Figure 5 shows the breakdown of how each feature was rated by survey participants.

Features that were most highly rated as very important include:

- Grassy open space (58%)
- Shade trees (55%)
- Indigenous planting to encourage wildlife (36%)
- Covered areas protected from the weather (30%)
- Cultural and historical interpretation and signage (22%)
- Nature play areas (21%).

Features that were most highly rated as not at all important include places to skateboard (44%), climbing wall (37%), fenced area for dogs (27%), features for young people (29%) and cultural or art studios (28%).

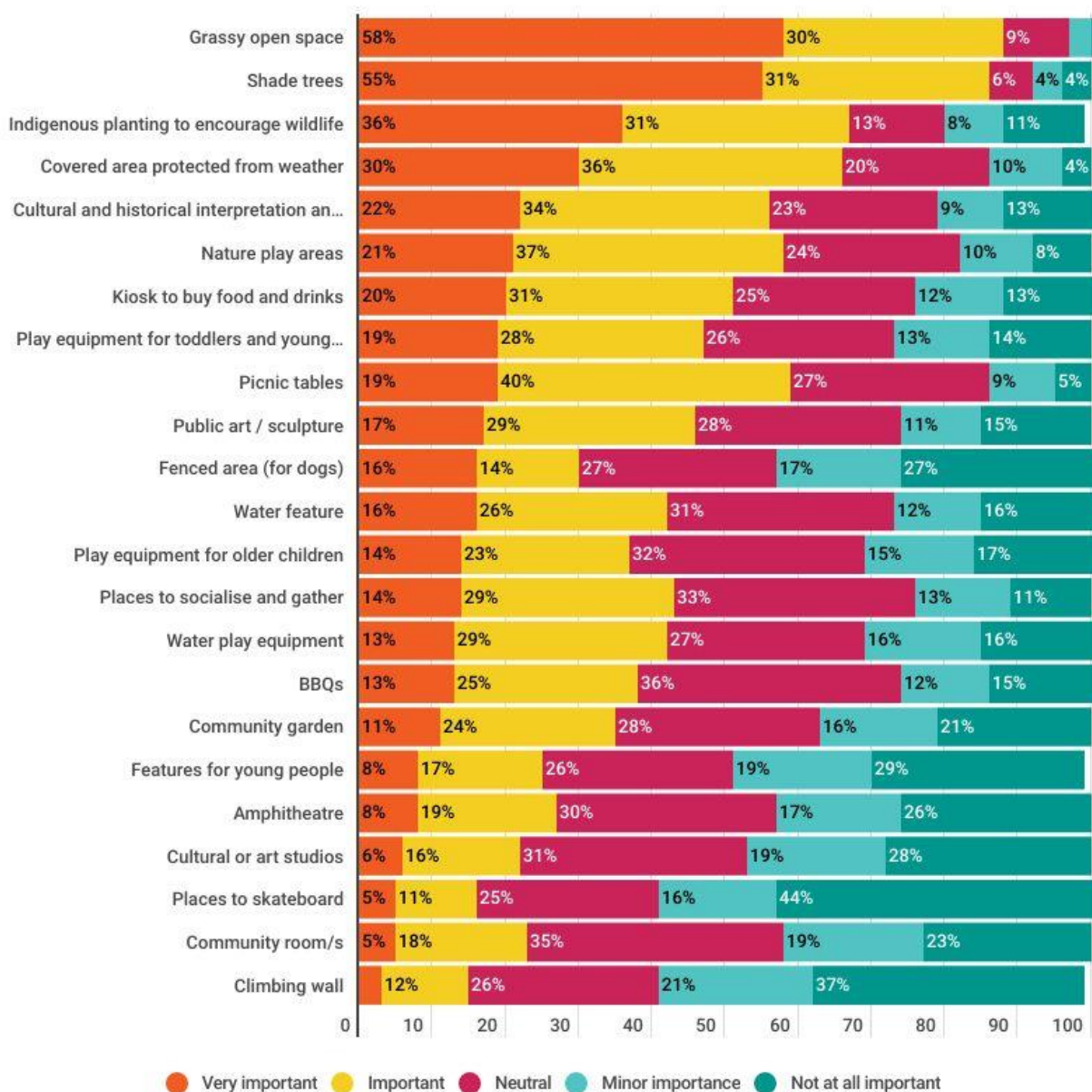


Figure 5: Thinking about the infrastructure already identified for the park as mentioned above, how important are the following features to you to be included?

2.6 The existing buildings on the Bank Street Park site

The buildings at 1- 3 Bank Street, Pyrmont contain four vacant buildings located between the southern Anzac Bridge pylon and the Glebe Island Bridge abutment, which are owned by the NSW Government. Further investigations are required to assess the condition of the building, and further technical work needs to be done to understand what can be done with the buildings and how this area of the park might be used.

Finding 1: There were mixed views on the future of the buildings.

There were mixed views on the existing buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. As shown in Figure 6, 38% of survey respondents preferred the buildings to be removed to make space for more open parkland. A similar number of people wanted to keep the buildings with 31% wanting to keep some parts of the buildings and 11% wanting to keep all of the buildings.

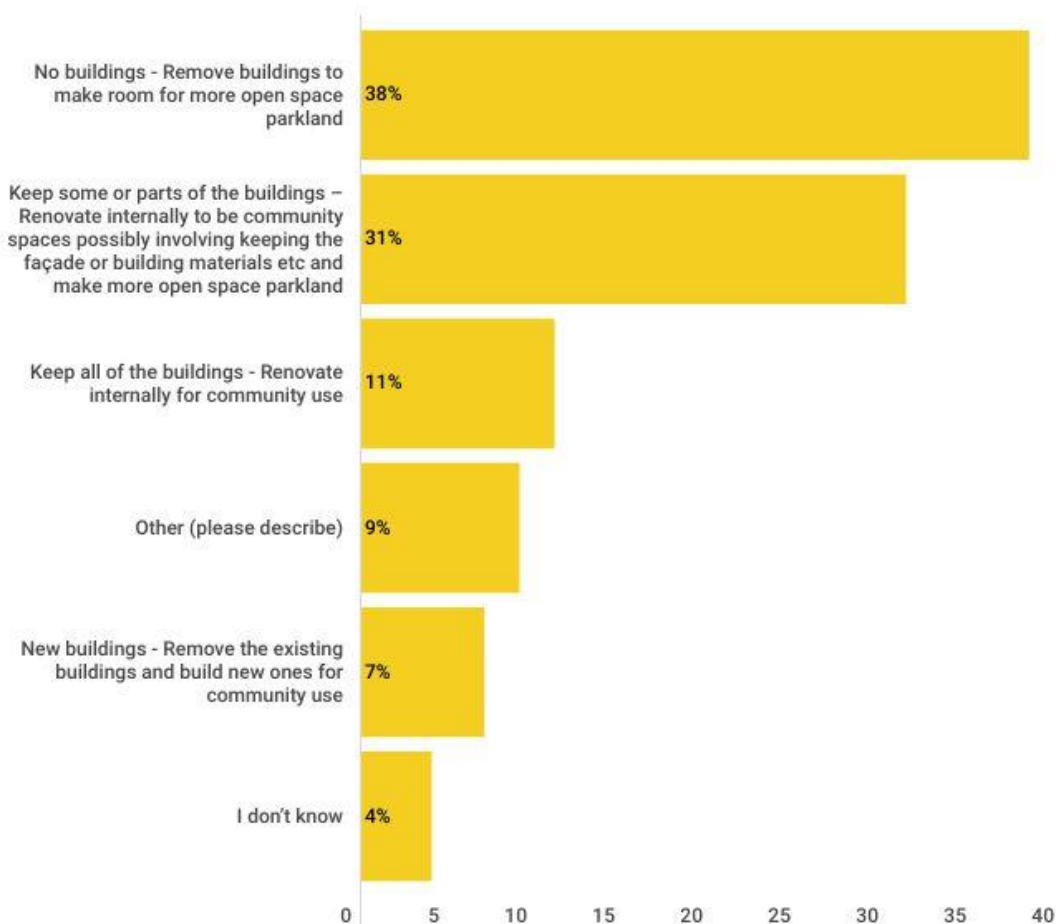


Figure 6: What is your preference for the future of these buildings?

9% of survey respondents provided other ideas for the buildings. Table 4 shows some of the responses to this question.

Table 4: Other (please specify)

Idea	Select verbatim comments
Keep some of the buildings and renovate for community use (9 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Keep the old heritage buildings renovate for community use and acquire more land back towards the old fish market & also include the renovated bridge into the park” “Keep the buildings as they are part of the community, they could be used by community, schools or day-cares.” “Retain the timber/crafts workshop for public use”
Keep some of the buildings and use for restaurants and cafes (6 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Keep 1 waterfront building as a Cafe demolish rest.” “Ideal spot for a gallery restaurant cafe.”
Retain some of the buildings (5 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “need more information, however would seem that some should be retained.” “Keep the space allocated to buildings to a minimum” “Keep historical part of buildings.”
Keep some of the buildings and use for dragon boating needs (5 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Keep buildings needed for dragon boats and any other commitments. DONT build new buildings. Take down any not 100% needed. The City's parks are cluttered with semi-used or vacant buildings.” “Build storage and amenities for dragon boat clubs and maintain off-street parking for safety”
Remove some of the buildings to make space for parking (4 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Remove some to make car park spaces” “Extra Carparking. It'll be so busy, where will people park or when we have canoes, we can't exactly cycle there”
Keep some of the buildings and use for environmental initiatives (2 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Sustainable and environment initiatives used” “Renovate, but more garden like, incorporate into the environment, cafe.”
Keep and use the buildings for amenities (2 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Renovate buildings and incorporate toilet, shower and training facilities for dragon boat, canoe and other watercraft” “Shower and change facilities for the swimming pool”
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Please make sure there are enough sports facilities” “please take a long pragmatic term view on these buildings ... if there is a good functional or economic reason to keep them then keep them otherwise get rid of them so that you have a clean slate to work with” “Depends how they would fit in with the overall design of the park” “These are an eyesore. Retain reference to their past uses with storyboards but do not constrain future design trying to make something of these eyesores.”

Finding 2: There were mixed views on how the buildings could be used in the future

Respondents who wanted to keep some or all of the buildings were asked what they would like to see the buildings used for. As shown in Figure 7, the results were similar across all options. 55% would like to see the buildings used for commercial uses, 54% for cultural uses, 52% for community meeting spaces and 50% for social enterprises.

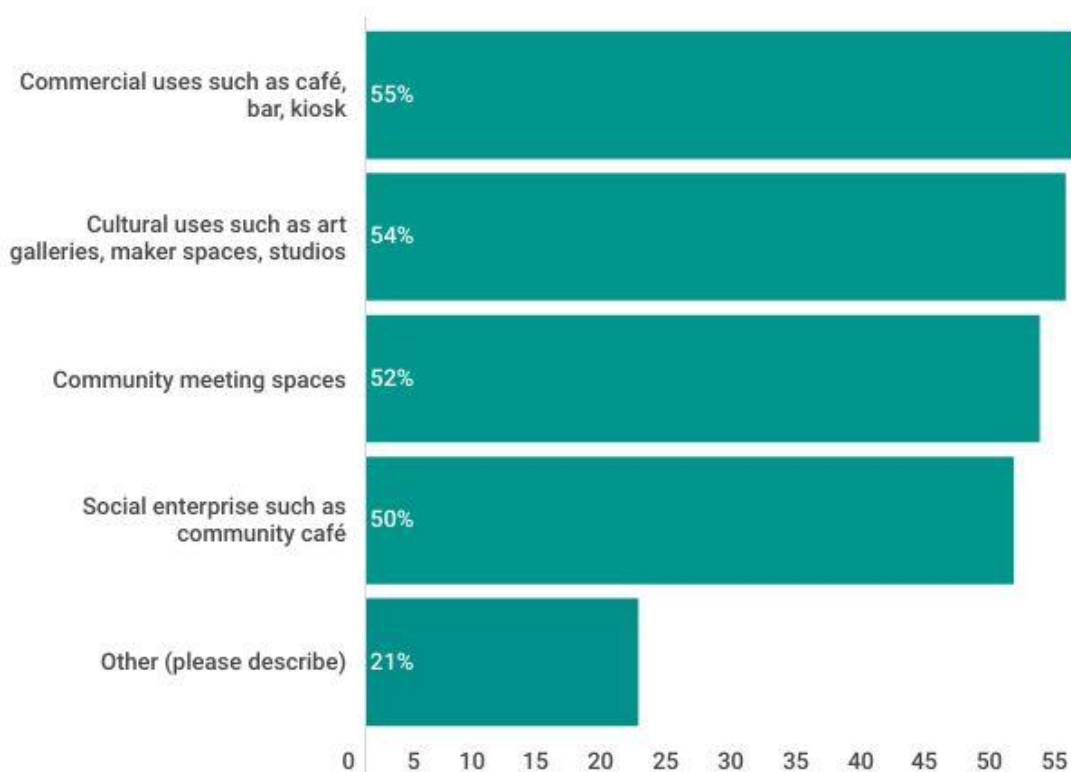


Figure 7: What would you like the buildings to be used for?

Survey respondents were also given the opportunity to provide other ideas for these buildings, results are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Other (please specify)

Idea	Select verbatim comments
Expand dragon boat facilities (14 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Dragon boat and personal canoe/kayak storage space for long term hire. They are 6m long canoes, so need to be able to access ramp easily, safely, and it helps to be close to ramp. See Woollahra sailing club ramp for reference.” “Bank street dragon boat club facilities (boat storage, ramp, toilets, showers, community space dedicated to the sport)” “Facilities for water sport clubs, we (NSW) have the worst facility for Dragon Boaters across the country.”
Turn them into spaces for amenities (9 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Amenities, such as showers, toilets, changing rooms” “Facilities, toilets, model on Docklands boatshed in Melbourne”
Turn them into parking spaces (6 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Car parking spaces”

Make them available for use by community groups (6 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Google ‘Popular Union’ London” • “Get rid of them and start afresh with a minimalist approach. A versatile space e.g. for art gallery or other community grouping would be good but start afresh.” • “a non profit or charity based facility like the bunnings hot dog bbq for small community clubs etc (or homeless people) to provide food/drink to raise money”
Other (6 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Create a community hall for hire” • “Turn them into social housing or temporary shelters” • “A daycare for children and seniors” • “Markets” • “An exhibition of the heritage” • “A community plant nursery”

2.7 What makes a good park

We asked survey respondents to tell us in 25 words or less what they liked most about parks that they visit. The key themes and ideas are summarised in Table 6.

Table 6: Thinking about all the parks you have visited, please tell us in 25 words or less what you like most about them?

Theme	Summary	Select verbatim comments
A range of activities to appeal to a range of people and interests (118 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks are importance spaces for members of the community to undertake a range of activities • This includes exercise and sports, relaxing, playing on equipment, walking and cycling and socialising with friends • Dog owners would like spaces where they are able to walk and play with their dogs, however, others prefer parks where dogs are not allowed off leash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking and cycling (37 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Ability to walk in the park with family and friends and enjoy the peace and quiet and facilities” – “PLEASE make the thoroughfares wide enough for BOTH walkers AND bike riders - better still please make a dedicated bike path to separate walkers & bike riders” – “Interesting walks” • Dogs (28 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “So far Pyrmont is missing a fenced in dog park” – “Do not make this an off leash dog area. Other green spaces in Pyrmont are overrun with dogs and their owners.” – “Designated unleashed dog park areas with access to water and accessible rubbish bins, fencing and plenty of native trees and shrubs” – “I like spaces for my dogs to run” – “Sydney Park is ruined by dogs. Because it’s an off-leash park, dog owners think it is a dog park. It is very difficult to have a picnic there without dogs stealing food.” • Relaxing (28 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Places where one can relax, enjoy take in the beauty connect with historical aspects of the environment” – “Peaceful nature-focused areas that are places to relax with plants/trees and scenery. Not playgrounds or dog parks.” – “They make me feel relaxed and happy with their design that can draw me to happy feelings associated with nature and human emotion” – “The peace of being in a green space” • Play equipment (23 comments)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Challenging and unique play equipment, like the one built in St Peters.” – “Iconic play structures that allow children to explore and learn,” – “Safe equipment” • Exercise including sports (14 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “The open space, connection with the community and local sporting/cultural groups. Encouragement of physical exercise” – “Sporting half size courts for tennis, football, basketball.” • Socialising (12 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Welcome people to linger and interact with the space and each other.” – “Places to socialise with friends” • “I like it when they feel like places to gather but are also wide and large enough to feel expansive.”
Good quality amenities and facilities that are clean and well-maintained (97 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks need to have a range of well-maintained and clean amenities and facilities • This includes shade, seating, eating options, toilets, picnic facilities, parking, and bins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade (38 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Sunny grassy areas as well as shaded ones, both are needed!” – “Available shade (trees or outdoor cover) in case of hot weather.” • Seating (33 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Welcoming and a range of interesting spaces/perspectives to sit down (with number of seating options so you don’t have to squash or wait for a space) and relax and for you to come to identify as a special person place.” – “Durable but comfortable seating to enjoy the ambience and aspect.” • Eating options (23 comments) • Clean public toilets (17 comments) • Picnic facilities (11 comments) • Parking (8 comments) • Bins (7 comments)
Open space that can be used for a variety of uses (92 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks should have lots of open green space that can be used by everyone for a variety of needs • Open space is important to ensure the park does not feel busy or crowded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Green open spaces beautifully punctuating densely populated inner city urban areas, for exercise and relaxation.” • “Open spaces so that it doesn’t feel too crowded or busy.” • “The real feeling of openness, no clutter, plenty of spots to sit,” • “Inclusive multi-purpose spaces that include nature with spaces to meet and congregate are always good. I like spaces that have something for everyone.”
A strong connection to nature (91 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks need to reflect a connection to the natural environment in the surrounding area • This includes making use of the views of the surrounding environment, enhancing the connection to water and the inclusion of native flora and fauna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Experiencing the simple joy of being outdoors and amongst nature. Experiencing the beauty of the park and waterway and the predominant sounds of nature and its fauna.” • “They provide a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of city life, providing the only real connection to nature” • Enhance the connection to water (43 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “It should be similar to Barangaroo. Very natural and serene integrating with the water. It’s not for sport or cultural activities. We have community centres and playing fields nearby for those.”

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Natural access to waters’ edge, especially for the inner city flat residents without yards or outside areas.” – “Seaside walking area.” • Native flora and fauna (28 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “They contain vegetation types which are native to the area and include a diversity of species which attract birdlife. They provide quietness to enable sounds of nature to be heard.” – “I enjoy the planted areas that have been left to grow untouched and ideal for wildlife corridors.” – “Beautiful and interesting native trees and plants.” • Make use of the views of the environment (19 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “They are relaxing, quiet, have great views and allow you to enjoy the beauty of nature in a busy city” • “Bringing the area back to nature with places to walk and look at the view.”
A welcoming, accessible and safe space for everyone of all ages and backgrounds (33 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks need to create a welcoming and safe environment for people of all ages and backgrounds • Parks need to be accessible and cater to the needs of people of all ages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A place where older people are safe to walk without the risk of getting knocked over by bicyclist, e scooters or skateboarders.” • “A place to sit, quietly, away from the hustle and bustle, that is safe and accessible and where views of scenery and people can be had.” • “Catering for the elderly who struggle to sit on the ground. Can seats be incorporated in the design of the park.” • “A place that is welcoming for everyone, kids, adults, dogs, corporate and social spaces to eat and drink and family space to picnic”
Other (20 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks should reflect the history and culture of the area they are situated in • Parks should incorporate arts and culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and culture (10 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Space for art and culture” – “Public art” – “Mostly open space but well lit and can be adapted for the occasional event or sculptures or art.” • Reflecting the area they are in (10 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “I like parks that reflect something of the area in which they are located, its history and its ecology.” – “connection with water and history and indigenous” – “The Barangaroo headland use of sandstone on the waters edge. Remember to recognise the history of the local Pymont sandstone quarries” – “Enjoy reading narratives and viewing historical images” – “Open space shared by all, with historical and cultural connection.”

3. Online workshop findings

3.1 About the online workshops

Two online workshops were held with people that work, live and/or visit Pyrmont or have a connection with the Bank Street Park site. Participants expressed interest in participating via a form on the INSW website.

The workshops were held on:

- Tuesday 13 September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, with 8 participants
- Thursday 15 September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, with 7 participants

Cred Consulting facilitated the workshops via Zoom. The sessions commenced with a brief presentation describing the project and providing context, followed by Menti activities and a facilitated conversation that was guided by the following questions:

- What are your hopes for the new park at Bank Street?
- What do the following principles look like to you in the new park?
 - High quality open space design
 - Maintaining and enhancing the connection to water, and
 - A place for everyone that is inviting, socially inclusive and accessible.
- Exploring look and feel examples – What is your preferred look and feel, and why?
- What is your preference for the future of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont?

Participants were provided the opportunity to share their ideas and priorities throughout the 1.5-hour sessions.

3.2 Snapshot of key findings

Across the two workshops the following common themes emerged:

- Overall, participants hoped that the new park at Bank Street would be a quiet and calm space to provide respite from the busy city surrounds.
- Participants hoped that the new park would incorporate green, grassy open space and a variety of features, including shade, seating areas and pathways that meet diverse community needs.

“It’s so important that whatever happens around the bay, the blue space of the bay is protected.”

Online Community Workshop Participant

- Participants hoped that the new park would complement and not necessarily duplicate nearby park offerings (e.g. Pirrama Park and Wentworth Park), for example, recreation space for young people because younger children are well catered for in nearby parks.
- Participants felt strongly that the park should be welcoming and accessible to all people, and that the design of the new park should support this principle.
- When speaking about desired look and feel for the new Bank Street Park, most participants expressed a desire for green, grassy open spaces. Participants would like to see the site's connection to the water and beautiful views emphasised.
- There were mixed views on whether the 1-3 Bank Street buildings should be kept or removed. Participants expressed that if the buildings held heritage or historical value to the local community, they should be kept and adaptively reused for community benefit. Some participants felt that the buildings were an eyesore and should be removed to make space for more open space.
- When participants valued the idea of keeping the existing buildings, ideas for their future use included a waterfront bar, café or restaurant, artist studios, storage and change room facilities for the Dragon Boat community. Participants wanted to ensure the buildings help to tell the story of the local area.
- Participants also suggested that the new Bank Street Park, be named Tjerruing Park, after the thick forests of Tjerruing (*callicoma serratifolia* or blackwattle), that protects the freshwater as it flows into the garigalo (saltwater).
- Representation of the First Nations history in the new park. Caring for Country, Indigenous plantings and incorporating the site's original flora and fauna
- The park could be an exemplar of how sustainability principles can be incorporated in the design of a new park
- Creating an inviting and comfortable space that gives some protection from the weather, as the new park is very exposed and often windy.

3.3 Findings by activity

Feedback received from each online workshop activity is themed and summarised by activity below.

Activity 1 – Hopes for the new Park at Bank Street

Question 1: What does a high quality open space design look like in the new park?

Participants stated that the following elements would contribute to a high quality open space design in the new Bank Street Park:

- Prioritising green, grassy open spaces.
- Providing a broad range of facilities such as a play space and outdoor courts, mixed with recreational spaces.

“This is the opportunity to create something that, as you move across Pyrmont on foot, you see something wonderful through this great frame of the bridge and the vista behind that makes you want to move through the landscape.”

Online Community Workshop Participant

- Clear signage, historical and informational components built in with timeless design.
- Having a café/restaurant/bar available within or nearby the new park to take advantage of the opportunity to have an afternoon drink in the sun, while enjoying the location's beautiful views. Some participants suggested that the 1-3 Bank Street buildings could be repurposed to achieve this.
- Designing a park that considers the different needs of users of the site (e.g. Dragon Boaters and walkers, local young people).
- Designing a park that complements the surrounding open space and recreation network, and does not necessarily duplicate offerings (e.g. Wentworth Park and Pirrama Park).
- Being mindful of the First Nations history and ensuring appropriate representation in the new park. Caring for Country, Indigenous plantings and incorporating the site's original flora and fauna were all mentioned as examples to be considered.
- Creating a space of respite and restoration in amongst the 'concrete jungle' of Sydney. Some participants also mentioned that Sydney is losing spaces that are dedicated quiet, calm, and tranquil spaces, and that the new park could help address this gap.
- Maximising the open space available within the park, including paths on the periphery and minimal use of concrete.
- Maximising sustainability was also mentioned by participants, and there was consensus that the new Bank Street Park could be a leading example of how sustainability principles can be incorporated in the design of a new park.
- Ensuring appropriate shade is available throughout the site. Participants expressed that shade could take the form of mature trees and taking advantage of the natural shade from the Anzac Bridge.
- Taking advantage of the opportunity to treat the Anzac Bridge as a big picture frame to frame the living artwork of the site - being the bright blue of the harbour, the topography of Glebe and the sky above.
- Ensuring the safety of different users at the site and using design to enhance people's experience of the new park (e.g. marina, pedestrians, dragon boaters, nearby traffic).
- Providing activities for a broad range of age groups. One example included providing a play space for intergenerational play.
- Providing spaces for Dragon Boaters who seek storage, access to toilets and fresh water.

"Trees, a feeling of connection to the land and water, but most importantly the ability to access the water in the bay for recreational use."

Online Community Workshop Participant

Question 2: What does maintaining and enhancing the connection to water look like in the new park?

Participants stated that the following elements would contribute to maintaining and enhancing the connection to water in the new Bank Street Park:

- Being able to walk down into the water in a safe way, for example, including a non-slip ramp.
- Providing a small pool if the water is clean enough.
- Using the natural shoreline and creating a beach. One participant was concerned that people living nearby in high rises would not have access to the biodiversity of the waterways if this was not provided.
- Utilising the valuable blue space and balancing easy access to the water for competing activities, e.g. commercial traffic and motorized craft, as well as recreational activities such as dragon boating.
- One participant mentioned that they would prefer to keep watercraft in Darling Harbour, rather than bringing this use into Blackwattle Bay.
- Including more ramps down to the water for passive waterway activities, including recreational boating and fishing.
- Integrating the water in the design of the new park, and not just limiting publicly available space to being under the bridge. It is about looking beyond just enhancing existing structures and facilities.
- Providing a place for children to paddle in the water and play in the sand.
- Maintaining the beautiful water views.
- Seeking to incorporate the architectural form of the Anzac Bridge and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, so that connection is not lost between the two built structures.
- Incorporating natural environments in the park, such as trees and rocks.
- Getting an artist's impression on the sky, structure, park activities and asking how this space could be used to create a living work of art.
- Enhancing the connection between the core of Pyrmont and the waterfront through the design of the new park.
- Referring to examples of good interpretations of history, such as Ballast Point Park in Balmain.
- Ensuring safe access for everybody.
- Providing a walkway between the Sydney Fish Market and the new park would give people somewhere to stop and have quiet repose.

"It almost needs an artist to look at it. You've got the bridge, water, landscape, sky and the park... it becomes a living work of art"

Online Community Workshop Participant

"Easy access to the water. It is difficult to find a balance, but the more commercial traffic and motorised craft coming into the bay makes it less appealing to use the blue space recreationally."

Online Community Workshop Participant

Question 3: What does being a place for everyone that is inviting, socially inclusive and accessible look like in the new park?

Participants stated that the following elements would contribute to making the new Bank Street Park a place for everyone that is inviting, socially inclusive and accessible:

- Creating a place that is welcoming and safe for children and young people. One participant provided the example of including a skateboard facility in the southeast corner of the new park and referenced the example of Jubilee Park, Annandale. This participant was also conscious this feature may not suit because it might take up too much space.
- Creating an inviting and comfortable space that gives some protection from the weather, as the new park is very exposed and often windy.
- Seeing diverse groups using the facilities at the new park.
- Providing wheelchair accessible ramps and wide pathways for people and different modes of vehicles (e.g., motorised scooters)
- Incorporating safety considerations for women walking at night into the design, including appropriate lighting.
- Creating a space that is welcoming for a whole range of people and considers the needs of the future growing population of Pymont.
- Balancing competing uses at the park by making sure that the new spaces give consideration for high user traffic, including people who want to walk and be closer to the foreshore.
- Ensuring the features of the new park are complementary to surrounding sites and do not necessarily duplicate nearby offerings (e.g. Pirrama Park and Wentworth Park).
- Including somewhere for children and young people to kick a ball in an informal way.
- Incorporating an artful design that harmonises the different qualities of the space, including the active spaces and the quieter spaces where people can sit and enjoy watching others.
- Catering for all demographics, the young, the old, disabled and providing separated areas for the different types of recreation that people might do.
- Paying attention to the landscape and keeping the local environment open and clean, fresh, and beautiful.
- Linking up and connecting surrounding parks, e.g. including a more interesting walkway between Bank Street Park and Pirrama Park.

“Adequate lighting and safety built into the design. Clear spaces for specific types of activity”

Online Community Workshop Participant

“Being able to cater for all demographics is a challenge. How we achieve that is going to take a great deal of skill. In looking at the space, we need to pay attention to the landscape.”

Online Community Workshop Participant

Activity 2 – Look and Feel

Participants were shown 5 images that represented different styles of public parks, and were asked what they like and what they dislike about the ‘look and feel’ of each of the images.

Overall, participants would like the new Bank Street Park to be a relaxing oasis space that people can just be in.

Response to Look and Feel Image One – Active Recreation

Image One shows an urban setting with a hard surface water play area for children located in front of a high-density building. It includes wooden decking with seating for observers and large permanent colourful umbrellas for shade protection. Several large palm trees and raised garden beds are also featured in this image.

- Overall, participants felt that this image displayed a scene that was too ‘active’ and was not conducive to the relaxing, quiet space that had been previously discussed.
- Most participants did not wish to see another water park included within the new Bank Street Park. It was felt that because there are water parks available close by to the site, that there was no need to duplicate this feature.
- Participants hoped the new Bank Street Park would be accessible to all people and felt that this image depicted a scene that was largely children focused, and more like a playground than a park.
- Participants felt that this image contained too many people. One participant expressed concern that the water play park depicted may become dangerous for small children.
- One participant expressed that they did not wish for the new park to be a very active space as there is enough commercial activity in Darling Harbour, and that there will be lots of busy activity at the new Sydney Fish Market.
- Most participants thought there was too much hard surface (e.g. concrete) in this image and that this contributed to a busy and hectic feeling.
- Participants felt that there are no gathering places in this image, with no places to have a picnic or sit down with the family.
- The lack of green grassy space in this image was a shared concern amongst participants.
- One participant raised the idea that if creating access and connection to water is a priority for the new Bank Street Park, then there is really no need for additional water fountains or water play.
- One participant thought this image was ‘horrible’.

Response to Look and Feel Image Two – Public Space

Image Two shows an urban setting with dedicated table tennis tables. To one side of the public space is a pedestrian thoroughfare located adjacent to higher density buildings. People in this image are interacting with the table tennis facilities, sitting, and watching the activity on permanent concrete bench seating or walking past via the walkway. The image includes several trees and a small green grassy space, bordered by hard surfaces.

- Participants liked that there was more green space than the last example, but still felt that this image contains too much concrete and expressed that they wanted to see more green grassy spaces in the new park.

- One participant gave an example of parks in Helsinki, where meadows have been allowed to grow down to the shoreline and non-concrete paths have been created on the edge of the meadow.
- One participant felt that this image looks like a repeat of Darling Park.
- There were mixed views amongst participants regarding the inclusion of ping pong tables in the design of the new park. One participant expressed that while they don't necessarily think the ping pong tables look appealing, they do get high levels of use. Another participant thought that while it was wonderful that those sorts of features are provided, no one uses them.
- Concern was also raised by one participant about the littering that may be associated with including a ping pong table and stated that residents pick up enough tennis balls and plastic in the waterways already.
- Participants liked the inclusion of mature trees in this image.
- One participant felt that this image was 'uninspiring', and another felt that the ping pong tables looked like they had been 'plonked in the middle' of the walkways.
- Participants would like to more varying offering and activity at the new Bank Street Park. For example, one participant suggested providing an amphitheater with a night cinema.
- Participants felt that this design would be accessible to a lot of people.
- One participant expressed that if the park was going to succeed, that the transition from the city and the Sydney Fish Market along the Blackwattle Bay needs to be rezoned so that there is a location for a particular thing, not just a 'mash up' of everything.

Response to Look and Feel Image Three – Relaxation

Image Three shows a large green grassy open space overlooking the water with a city skyline in the background. There are two large growth trees in this image and a railing separating the open space from the water. Three people sit on the grassy space, looking out to the moored boats on the water.

- Most participants responded positively to this image, with many stating that they like the relaxed feel, the green grassy open space, and the unencumbered views of the water.
- One participant felt that this image showed the right level of connectivity between the land and the water.
- Some participants felt that this image needed more trees and garden areas, as well as little enclaves and seating options for people to gather with family and friends.
- One participant felt that this image could be improved by removing the balustrade along the water.
- Participants shared a desire for the inclusion of mature trees in the new park but acknowledge this would be challenging.
- Participants felt that given the surrounding area will be developed, this image would give people the opportunity to breathe. One participant also acknowledged that this might be difficult to achieve with the bridge hanging over the area.
- Some participants felt that this image was not 'active' enough.
- The surrounding area will be developed so something like this gives people the opportunity to breathe.

Response to Look and Feel Image Four – Places to meet and socialize

Image Four shows an urban setting with rectangular green spaces for people to meet and socialize. The green spaces are separated by concrete dividers and some planting has also been incorporated. Several trees are included in this image and there is bench seating for visitors. The open space is very busy with people of all ages picnicking or walking past the scene via a walkway. A large public art installation is included in the background.

- Most participants felt that this image was too busy and did not contain the 'right sorts' of activities.
- Most participants felt that this image was not open enough and that the space felt too cluttered, formal, and structured.
- Participants expressed a desire for the design of the new park to follow the contours of the land, or to be a bit more representative.
- One participant felt that the ideas expressed in this image could be included in the courtyard of the building at 1-3 Bank Street.
- Participants questioned the square shapes included in this image and stated they prefer rounded shapes.
- One participant stated that they would prefer more enclaves and cosy spots for smaller and larger family groups to gather.
- Pirrama Park was referenced as an example of a well activated space, and one that got a lot of use during the Covid-19 lockdowns.
- Participants referenced the earlier principle of connection to water and encouraged this to be the focus of the design for the new park.

Response to Look and Feel Image Five – Topography

Image Five shows a large green grassy open space with a walking loop and large growth trees. The image includes an outdoor fitness station and bench seating for people to gather and socialize. The topography in the background has been built to incorporate several large pyramid style mounds which people can walk on. The mounds also have a colourful public art installation.

- Participants stated that there is no water in this image.
- Some participants expressed a desire to utilise the existing topography of the site to create the new park.
- Some participants acknowledged that this image contains a human modified landscape and expressed a desire to keep the current form and scale of the site.
- Some participants wanted to emphasise the essential qualities of the existing site, and not disguise them by inserting new elements such as mounds. One participant stated that designers should start with the basic ingredients and build on these.
- Other participants felt that the mounds added interest.
- One participant stated that what will make the new Bank Street Park site magic, is being true to itself and not trying to be a generic space.
- Participants liked the inclusion of trees and the large open space areas but acknowledged that the new Bank Street Park site will be constrained by how small it is.

- Participants expressed that they appreciated the mix of free space and areas for specific and clear types of activities.
- One participant stated that they were hoping for more of a 'botanical garden' feel that is very well laid out and vegetated.

Activity 3 – 1-3 Bank Street Park

Question One – What is your preference for the future of these buildings?

- Overall, participants had mixed views about the future of the buildings. Some participants felt that the buildings are an eyesore and should be removed, while others thought that the buildings provide some historical value to the area and could be used to meet community need.
- Participants had mixed views about the use of the buildings for a kiosk/café/restaurant/bar at the new Park. Most participants expressed that they would like to be able to purchase and enjoy food and drink at the site, but they also don't want to see the site being overly commercialised.
- One participant shared the example of Pirrama Park as a great example of how a café could be incorporated into the site without intruding on available open space or views of the water.
- Participants acknowledged that a large amount of open space within the new park area will already be under the shadow of the bridge. Some participants felt that removing the buildings would make way for more grassy open space that benefits from the sunshine.
- Some participants expressed that while the buildings may not hold value for them, that others may feel differently and that the decision making needs to take into account the needs of a range of stakeholders.
- Participants agreed that there should be an audit conducted to understand what services the local community needs. Some participants felt that decision making around the 1-3 Bank Street buildings would be more appropriate once community needs are determined and the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street have been investigated.
- One participant shared their concern about greenhouse gases. They felt that converting rather than demolishing and replacing the existing buildings at 1-3 Bank Street could be an exemplar of sustainable design.

“The starting point is what is their significance, what role have they played on the site? What uses need to be conserved in the building form? If they are significant, how do we adaptively reuse them?”

Online Community Workshop Participant

“What is the purpose of holding onto these old, derelict buildings? They impact on the waterways. We don't get the views of the water. We need to move in there and create something special for the community.”

Online Community Workshop Participant

“There are views that they could be renovated and reused. I think they are ugly but could be persuaded... I'm not in favour of removing just for open space”

Online Community Workshop Participant

- Some participants requested more information about the significance of these buildings and the role they have played in the Pyrmont community. Participants felt that if these buildings are significant and hold historical or heritage value, then they should be kept and adaptively reused.

Question Two – Should the buildings remain and be able to be reused, what would you like to see them used for?

Should the buildings remain and be able to be reused, participants shared the following ideas:

- A café managed by a social enterprise.
- A waterfront bar or restaurant.
- Activations that could be used to draw more people to the park.
- Space for the Dragon Boaters, including a club house and change room facilities.
- Public toilets.
- Artist studios, which would enable the space to be used 24/7 and encourage more people to use the park into the nighttime.

“Exhibition space and a First Nations museum”

Online Community Workshop Participant

“There is very little community space in Pyrmont. There is great potential for these buildings or replacement buildings”

Online Community Workshop Participant

“The needs of the Dragon Boaters is great. We definitely need solar panels”

Online Community Workshop Participant

One participant stated they had a problem with making decisions about keeping or not keeping the buildings until more information is made available about what the buildings are capable of.

4. First Nations workshop

4.1 About the First Nations workshop

An in-person site visit and workshop was held with First Nations community members who hold a connection with the new Bank Street Park site, or surrounding areas.

All First Nations stakeholders previously involved in the Blackwattle Bay Precinct Planning were also contacted via email and/or phone with an invitation to attend.

Together with Susan Moylan-Coombs from the Gaimaragal Group, Cred Consulting facilitated the workshop at the Sydney Fish Market on:

- Sunday 18 September, 10.00am – 1.30pm, with 8 participants.

Free transportation in the form of a bus was organised for participants travelling to and from the workshop (stops included Redfern Community Centre and Central Station). The workshop commenced with walking on Country, where participants, together with staff from Infrastructure NSW and Cred Consulting had the opportunity to explore the site, ask questions and share stories.

The workshop session then continued at the Sydney Fish Market, where the session commenced with a brief presentation describing the project and providing context, followed by a Weaving session conducted by First Nations master weaver, Karleen Green and a facilitated conversation that was guided by the following questions:

- What features would make you feel most welcome in the new Bank Street Park, as a First Nations person?
- What out of this really speaks to Country?
- What do you recommend that INSW include in this design brief?
- What stories would you like to share about this place?
- Are there things that you would like your children/grandchildren to know about this area?
- How do you think INSW should navigate an ongoing relationship?
- What would motivate you to have an ongoing relationship with this precinct, and continued input into the design and development of it?

Participants were provided the opportunity to share their ideas and priorities throughout the 2.5 hour session.

4.2 Snapshot of key findings heard from participants

- The Bank Street Park site and surrounding area holds great significance to First Nations peoples, particularly as a site of healing and medicine.
- This site holds significance for First Nations women, who participated in fishing in and around the site.

- Participants supported the idea that the design of the new park could give representation to First Nations women, and that this would be the first park of its kind to do so.
- Participants also felt that a connection to the Black Diggers could be made within the new park, particularly given that the bridge overhead is symbolic for the ANZACs.
- There is an opportunity to re-educate the community about the history of the site and First Nations peoples.
- Making this site a welcoming place for children is very important.
- It is important to incorporate culturally significant elements within the design of the new park, including weaving grasses, fishing symbols and native flora and fauna.

4.3 Outcomes from the site visit

Feedback provided at the site visit is themed and summarised below.

Nature and Indigenous plantings

Participants expressed a desire for Indigenous planting in the new park. A suggestion was made to use First Nations seed growers such as Indigigrow and to incorporate black wattle seeds. Participants suggested that the project team research black wattle and use it as part of the design.

Participants also expressed a desire for the design of the new park to incorporate grasses for weaving.

Representation

Participants expressed a desire for the inclusion of features and elements that give appropriate recognition to First Nations communities. Participants suggested including murals, sculptures that use wind to make sound and appropriate naming of the new park.

Activities

Participants expressed a need for places to sit, and seating that is appropriate for families to gather.

4.4 Outcomes from the workshop

Feedback provided at the workshop is themed and summarised below.

Introductions and reasons for involvement

One participant expressed that she wanted to be involved in this workshop because she is interested in the future of the area for her daughter.

One participant expressed a love of the water and thought that historical knowledge of the area should inform the design of the park. This participant shared their knowledge about the Bank Street Park site and its connection to the Parramatta River that goes all the way to the ocean and to Sydney Harbour. This connection was an important place for First Nation's culture, "it was like a freeway". There was also walking tracks, but the waterways were the main mode of transport. Fishing was done from canoes. This participant also expressed a desire to be involved in ongoing conversations related to this project.

One participant referred to the Bank Street Park site as a traditional kind of area that we all must have a great understanding of. Significantly, this site is regarded as one that awakens the spirituality of women, this participant also shared that nearby Darling Harbour was the birthplace of women.

Responses to INSW's presentation

Participants felt that this is a special park, especially because it is all waterfront.

One participant expressed concern about the amount of space that would be required for the Dragon Boaters and suggested that maybe they need to have a conversation with the community too.

One participant highlighted the long matriarchal history that First Nations peoples have with boats and fishing community, in and around the Bank Street Park site.

Participants expressed a desire to understand what level of involvement First Nations peoples have already had in consultation and design of the new park. One participant suggested that INSW employ a First Nations designer to help design the new Bank Street Park.

Participants stated that they know of Craig Kerslake from Sydney-based design firm Nguluway DesignInc, who is a member of INSW's advisory board. Participants supported the idea of having First Nations representation on the design team for the new Bank Street Park.

One participant stated that they would support demolishing the 1-3 Bank Street buildings and suggested that INSW employ a First Nations company to complete the demolition. This participant also suggested that the building footprint be replaced with Indigenous plantings and trees.

Participants were intrigued by the possibility of Aboriginal artifacts being found underneath the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, if the buildings were to be demolished. If this were the case, participants expressed a desire to visit and see the artifacts on Country. One participant suggested that any artifacts found could be stored and exhibited on site, in a museum.

One participant shared an example of storing and showing artifacts, in the Sydney Children's Hospital. At this location, the pavers have been designed using the imprints taken from vines. These pavers cover the whole front section of the hospital, and the new design also includes a resting place and artifacts.

Participants agreed that there is not a lot of "monumental stuff around Aboriginal warriors". Participants expressed a desire to change this, citing that there are people who were instrumental in the First Nations community in the early days around colonisation. Participants agreed that appropriate representation gives an opportunity to reclaim space.

Participants shared that before development occurred in Pyrmont, the Bank Street Park site and surrounds was a safe place from the elements, a family place for healing. It was a place for medicines and a safe place for women's business where saltwater flowed into freshwater.

Participants expressed concerned about ensuring biodiversity is reflected into the future park design. One participant stated that there are fish, birds and insects there, and that all these things are very important to keep. Participants agree that we all need to look after our environment and to look after our creatures.

Participants agreed that everyone has a responsibility to care for the human world, the sacred world, and the physical world, as they all connect.

One participant mentioned that there was a windmill close by to the Bank Street Park, positioned near the Anzac Bridge, and that this was significant.

Participants agreed that the design and delivery of the new park should involve First Nations people and expertise the whole way through.

Participants agreed that recognition for First Nations peoples is very important for the design of the new park. One participant raised that the land should be returned to First Nations people, so that it can be opened up and shared with others.

One participant suggested that because the bridge is called 'Anzac', perhaps the new park could be 'Black Diggers' underneath. This participant stated that a significant connection could be created between these two features. This participant also suggested including the emblem of the 'Black Diggers' and highlighted the opportunity to put a wall in the new park about the Diggers, women and children, referencing the example of a similar wall in Darling Harbour about white Australians. To add to this idea, participants agreed that an eternal campfire with eternal flame could be added that stays on. Participants overwhelmingly agreed with and supported these ideas. One participant also mentioned that similar work is being completed at the Canberra War Memorial, and that we could look to this work for inspiration.

Storylines and what participants might like to see in the new park

Participants agreed that the new park presents an opportunity to give recognition to First Nations women. One participant shared that around the corner from the site was a birthing place, and that nothing here gives significance to women and the role they played in history. This participant stated that we have lots of Captain Cook and Queen Victoria statues, but nothing about First Nations peoples.

One participant suggested incorporating a statue of a tall, standing First Nations woman with a child on her back. This represents the fact that we wouldn't be here without women and them giving birth, and they are ultimately the reason why we are all here. A further example of Pemulwuy's wife was shared. Participants acknowledged that women had to fight very differently to men and agreed that the strength of women had to be immense in the early days. One participant shared that she remembered her grandmother walking with a sugar bag across a steel bridge with children on her back. Participants agreed that we need to speak about women and their stories and that a monument would be a significant way to share this.

Participants agreed that if the new Bank Street Park incorporated a theme around women, that this would be the first time they've ever had something that is significant to women's business, and that this would be special. One participant also reminded the group that there is a day care centre across the road from the Bank Street Park site, and that providing a park with a children's playground would be a way to bring mothers, women, and children together. To add to this point, this participant stated that Sydney is already a concrete jungle, and that there is a need to teach children out of school and out of day-care what this land is, and what connection to the land means.

Participants agreed that representation should be more than a plaque, it should be 'something better'.

Participants supported the idea of including technology into the design of the park, and supported INSW's concept of sharing an audio clip that told a story. Participants saw the opportunity to link this audio clip to sharing information about the Black Diggers. One participant shared a story about her

father volunteering in the war and spending three years in prison. When he returned, despite his service, his children still couldn't go to the picture theatre or to the pool.

Participants also supported the idea for other kinds of visual representation in the design of the new park. One participant provided an example of a digital mural that was once included on the Block, where the images changed overtime Participants supported the idea of some kind of mural on the face of the Anzac Pylon.

Participants agreed that there is an opportunity to re-educate the community about the area. One participant shared that the area from Sydney University, Glebe and to the water was a swampy men's walking track to Wentworth Park. This walking track was home to fresh water and lots of food including cockles, oysters, and mud crabs.

Participants agreed that the new Bank Street Park needs to be a safe space for children. One participant expressed concerns about the air contamination from the nearby cement plant.

Participants saw the opportunity to change the whole dynamic of the environment to what it used to be and blending it into a welcoming, soft environment, where children feel part of this place. Participants also expressed the need to balance the uses of the place, making it first and foremost a gathering place, a place for people to get respite, and environmental and spiritual health.

Other design features that participants agreed could be incorporated into the design of the park included:

- Plants used for weaving, including sugar palms, coconut trees, blackbutt, dianella and lomandra grass – a very durable grass used to make canoes, baby baskets and fishing nets
- Plants used for medicinal uses, including paper bark, stringy bark, wild aloe vera and pig face – which is used medicinally (like band aids)
- Golden orb spiders were used for healing and medicine
- Native fauna including fish, birds, goannas and rock wallabies
- Including wind sounds e.g. along the Parramatta River
- Shells crushed to make lime for buildings
- A children's playground including items for children to climb, e.g. smooth sculptural shells with waterspouts and grassy areas for parents to sit and watch, and gunyahs made from steel and a sculptural canoe as a play element
- Potential access for children to use canoes recreationally on the water, potentially through a relationship with Tribal Warrior
- Incorporating flower beds that represent the Aboriginal seasonal calendar
- Fishing hook sculptures and fishing nets

Participants shared examples of precedent parks to be investigated to inform the design:

- Tempe Water Park – example of depicting a midden in design, and acknowledgement of families
- Redfern Park – example of bush designs, water fountains and recognising what was.
- Botany Cemetery – a relaxing place that encourages peace.

Suggestions shared for an approach moving forward:

- Considering sea level rise in the design
- Hosting a smoking ceremony and sod turning, preconstruction
- Approach the LALC for help with naming the land

Suggestions for ongoing communication and connection with community:

- Sharing a regular newsletter at the start of each Indigenous season, from the First Nations representative on the board for this project
- Regular email updates
- Ability to respond in an online interactive portal
- Sharing of video updates
- Circling back and sharing vox pops back to the group

5. Pop-up events findings

5.1 About the pop-up events

Four consultation pop-ups events were held in various locations in Pyrmont, with the aim to reach people that live, work or visit the Pyrmont area, who may not otherwise participate in the online engagement.

Details of the pop-up events were as follows:

- Saturday 3 September 2022, 11am – 1pm at Sydney Fish Market, with approximately 50 participants
- Sunday 4 September 2022, 11am – 1pm at Pirrama Park playground, with approximately 100 participants
- Thursday 8 September 2022, 11am – 1pm at Sydney Fish Market, with approximately 50 participants
- Saturday 10 September 2022, 11am – 1pm at Sydney Fish Market, with approximately 45 participants

In total, over 245 people participated in the activities across the four events.

Each pop-up event was facilitated by three Cred Consulting staff and one or two INSW staff. The pop-up activities included three consultation boards and one information board. The information board included a map of the future Bank Street Park site and its surrounds, as well as a series of images of 1-19 Bank Street for the community to understand what the space currently looks like. The three activity boards consisted of open-ended questions and dotmocracy activities which aimed to:

- Understand what activities people like to do when visiting a park
- Identify what the priority features are to be included in Bank Street Park, and
- Explore what people value, if anything, about the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street.

5.2 Snapshot of key findings

- Across all pop-ups, the top activities people like to do when visiting a park include playing on play equipment, walking, running and/or cycling, picnicking and BBQs with friends and family, sitting and relaxing and enjoying natural, green and shaded spaces.
- Top priority features to be included in Bank Street Park include play equipment, shade trees, kiosk to buy food and drinks, grassy open space, and a climbing wall.
- There was a mixed response from participants about value of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont. Overall, majority of comments indicated the buildings could be repurposed or rebuilt for community uses such as a café, bar or restaurant, community space or art gallery.
 - Of the participants that value the buildings, many of them indicated they value the history, the façade and its potential community uses/
 - Of the participants that indicated they don't value the buildings, many of them would like to see them knocked down for more open space, or new buildings for community uses.

5.3 Findings by pop-up activities

Activities people like to do when visiting a park

Participants at the pop-ups were asked what activities they like to do when visiting a park. Participants could scribe or draw their favourite activities on an activity board.

Overall, the top activities participants like to do when visiting a park is:

- Children's play equipment (40 comments)
- Walking, running and/or cycling (26 comments)
- Picnicking and BBQs with family and friends (20 comments)
- Sit and relax (16 comments), and
- Natural, green and shaded spaces (15 comments).

Table 7, located in Appendix E of this Report, shows all activities mentioned by participants.



Image 6 - Participants contributing to an activity at a pop up (Source: Infrastructure NSW)



Image 7 - Participants contributing to an activity at a pop up (Source: Infrastructure NSW)



Image 8 - Participant speaking with project team member at a pop up (Source: Infrastructure NSW)

Priority features to be included at Bank Street Park

Through previous consultation and technical studies, a number of infrastructure needs have been identified for delivery in Bank Street Park, including:

- Outdoor multipurpose court
- Inclusive play space
- Outdoor fitness station
- Dragon boat amenities and landing site
- A facility to accommodate existing dragon boat, kayak, and canoe paddlers
- Change room facilities, showers, toilets
- Marina operations space

- A new harbour foreshore walkway that connects from Wentworth Park to and will continue through Bank Street Park.

Considering these features, participants were asked to select their top five additional features to be included in the new waterfront park from a list provided.

Overall, the five priority additional features identified by participants were:

1. Play equipment (64)
2. Shade trees (57)
3. Kiosk to buy food and drinks (55)
4. Grassy open space (54), and
5. Climbing wall (42).

Table 8, located in Appendix E of this Report, shows outcomes for features people would like to see in the future park, as well as additional comments relating to those features.

Table 8 - Summary of features people would like to see in the future park

Features	Total votes	Additional comments
Play equipment	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating near playgrounds for parents/ carers • Fenced playground for children's safety • Needs to be covered
Shade trees	57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees to climb (3 comments) • Native Indigenous trees • Deciduous trees, particularly for the overhead structure (2 comments) • Fig trees • Shade big trees needed unlike Pirrama Park where newly planted trees are unable to give shade
Kiosk to buy food and drinks	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Australian business (e.g. not Starbucks) • Restaurants close by • No fixed kiosk
Grassy open space	54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the space natural • Less concrete • Hard surfaces should be kept to a minimum • Make natural as possible, use native plants • Space to contemplate and watch the world go by or look at the water
Climbing wall	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for climbing wall on the Bank Street building structure
Covered area protected from weather (for activities or events)	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More shaded areas along boardwalk • The bridge creates enough shade
Nature play areas	33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban wildlife sanctuary
Indigenous planting to encourage wildlife	33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous plants local to the area

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of Blackwattle 'Tjerruina'
Water feature	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake feature
Public art / sculpture	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land art - landscaping with sculptural qualities
	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big open spaces for dogs to run off leash • For small dogs to run off-leash • Off-leash dog facilities • Dog friendly • Not necessary as there is an off-leash dog park at Waterfront Park
Fenced area (for dogs)		
Community garden	27	No additional comments
Waterplay equipment	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As long as it doesn't involve too much hard surface and not too big
BBQs	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a huge necessity because this is at Pirrama
Cultural or art studios	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible art studio for people with disability
Picnic tables	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnics spaces and areas (2 comments) (e.g. sitting on grass)
Cultural and historical interpretation and signage	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consultation with local First Nations People
Amphitheatre	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes up too much space
Features for young people (e.g. skateable surfaces)	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper skateboard facilities, not just skateable surfaces • Basketball court
Community room/s	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community health/social activities

Other features participants would like to see in the new park include:

- Water recreation opportunities (7 comments)
- Walking and/or cycling features (7 comments)
- Increased amenities (6 comments)
- Sports courts and equipment (3 comments)
- Outdoor gym equipment (2 comments)



Image 9 – Pop up board: “When visiting a park, what activities do you like to do?” (Source: Infrastructure NSW)



Image 10 - Pop up board: “When visiting a park, what activities do you like to do?” (Source: Infrastructure NSW)

For further detail about these additional features, see Appendix E.

Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont

Participants were asked what, if anything, do they value about the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. Not all pop-up participants chose to comment on 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont.

Value for 1-3 Bank Street

Of the participants that shared their stories or connection to the buildings, we heard that people value 1-3 Bank Street because:

- History and heritage (8 comments)
- Preference for the building closest to Glebe Island Bridge (2 comments)
- Retain the façade (2 comments)
- Useful structure and location for park users and boat community
- They love the buildings
- The buildings are visually attractive.

“Keep them, they are old but they should stay. It’s history. There are enough new buildings around.”

Pop-up participant

Some participants stated that they did not have a connection to the buildings, but acknowledged that other people and community members may really value these buildings.

No value for 1-3 Bank Street

Reasons why participants indicated that they do not value the buildings include:

- The buildings should be knocked down (10 comments)
- The look and feel of the buildings (5 comments)
 - Very old (3 comments)
 - Dilapidated
 - Depressing
 - Eyesore
- The buildings are unoccupied
- The buildings should be safely removed without damaging the ecosystem.

Suggestions for 1-3 Bank Street

Many participants, particularly those that indicated they value the buildings, expressed the buildings could be repurposed for the following:

- Places to eat and drink, including a café or kiosk (12 comments), restaurant or bar (7 comments) and pop-up coffee cart or kiosk (2 comments).
- Community spaces (6 comments), including a community hall/function space (3 comments) and community centre (3 comments).

- Art and cultural space, including an art gallery/creative centre (3 comments) or cultural display (2 comments).
- More open space (9 comments).

For a full list of participant suggestions for the future use of the 1-3 Bank Street buildings, see table 9 in Appendix E.

6. Community drop-in findings

6.1 About the drop-in

A community drop-in session was held at Blackwattle Bay Marina, 5 Bank Street, Pyrmont on Sunday 11 September 2022, 11am – 1pm.

The drop-in session was open to the public and it was designed for the community to meet the project team on-site, learn more about the project, walk around and ask questions.

The session was facilitated by two staff from Infrastructure NSW and two Cred staff. A total of 20 people attended the session.

6.2 Snapshot of key findings

- Top priority features to be included in the park include grassy open space, kiosk to buy food and drinks, a community garden, CCTV, spaces protected from the weather, and boating facilities
- Participants saw a need for the park to be people-friendly, with multi-use spaces that cater for the different user groups
- In general, participants expressed a desire for the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street to be repurposed into a boating facility, café, bar or other dynamic space, or replaced entirely.

6.3 Outcomes

Feedback provided at the drop-in session is themed and summarised below.

Nature and greenery

Participants expressed a desire for Indigenous plants in the park. A suggestion was also made for an Indigenous community garden and play space. Participants saw value in grassy areas, rather than synthetic surfaces, having regenerative vegetation and retaining the existing trees on the site. Palm trees were not supported for the park.

Activities

Participants suggested a range of activities that could be conducted in the park. These are summarised below:

- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Boat in the playground
- Static and non-static fitness station, similar to Pirrama Park
- Climbing wall on pylon.

Participants saw value in multi-use spaces, and designing the park for young people.

Facilities and amenities

A range of facilities and amenities were suggested by participants for inclusion in the park. These are summarised below:

- Bins
- Café
- Bike racks
- Public toilets
- BBQs
- Shaded area to sit
- Space for stalls selling local produce
- Public marina
- Semi-protected spaces, including courts
- Multi-use spaces that cater for a wide range of users.

One participant stated that they did not support courts on the site due to the noise created, while another did not see a need for a kiosk or café. A participant expressed concern about the commercialisation of the site due to renting out areas and closing it to the public.

Transport

Participants expressed concerns about the lack of public transport in the area and highlighted the need for a ferry stop on the site to service the park. One participant also suggested that the parallel parking on Bank Street is converted to perpendicular parking, and that traffic calming measures are implemented on the corner of Bank Street and Bowman Street.

Safety and security

Participants saw a need for more CCTV cameras, security and lighting in the park. One participant suggested that the small marine operators should have pin code access so they do not need to be staffed.

Dragon boating and other boats

Participants saw a need for dragon boat change facilities, passive boat storage, a training facility and a youth skiff club. Participants suggested using the existing buildings on the site for dragon boats. Pyrmont Heritage Fleet was also mentioned, along with Sydney Heritage Boating.

Look and feel

Participants suggested continuing the boardwalk to Glebe Island Bridge, and situating the boardwalk over the water in order to retain the mangrove. Participants stated that they value the existing natural retaining wall, with the stones and low-lying planting, and suggested exploring ways to soften and activate the bridge, through use of greenery and ANZAC art (similar to ANZAC Walk in Newcastle).

Fig Lane Park was seen as a beautiful example of a water feature that could be considered in the design for this site. Participants suggested relocating the marina and the party boats, and were not supportive of units or community rooms on the site.

Other

Participants suggested removing the buildings and designing the park in a way that suits the user group demographics. A suggestion was also made to rename the area Tjerruing Park.

Additional features for the park

Participants were informed about the infrastructure that has already been identified for the new park and asked to indicate which additional features from a list of options they would like to see included. The highest-voted features were grassy open space (6 votes) and kiosk to buy food and drinks (6 votes). This was followed by community garden (5 votes).

For a full list of participant suggestions for additional features for the park, see table 10 in Appendix E.

Participants highlighted the importance of people-friendly spaces, areas protected from wind and facilities such as bike racks. Participants saw value in dynamic event spaces, spaces for activities such as Tai Chi and yoga, a community stall associated with a community garden and a swimming area. One participant requested that bike paths are not included.

Existing buildings on the site

Participants were asked what, if anything, they valued about the existing buildings on the 1-3 Bank Street site. Participants stated that they valued the history and heritage character of the buildings, the building façade along the water, quaint nature and attractive interiors. One participant saw a need to preserve the history.

Suggestions were made to repurpose or replace the buildings. Participants who suggested repurposing the buildings saw value in having a water sports centre for dragon boats and other boats, a café, a bar, or other dynamic space.

Participants suggested incorporating solar panels and having a mural, green wall or reflective surface along the empty wall of the buildings. One participant saw value in removing the southern buildings and retaining the northern buildings to open up views of the bridge.

7. First Nations interview findings

7.1 About the First Nations Interviews

Interviews were offered to five First Nations community members, who were unable to attend the Bank Street Park First Nations Workshop held on 18th September 2022.

Feedback was provided by three First Nations community members, including:

- Nathan Moran, Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) – an interview was held online. The session was facilitated by two staff from Infrastructure NSW and two Cred staff.
- Nadeena Dixon, Wiradjuri, Yuin and Gadigal (Dharug-Boorongberigal clan) Indigenous Multi-disciplinary Artist. Nadeena provided high-level feedback related to the project
- Shannon Foster, D'harawal eora Knowledge Keeper, Sydney Registered Traditional Owner and Partner at Bangawarra. Shannon provided high-level feedback related to the project

No response was received from the two remaining stakeholders who were contacted for interview. These included:

- Kerrie Kenton, Multidisciplinary visual artist and Watte Wanne Knowledge holder of the Darug and Dhunghitti Nations
- City of Sydney's First Nations Engagement Team

The purpose of the interviews was to learn more about First Nations knowledge relating to the Blackwattle Bay area, and to identify aspirations and priorities for the new Bank Street Park.

7.2 Key findings from conversations

- Nadeena Dixon stated that she was aware of the discussions relating to the new Bank Street Park. Nadeena Dixon advised that The Darug Elders group is trying to set up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Government departments, so that discussion could be facilitated through this mechanism.
- Shannon Foster prepared the 'Connecting with Country Framework for Tjerruing Blackwattle Bay' dated 9 March 2021. Shannon Foster stated that her views, aspirations, and priorities for this precinct have already been captured in this document and the Department should refer to this.
- Priorities for the Metro Local Aboriginal Land Council are:
 - To be consulted at the outset of projects and throughout the project lifecycle.
 - To achieve consideration of Aboriginal Culture and Heritage in the area.
 - To continue historical investigation of the area of Blackwattle Bay by archaeologists, anthropologists, and historians.
 - To ensure accurate and transparent reporting of First Nations Culture and Heritage in and around the Bank Street Park site.

- To conduct broad consultation that captures the views of diverse Aboriginal people, but also consults with Traditional Custodians, where possible.
 - To consider the place name Pirrama for the new Bank Street Park, as it is the recorded name for the area.
- Knowledge about the area shared by Metro Local Aboriginal Land Council:
 - Slave trade occurred close by to the Bank Street Park site, at the location of what become the sugar mills.
 - Since 1948, there has been a growing population of Aboriginal people in this area.
 - In contemporary times, the Blackwattle Bay area is place Aboriginal people gather, and this space is one being reclaimed by Aboriginal people.

8. Online interaction findings

8.1 About the online interactions

In addition to the engagement activities detailed in this Report, Phase One of the Bank Street Park Community Engagement was also supported by several online interaction opportunities, including:

- Two Google advertisements
- Dedicated Bank Street Park webpage hosted on the Infrastructure NSW website, including information about the project, dates for engagement activities and a link to the online survey.
- Two electronic direct mail (EDM) messages sent to Infrastructure NSW's subscribers.
- Decals in the local area with QR codes to the webpage.
- Posters and flyers in the local area with QR codes to the webpage.

The aim of the online interaction opportunities was to promote awareness of the project and encourage greater engagement with the suite of engagement activities for this project.

8.2 Online interaction statistics

- Two Google advertisements which received 1,505 clicks and 102, 685 impressions.
- The Bank Street Park webpage on the Infrastructure NSW website received 2,784 page views.
- Two EDM messages were sent to 3,160 subscribers.

9. Submissions received by email

9.1 About the submissions received by email

In addition to the engagement activities detailed in this Report, Infrastructure NSW also received five email submissions in relation to Phase One of the Bank Street Park Community Engagement. Email submissions were received from the following stakeholders:

- Two local community residents
- Pyrmont Action Group
- Pyrmont History Group
- Council of the Ultimo Pyrmont Associations (CUPA)

The aim of the online interaction opportunities was to promote awareness of the project and encourage greater engagement with the suite of engagement activities for this project.

9.2 Key findings from email submissions

Recognition for First Nations Peoples

- Submissions highlighted the importance of recognising and celebrating First Nations peoples within the new Bank Street Park design. The following examples were provided:
 - Provision of statues (e.g., fishing, Aboriginal women)
 - Metal footprints along the foreshore
 - Gadigal style fishing canoe with playable elements for children
 - Increased Indigenous planning (e.g., Callicoma and large shade trees to encourage wildlife)
 - Narrative description of Tinker's Well

The future of the 1-3 Bank Street Buildings

- Submissions received contained mixed views regarding the future 1-3 Bank Street Park building
- In some submissions, concern was raised regarding the potential removal of these buildings as the buildings were recognised as having heritage value and aesthetic value
- Submissions made the following suggestions for the future use of the 1-3 Bank Street Park buildings, including:
 - Dragon boat storage facility with showers, change rooms and toilets
 - Café/distillery/bar to look towards the bay
 - Community meeting room
 - Dynamic external and internal event space

- Community gardens
- Climbing wall
- Recycling drop of site (for light bulbs, batteries etc.)
- Educational uses, such as a museum for the history and culture of First Nations Peoples
- First Nations Culture Centre
- Community water sports centre, including toilets, showers and change rooms, a café, storage for dragon boats, kayaks and outriggers, storage for individuals to store paddles and fitness centre and one or more meeting rooms
- Affordable artists' studios/exhibition space
- Community facilities for art, craft, musical activities and/or children's spaces
- Office for Public Marina operator

The permanence of the Blackwattle Bay Marina

- Concern was raised in one submission regarding the 'temporary' marina being treated as permanent
- One submission expressed support for the intention to move the Blackwattle Bay Marina further south in Blackwattle Bay but retain existing pontoons for public use
- One submission raised concern regarding the sewerage pump out system installed for the temporary Blackwattle Bay Marina, which has been reported to produce offensive odors. This submission suggested installation of a fit for purpose system to resolve this issue

Features suggested for provision in the Park

Submissions suggested inclusion of the following features within the new Bank Street Park:

- Shady spaces protected from the wind
- Green, grassy open space with native plantings throughout
- Recognition of the Burley Griffin Incinerator which occupied the Bank Street Park site from the 1930s to the 1970s
- Recognition of the site as Sydney's first fish market
- Avoid the use of concrete and suggested the use of gravel or timber-batten walkways, like in Pirrama Park, as an alternative.

- Perimeter paths to enable informal active recreation.
- Water features e.g., Fig Street Park, Ultimo.
- Water bubblers for humans and pets
- Continuous foreshore walkway
- Retain native planting by community members (e.g., TAFE students), facilitated by the Pyrmont Heritage Boating Club
- Play equipment for children, including some small boats (canoe, rowboat size) to represent the importance of the continued use of small boats since before European occupation

“Given the large cohort of young people... it is also suggested that a skateboard rink be constructed at the SE corner of the site, noting that there is relatively high background noise from the Anzac Bridge and this location is opposite the commercial buildings at Bank Street.”

Pyrmont Action Group

- A public jetty for recreational boaters to moor during the day to visit and enjoy the park
- BBQs with tables and benches to enable small groups to gather
- A skate park close to the wall separating the park from 1-3 Bank Street
- A small beach for children and dogs to paddle, maximising water views
- A community garden with facilities for occasional markets, sale of produce and engagement with other community members to sell handicrafts
- Return of “Aegir”, the Viking Ship replica, restored by the Pyrmont Heritage Boating Club volunteers, with appropriate mooring and accessibility to visitors
- There were mixed views regarding outdoor fitness stations expressed in submissions
- Provision of accessible pathways around the park that promote shared access for pedestrians, cyclists, and people with prams
- Provision of ample places to sit throughout the park
- Where appropriate, work with existing topography of the site

Site accessibility

- One submission highlighted the need to provide accessible facilities in the new Bank Street Park design, including fully accessible bathrooms with emergency shower facilities. This submission highlighted that this would serve a range of groups including people with disability, older persons, families with children and people experiencing homelessness.
- One submission recommended provision of metered accessible parking close to the site to promote access but ensure that people cannot utilise the parking space all day.

Sustainability

- One submission recommended that the new Park be powered by 100% renewable energy. Examples of sustainable elements include use of solar panels and battery storage facilities.
- Storm water facilities to harvest run off.

Safety and security

- One submission recommended that the mooring pontoons that will be retained for public use, are monitored to ensure appropriate use. Concern was raised regarding potential use by 'party boats' for illegal drop offs and potential disruption to nearby residences.

Parking

- Submissions recommended changing the parking arrangement to be perpendicular parking (90 degrees) on the cliff side
- Submissions suggested providing electronic vehicle charging and suggested provision of level 2 AC charging points, with a single or three phase connection, 7kW to 22kW power output
- One submission suggested keeping the western side of the road free of parking, with room for an avenue of shade trees lining the street
- One submission suggested that rear to kerb configuration of parking could be made available on the Southern side of the Glebe Island Bridge abutment, leaving room for its future use as an active transport link to Bays West

Biodiversity within the Park

- Submissions encouraged keeping, maintaining, and protecting the trees that currently occupy the Bank Street Park site
- One submission suggested that habitat boxes and habitat tiles/a living seawall be provided to encourage terrestrial biodiversity, marine life, urban birds, and insects
- One submission suggested that the design of the new park use low spill lighting choices to reduce disturbance near habitat vegetation for nocturnal animals
- One submission suggested increasing the mangrove areas around the abutment

Recreational boating within the Park

- One submission highlighted the importance of including passive boating activities and supporting facilities in the new Bank Street Park e.g., dragon boat, kayak, and outrigger paddlers
- Need for storage for Dragon Boat facilities

Suggestions for naming of the Park

- Three submissions suggested naming the park, 'Tjerruing Park'
- Submissions highlighted the importance of naming the park to reflect the culture and history of First Nations Peoples

Prioritising ongoing consultation

- One submission highlighted the importance of ongoing consultation, recommending that local communities be consulted during the development of a Management Plan for the Park
- One submission spoke to the importance of consulting with local Indigenous people, for example by appointing an Aboriginal Advisory Group

10. Appendix

10.1 Appendix A: Online survey questions

Question 1:

The following principles have been identified through community engagement and technical studies carried out to date, to guide the development of Bank Street Park. How strongly do you agree with these principles? (Scale: strongly agree – strongly disagree)

Bank Street Park will:

- Ensure the living cultures of First Nations people is recognized and present.
- Have spaces for community, cultural and creative uses.
- Have spaces for informal sport and recreation.
- Address amenity like safety (lighting), climate (sun and shade), hard and soft spaces and comfortable seating.
- Maintain and enhance the connection to water.
- Be a place for everyone that is inviting, socially inclusive and accessible.
- Include spaces that are flexible and adaptable for a variety of uses.
- Draw on the European heritage of the location when designing the park.
- Achieve a high-quality open space design.
- Include retail offerings such as a place for morning coffee or afternoon snacks.

Question 2:

If you were designing the Bank Street Park, which of the following are the top 3 principles most important for Bank Street Park?

- Ensure the living cultures of First Nations people is recognised and present.
- Have spaces for community, cultural and creative uses.
- Have spaces for informal sport and recreation.
- Address amenity like safety (lighting), climate (sun and shade), hard and soft spaces and comfortable seating.
- Maintain and enhance the connection to water.
- Be a place for everyone that is inviting, socially inclusive and accessible.
- Include spaces that are flexible and adaptable for a variety of uses.
- Draw on the European heritage of the location when designing the park.
- Achieve a high-quality open space design.

Question 3:

Thinking about the space available and the location, what activities would you like to do or have available at Bank Street Park? (select all that apply)

- Enjoy the scenery and views
- Enjoy nature
- Eat my lunch
- Meet with friends
- Play with children
- Have picnics
- Have BBQs
- Eat from food trucks
- Get a coffee or a snack at a kiosk
- Take my dog to an off-leash dog space
- Attend pop-up entertainment
- Watch an outdoor movie
- Undercover spaces for community hire
- Art
- Attend or sell at markets
- Attend community events
- Attend community meetings
- Community gardening
- Play informal games or sport
- Workout
- Yoga/Pilates
- Fishing
- Scooting
- Walking/running
- Handball
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Frisbee
- Formal team sports
- Launch my kayak/canoe/dragon boat
- Store my kayak/canoe/dragon boat
- Is there anything else you would like to do here in the future? (if yes, please describe)

Question 4:

Thinking about the infrastructure already identified for the park as mentioned above, how important are the following features to you to be included? Select from very important, important, neutral, minor importance or not at all important.

- Grassy open space
- Covered area protected from weather (for activities or events)
- Picnic tables
- Kiosk to buy food and drinks
- Fenced area (for dogs)
- Play equipment for toddlers and younger children
- Play equipment for older children
- Features for young people (e.g. skatable surfaces)
- Water play equipment
- Nature play areas
- Community room/s
- Amphitheatre
- Community garden
- Indigenous planting to encourage wildlife
- Water feature
- Public art / sculpture
- BBQs
- Shade trees
- Places to socialise and gather (e.g. moveable furniture)
- Cultural or art studios
- Places to skateboard
- Climbing wall
- Cultural and historical interpretation and signage
- Other – please describe

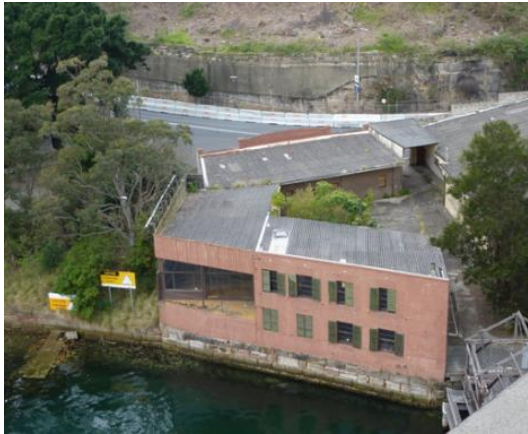
Question 5:

Thinking about all the parks you have visited, please tell us in 25 words or less what you like most about them? (optional)

Question 6:

What is your preference for the future of these buildings?

- No buildings - Remove buildings to make room for more open space parkland
- Keep some or parts of the buildings – Renovate internally to be community spaces possibly involving keeping the façade or building materials etc and make more open space parkland
- Keep all of the buildings - Renovate internally for community use
- New buildings - Remove the existing buildings and build new ones for community use
- I don't know
- Other (please describe)



Alt text: 1-3 Bank Street view from Anzac Bridge (Source: Pyrmont History Group)



Alt text: 1-3 Bank Street view from Bank Street (Source: Infrastructure NSW)



Alt text: 1-3 Bank Street view from the bay (Source: Infrastructure NSW)



Alt text: 1-3 Bank Street courtyard (Source: Pyrmont History Group)

Question 6.1:

What would you like the buildings to be used for?

- Community meeting spaces
- Cultural uses such as art galleries, maker spaces, studios
- Commercial uses such as café, bar, kiosk
- Social enterprise such as community café
- Other (please describe)

Question 7:

What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 49
- 50 to 59
- 60 to 69
- 70 to 84
- 85 and over
- Prefer not to say

Question 8:

How do you identify? (check boxes)

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary / gender diverse
- Prefer to self-describe (written entry)
- Prefer not to say

Question 9:

What is your relationship to the Bank Street Park location?

- I live nearby in Pyrmont
- I live in a surrounding suburb (Glebe, Ultimo, Rozelle)
- I work nearby
- I study nearby
- I am part of a recreation club (e.g. Dragon Boat)
- I visit the area e.g. The Marina, Waterfront Park, Pirrama Park, Sydney Fish Markets
- I travel past the area on my way to get to other places
- None of the above but I am interested in the future park

Question 10:

Do you identify with any of the following? (choose all that apply)

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

- If yes, as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander person, is there anything you would like to share about your community, cultural or spiritual connection to the Bank Street Park location?
- Do you identify as a person living with a disability?
- Do you speak a language other than English at home?
 - If yes, which language?
- Prefer not to say

Question 11:

Would you like to opt in to INSW's Distribution List for Blackwattle Bay and new Sydney Fish Market project updates?

- Yes
- No

Question 11.1:

- What is your email address?

10.2 Appendix B: Agreement with principles for Bank Street Park

The table below shows the raw data from Question 1 of the online survey. This question asked respondents how strongly they agreed with principles that were identified through community engagement and technical studies, to guide the development of Bank Street Park. Respondents were asked to indicate agreement for each principle from a scale of strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Principles	Strongly agree or agree		Neutral		Strongly disagree or disagree	
	Number of respondents	Percentage	Number of respondents	Percentage	Number of respondents	Percentage
Ensure the living cultures of First Nations people is recognised and present.	296	70%	92	22%	37	9%
Have spaces for community, cultural and creative uses.	340	80%	60	14%	25	6%
Have spaces for informal sport and recreation.	344	81%	50	12%	31	7%
Address amenity like safety (lighting), climate (sun and shade), hard and soft spaces and comfortable seating.	387	91%	30	7%	8	2%
Maintain and enhance the connection to water.	398	94%	19	4%	8	2%
Be a place for everyone that is inviting, socially inclusive and accessible.	391	92%	26	6%	8	2%
Include spaces that are flexible and adaptable for a variety of uses.	339	80%	72	17%	14	3%
Draw on the European heritage of the location when	169	40%	194	46%	62	15%

designing the park.						
Achieve a high-quality open space design.	384	90%	33	8%	8	2%
Include retail offerings such as a place for morning coffee or afternoon snacks.	276	65%	89	21%	60	14%

10.3 Appendix C: Activities at Bank Street Park

The table below shows the raw data from Question 3 of the online survey. This question asked respondents what activities they would like to do or have available at Bank Street Park.

Activity	Percentage	Number of respondents
Enjoy the scenery and views	78%	309
Enjoy nature	62%	246
Walking/running	55%	217
Get a coffee or a snack at a kiosk	52%	204
Meet with friends	44%	174
Have picnics	41%	161
Launch my kayak/canoe/dragon boat	38%	148
Eat my lunch	35%	136
Attend pop-up entertainment	29%	114
Is there anything else you would like to do here in the future? (if yes, please describe)	27%	108
Attend or sell at markets	27%	106
Store my kayak/canoe/dragon boat	27%	105
Have BBQs	25%	98
Play with children	25%	97
Watch an outdoor movie	24%	96
Play informal games or sport	24%	96
Take my dog to an off-leash dog space	23%	89
Attend community events	20%	80
Eat from food trucks	20%	78
Workout	20%	77
Art	19%	74
Community gardening	18%	70
Yoga/Pilates	11%	44
Formal team sports	9%	37
Undercover spaces for community hire	9%	36
Fishing	8%	33
Attend community meetings	8%	30
Scooting	6%	24
Basketball	5%	21
Frisbee	3%	12
Volleyball	2%	9
Handball	2%	8

10.4 Appendix D: Language spoken at home

The table below shows the raw data from Question 10 of the online survey. This question asked respondents which language they spoke at home, if they had indicated they spoke a language other than English.

Language	Number of respondents	Percentage
Other (please specify)	24	40.68%
Cantonese	14	23.73%
Mandarin	13	22.03%
Spanish	6	10.17%
Vietnamese	3	5.08%
Italian	3	5.08%
Korean	2	3.39%
Thai	1	1.69%
Portuguese	1	1.69%
Hindi	1	1.69%
Japanese	1	1.69%

Other languages participants stated they spoke at home included:

- German (5 respondents)
- Greek (3 respondents)
- French (3 respondents)
- Polish (3 respondents)
- Tongan (1 respondent)
- Wiradjuri (1 respondent)
- Lao (1 respondent)
- Russian (1 respondent)
- Patios (1 respondent)
- Coorg (1 respondent)
- Dutch (1 respondent)
- Swedish (1 respondent)
- Czech (1 respondent)
- Macedonian (1 respondent)

10.5 Appendix E: Pop-ups raw data

Table 7 - Summary of activities participants like to do when visiting a park

Activity	Number of comments	Comments
Play equipment	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground (14 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Play area for the kids – Kids playing on equipment – Contained play space (safer for children) • Climbing (7 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Rock climbing wall (3 comments) – Climbing the ropes – Climbing is good because it is all ages, and everyone can do it, it doesn't matter about fitness levels • Swings (6 comments) • Slides (6 comments) • Trampoline (2 comments) • Sandpit (2 comments) • Flying fox (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Not too fast • Supervision at play equipment • Riding bikes (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bike stunts • Roundabouts • Monkey bars • See saw
Walking, running and cycling	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking (11 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Walking through the park (2 comments) – Walking around in nature and enjoying the views – Walk through or along the waterfront • Cycling (5 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bike stand • Running (4 comments) • Pathways (3 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Good path for walking and cycling - even a 2km loop that can host events like park run (global event) – Bike paths that connect to other paths in the area – Walking track (close to the water) • Exercise (3 comments) • Light exercising
BBQ and picnic spaces	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic area (13 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Have a picnic on the grass under the trees – Picnic area – places to put down a rug under trees • BBQ spaces (6 comments) • Small moveable tables or people to sit around (4-5 people)
Sit and relax	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places to sit (8 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mixture of places to sit (variety) – Seats for older children (9+ years)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sit and watch the world go by – Sit and enjoy the park and the view (with some food) – Spots to sit by the water. • Relax (3 comments) • A quiet space (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enjoy the quietness/restfulness of the space. • Enjoy the sun • Take a break, eat food, • Sleep on the grass
Green and shaded spaces for relaxation	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green spaces (10 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – More green space and places for everyone. All for play equipment but need spaces for everyone – Green, grassy space (there is too much concrete around here) – Pull up the grass. Enjoy shade and trees. Quiet, green and peaceful – To be in nature – Native tree and garden spaces to walk through – Garden and flowers • Shaded areas (6 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Undercover spaces/sheltered adequately – Relax in shade
Café / kiosk	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café (8 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Coffee shop - close to the water - this is precious – Café and bar in 1-3 bank street – Go for a walk and have a coffee • Eating • Drink beer and wine • Ice-cream • Food trucks/drink trucks
Playing sports	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball (3 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 3/4 court for basketball (multiuse) – Basketball ring • Places to kick a ball (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ball with kids • Table tennis • Play frisbee • Handball court • Have teachers/volunteers to teach sports/activities (e.g. basketball) - could be a different activity every week
Bring my dog to play	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking the dog (2 comments) • Dog parks (2 comments) • Fenced dog areas (2 comments) • Off leash dog area (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Go for a walk and throw the ball with pets - off-leash areas • Pet activities
Water features and play	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterslide (4 comments)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucket of water (in park) • Access to the water • Swimming • Waterplay and water features
All ages activities and spaces	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids activities (2 comments) • Kid friendly stuff (dog parks and play equipment) • A playground for all ages • Facilities for young people • Kids playground equipment area for toddlers inclusive play • Activities for families and children
Public amenities	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets (5 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kid friendly bathrooms – Good bathrooms with kid bathrooms (changing room) – Fountain
Exercise stations	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor exercise stations / equipment (5 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pull-up bars • Gym
Learn	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A place to educate people about First Nations history and Indigenous plants • School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Signage (educational) about local history and cultural significance
Read a book	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read books (2 comments) • On benches
Bird watching	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird watching (2 comments)
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community art exhibition (outside) • Complementary to surrounds • Chess board (full size) - or many smaller boards like in NY • Different to surrounding playgrounds • smell flowers, appreciate landscaping • Free carpark • Current Blackwattle Bay Marina buildings are removed • Art <p>Some comments spoke to activities they would like to do or amenities they would like to see in parks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trampoline • Mix of places: and playgrounds for the kids • Safe weather protected corridor between park and fish markets • Wild play (Ian Potter) at Centennial Park, integrated • EV charging • Open spaces - hard surfaces for tennis, rollerblading.

Table 8 - Summary of features people would like to see in the future park

Features	Total votes	Additional comments
Play equipment	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating near playgrounds for parents/ carers Fenced playground for children's safety Needs to be covered
Shade trees	57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees to climb (3 comments) Native Indigenous trees Deciduous trees, particularly for the overhead structure (2 comments) Fig trees Shade big trees needed unlike Pirrama Park where newly planted trees are unable to give shade
Kiosk to buy food and drinks	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Australian business (e.g. not Starbucks) Restaurants close by No fixed kiosk
Grassy open space	54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the space natural Less concrete Hard surfaces should be kept to a minimum Make natural as possible, use native plants Space to contemplate and watch the world go by or look at the water
Climbing wall	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for climbing wall on the Bank Street building structure
Covered area protected from weather (for activities or events)	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More shaded areas along boardwalk The bridge creates enough shade
Nature play areas	33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban wildlife sanctuary
Indigenous planting to encourage wildlife	33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous plants local to the area Lots of Blackwattle 'Tjerruina'
Water feature	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake feature
Public art / sculpture	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land art - landscaping with sculptural qualities
Fenced area (for dogs)	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big open spaces for dogs to run off leash For small dogs to run off-leash Off-leash dog facilities Dog friendly Not necessary as there is an off-leash dog park at Waterfront Park
Community garden	27	No additional comments
Waterplay equipment	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As long as it doesn't involve too much hard surface and not too big
BBQs	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a huge necessity because this is at Pirrama
Cultural or art studios	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible art studio for people with disability
Picnic tables	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picnics spaces and areas (2 comments) (e.g. sitting on grass)
Cultural and historical interpretation and signage	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In consultation with local First Nations People

Amphitheatre	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes up too much space
Features for young people (e.g. skateable surfaces)	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper skateboard facilities, not just skateable surfaces • Basketball court
Community room/s	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community health/social activities

Other features pop-up event participants would like to see in the new park:

- Water recreation opportunities (7 comments)
 - Kayak hire and paddle board hire (2 comments)
 - Create a sandy beach (2 comments), particularly for children
 - Swimming pool
 - Rockpool
 - Fishing spot near the water
- Walking and/ or cycling features (7 comments)
 - Pathways
 - Desire for pathways that connects from Johnston Street Annandale to the Sydney Fish Market
 - Walking track
 - Reinstatement of Glebe Island Bridge for pedestrian/cycleway connection to the park
 - Good path for cycling, e.g. cycling loop. Opportunity to host events like Park Run.
 - Connected cycleways
 - Bike storage space
- Increased amenities
 - Lighting at night (4 comments)
 - Filtered water facilities
 - Bathroom facilities
- Sports courts and equipment (3 comments)
 - Cricket ball courts
 - Tennis and basketball court
 - Sports equipment for adults
- Outdoor gym equipment (2 comments)
- Accessible features including hand rails, ramps, benches with armrests, and reflective edge on stairs
- Speed humps or traffic infrastructure around the park
- An area for water dragon boats racing/practice
- Small put-put
- Table tennis tables

- Wharf to dock boats
- Natural features e.g. stone
- More reading areas and phone chargers that are pedaled powered

Other general comments include:

- Dogs off-leash, particularly near walking and cycling paths, are a safety concern (2 comments)
- Ban single use plastics in park
- Minimal add-ons as 1 hectare isn't big enough
- No more tennis courts as there are already enough

Table 9- Summary of participant suggestions for the future use of the 1-3 Bank Street Buildings

Theme	# of comments	Comments
Place to eat and drink	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café or kiosk (12 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Repurpose - existing building can be recycled into a café • Restaurant or bar (7 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Waterfront restaurant – Repurpose as a restaurant – Place for adults • Pop-up coffee cart or kiosks (e.g. not permanent) (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Coffee stand pop-up – Coffee cart and food truck • Reception centre • A deli • Markets • A place where people can relax
Community space	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community space (6 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Indoor – Interactive • Community hall / function space (3 comments) • Community centre (3 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adaptive reuse for centre for kids – Playgroups • Community facilities (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Soup kitchen or shelter • Use the shell of the buildings to create an outdoor learning area • Space for Pyrmont action group (help/charity groups) • Turn into public studio space • Repurpose and retain heritage of buildings by adding more community stuff that doesn't compete with any other spaces
Arts and cultural space	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art gallery/creative centre (3 comments) • Cultural display (2 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Gallery

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art studio • Community art room for art therapy/café • Affordable artist studio space • Big movie screen • Theatre
More open space	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove buildings to create more open space (9 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Add grass (2 comments) – Add seats
History and museum	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum (4 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Industrial museum of the area with the buildings – Convert buildings into a Pyrmont history museum. Pyrmont Peninsula transport forum group trying to build tourism – Museum for local history with walking tours
Walking or cycling path	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove buildings and create open space that connects the Glebe Island Bridge • Remove buildings and continue the walkway • Bike path • Continue the walkway along the front of buildings along water
Dragon boat facilities and amenities	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change room facilities for dragon boaters (2 comments) • Dragon boat club house/office facilities • Storage for boats with a glass door • Access for water sports to launch
Accommodation / housing	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate/knock it down (too old). New residence buildings can be built for Airbnb (river) • Demolish and build 20 levels • Knock it down and build an Airbnb • If it's unoccupied it can be better used as social housing
Sports and recreational spaces	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • Table tennis • Gym space
Amenities	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet facilities • Shower and toilet inside the building
Other	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare centre • Dog day care • Office to manage the public marina • Colour it up - nice structure but bad colours – BLUE • Parking facilities

Table 10 - Summary of participant suggestions for additional features for the park

Feature	Votes
Grassy open space	6
Kiosk to buy food and drinks	6
Community garden	5

Picnic tables	4
Indigenous planting to encourage wildlife	4
Water feature	4
Shade trees	4
Covered area protected from weather	3
Water equipment	3
Nature play areas	3
Public art / sculpture	3
Climbing wall	3
BBQs	3
Features for young people (e.g. skateable surfaces)	2
Play equipment	1
Amphitheatre	1
Cultural and historical interpretation and signage	1
Fenced area for dogs	0
Community room/s	0
Cultural or art studios	0

10.6 Appendix F: Pop up activity boards

Pop up board 1:

Where is Bank Street Park?





Blackwattle Bay, Pyrmont and the new Bank Street Park site (Aerial shot)



The new Bank Street Park site in proximity to the southern Anzac bridge pylon and 1-3 Bank Street buildings



The new Bank Street Park site, underneath the Western Distributor (A4)





The new Bank Street Park site in proximity to the southern Anzac bridge pylon and 1-3 Bank Street buildings



Street view of existing buildings at 1-3 Bank Street



Street view of existing buildings at 1-3 Bank Street

Pop up board 2:

Infrastructure that has already been identified for the Blackwattle Bay Precinct include:

- Outdoor multipurpose court
- Change room facilities, showers, toilets
- Dragon boat amenities and landing site
- A facility to accommodate existing dragon boat, kayak, and canoe paddlers
- Outdoor fitness station
- Inclusive play space
- Marina operations space
- A new harbour foreshore walkway that connects from Wentworth Park to and will continue through Bank Street Park.



What additional features would be a priority for you to be included in the new waterfront park?

Choose your top 5

Grassy open space 	Covered area protected from weather 	Picnic tables 	Kiosk to buy food and drinks 	Indigenous planting to encourage wildlife
Fenced area for dogs 	Play equipment 	Features for young people (e.g. skatable surfaces) 	Water play equipment 	Water feature
Nature play areas 	Community room/s 	Amphitheatre 	Community garden 	Public art / sculpture
Shade trees 	Cultural or art studios 	Climbing wall 	Cultural and historical interpretation and signage 	BBQs

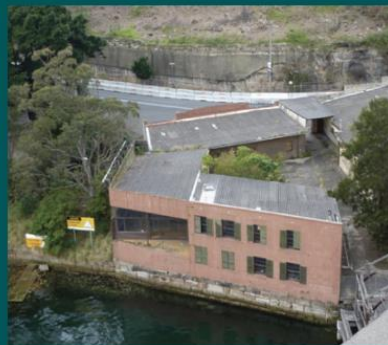
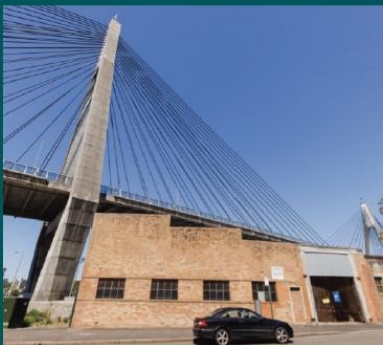
Pop up board 3:

Existing Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street



The Bank Street Park site comprises four brick buildings with a brick perimeter wall and a courtyard. The buildings are currently vacant, and we are investigating their condition and the possibility of adapting the buildings as part of the Bank Street Park. These buildings have been used as a cab company, a fishing trawler depot and a timber sculpture and crafts workshop in the past.


Although investigations are not yet completed, we want to know your feelings towards these buildings.



What, if anything, do you value about these buildings?



Pop up board 4:



When visiting a park, what activities do you like to do?

