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1. Executive summary

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 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.

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Overview of Phase 2 consultation activities

Table 1 provides details of community engagement activities undertaken as part of Phase 2 consultation.

Table 1 – Phase 2 community engagement activities conducted in February – March 2023

Engagement activity	Location	Date	Reach
Survey	Online via Infrastructure NSW webpage	23 February – 22 March 2023	321 participants, including 236 completed surveys
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Primary school workshop (conducted by INSW)	Ultimo Public School	Monday 9 March 2023, 2pm – 3:20pm	34 students SRC students from Years 3 – 6
Total:			492 participants

Phase 2 consultation objectives

Phase 2 consultation tested three design concepts for the new park. Consultation aimed to:

- Report back to the community what we heard in Phase 1 consultation were the park's priorities.
- Present three design concepts for Bank Street Park for community feedback.
- Determine whether the design concepts developed for the park adequately met community priorities established in Phase 1 of the consultation. The priorities consulted on include:
 - A welcoming and accessible park that caters to different users and activities

- Consideration of the needs of boating users and water sports
- Mixed views around the future of buildings at 1-3 Bank Street
- A green place of respite
- Connection to the water and enhanced views
- Seek community preferences around the look and feel of the park.

Note: INSW will seek community feedback on the remaining community priorities for the park following public exhibition after lodgment of the State Significant Development Application (SSDA). These include:

- Quality amenities to support park users
- A distinct identity for the park

High-level considerations

Phase 2 consultation resulted in the following high-level considerations for the preferred design concept and presents evidence gathered from the engagement activities to support these key considerations (Table 2).

Table 2 – Evidence to support key considerations from Phase 2 consultation

Key consideration	Evidence to support this consideration
1. Use Concept 3 as the framework/inspiration for the final design to best address community priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept 3 was consistently ranked the highest across all five community priorities by survey participants and drop-in participants. • The majority of drop-in participants told us that they liked the positioning of the outdoor multipurpose court in Concept 3, close by to the road, as this doesn't interrupt the flow of the green space. • Participants across all engagement activities emphasised that they didn't want the green space broken up, and green space for respite was particularly important close to the water's edge. • Participants across all engagement activities told us that they like the inclusion of a new purpose-built community facility and café at 1-3 Bank Street.
2. Include a new purpose-built community facility at 1-3 Bank Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% of survey participants told us they prefer Concept 3 which removes all current buildings at 1-3 Bank Street and incorporates a new purpose-built community facility. • The majority of drop-in participants also supported the inclusion of a new purpose-built community facility at 1-3 Bank Street.
3. Include at least two amenities blocks to support dragon boaters & general public (provide one near the playground)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of participants like how Concept 2 included an additional amenities block, and would like to see this included in the preferred design concept. <p>Across all engagement activities, participants indicated that amenities need to meet the needs of all future park users, including dragon boaters and general public.</p>
4. Prioritise a natural play space theme, with nature play and climbing elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of survey participants ranked 'natural play space' as their preferred option, followed by a place that draws on living culture and

	<p>history of the site (39%) and sculptural artist designed play space (11%).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57% of survey participants want to see nature play elements included in the new play space. • 44% of survey participants want to see climbing elements incorporated into the new play space.
<p>5. Include places for young people to sit and talk in groups and interesting lighting for night-time use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66% of survey participants told us that they would like to see places for young people to sit and talk in groups and 52% told us that they would like to see interesting lighting for night time use. • 8 out of 10 high school student groups voted ‘yes’ for interesting lighting for night time use, which was the preferred option, followed by 7 groups voting ‘yes’ for places to sit and talk in groups • Other ideas for elements for young people from survey participants under the age of 25, include: wireless phone chargers and in-ground trampolines.
<p>6. Include storage for dragon boaters close by to the boat ramp, with access designed to maximise safety and minimise conflict between boat users and the general public</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost half (48%) of the survey participants who identified as ‘members of a recreation boat club’ preferred Concept 1 for the location of dragon boat storage being close to the boat ramp. The other half of survey participants (48%) preferred Concept 3, which also proposes dragon boat storage close to the boat ramp, wrapped around the pylon. • Survey participants who identified being from a recreational club (dragon boaters), liked the fact that the general public walkway does not interfere with safe and efficient access to the boat ramp in Concepts 1 and 3. They also explained that Concepts 1 and 3 make it possible for trucks to access the dragon boats for loading. • 7 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey commented about the inclusion of facilities for dragon boaters and how this was positive to see, a sentiment that was shared by most drop-in participants.
<p>7. Additional design features to consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increased seating options around the park and potentially BBQs – Increased demand for parking – Addition of traffic calming mechanisms, including pedestrian crossings on Bank Street – Addition of native flora and tree canopy cover – Addition of information or interpretations about the history of Pymont 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey commented about increasing seating options, particularly close to the water. Participants at the drop-in sessions also supported having more seated areas, and potentially BBQs for gatherings with family and friends. • 15 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey and many drop in participants spoke about the needs for adequate parking to balance the needs of the general public, nearby residents and recreational boating users. Those survey participants who identified as ‘members or a recreation boat club’, noted that because there is limited access to public transport in the area and that they are required to maneuver large equipment, they rely on parking to participate. • Participants across all engagement activities indicated that there has been conflicting information about parking in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of consultation, and that they would like this to be clarified. • 2 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey and some drop in participants highlighted potential safety issues that may arise between pedestrians, cyclists and general traffic. Participants suggested the additional of traffic calming mechanisms, including pedestrian crossings, to address this challenge.

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- 2 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey and some drop in participants want to see native flora incorporated in the design of the new park.
 - 3 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey commented on the history of the site and the importance of this history being reflected in the design of the new park. Many participants in the high school workshop also shared this sentiment, commenting about how they liked the inclusion of sandstone blocks which reflect the history of the site.
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2. Introduction

2.1 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.

Infrastructure NSW (INSW) engaged Cred Consulting to design and deliver two phases of community engagement to inform this project and the State Significant Development Application. Phase 1 consultation was undertaken between August – September 2022 to inform the design brief. Phase 2 consultation (this Report) was undertaken between 23 February – March 2023 to gauge feedback on three design concepts for the park including options for a play space and youth space.

Engagement has considered:

- Engagement requirements contained within the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), SSD -53386706.
- International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum.
- Department of Planning and Environment (2021) *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects*. Engagement planning has considered: Plan early; Engage as early as possible; Ensure engagement is effective; Ensure engagement is proportionate; Innovative; Open and transparent; and implement the community participation objectives.

2.2 About the design concepts

INSW engaged Oculus: Landscape Architecture & Urban Design to develop three design concepts for the park, which have taken into consideration community priorities from Phase one, site constraints, identified local infrastructure needs and the need to provide a space that can be enjoyed by all. Each of the concepts comprises various elements, in different locations. The preferred final park design may be a combination of different elements of all three concepts. Each of the concepts contain the following – outdoor multipurpose court, outdoor fitness station, inclusive play space, marina operations space and kiosk, storage for dragon boats and kayaks, a harbour foreshore walkway, water access for recreational watercraft and public amenities.

Oculus is working with Greenshoot Consulting to incorporate Aboriginal living culture and design in the preferred concept.





2.3 Community engagement

Since late 2014, consultation has been underway for the revitalisation of Blackwattle Bay Precinct, including new open space in the precinct. This feedback along with community consultation in August and September 2022 has formed the basis of a design brief for Bank Street Park. Throughout consultation, we have heard views on the opportunities, challenges, and priorities for a new park in the precinct.

The park design will continue to be developed in consultation with the community to ensure that the preferred design reflects the needs and desires of future park users.

Phase 2 consultation tested three design concepts for the new park. Consultation aimed to:

- Report back to the community what we heard in Phase 1 consultation were the park's priorities.
- Present three design concepts for Bank Street Park for community feedback.
- Determine whether the design concepts developed for the park adequately met community priorities established in Phase 1 of the consultation. The priorities consulted on include:
 - A welcoming and accessible park that caters to different users and activities
 - Consideration of the needs of boating users and water sports
 - Mixed views around the future of buildings at 1-3 Bank Street
 - A green place of respite
 - Connection to the water and enhanced views

- Seek community preferences around the look and feel of the park.

Note: INSW will seek community feedback on the remaining community priorities for the park following public exhibition after lodgment of the State Significant Development Application (SSDA). These include:

- Quality amenities to support park users
- A distinct identity for the park

Oculus is working with Greenshoot Consulting to incorporate Aboriginal living culture and design in the preferred concept and to address the community priority of Connection to Country and First Nations representation.

Table 3 includes the key engagement tools used to promote this consultation. Table 4 provides details of community engagement activities undertaken.

Table 3 – Key engagement tools to promote consultation

Activity	Purpose
Website	Bank Street Park specific project website including an information video introducing the three design concepts, design plans, artist impression images, and information about previous consultation. Over 3,500 page views.
Banners on site	Banners on the existing buildings and park fence advertising the consultation, including a QR code to the website and survey.
eDM	eDM database of over 3,500 people to notify about the consultation, in-person events, and a link to the survey. The information video was also linked. A reminder eDM also sent one week before closure of the survey.
1800 phone line	A project line to receive community enquiries, answered during business hours (8:30am – 5pm).
Consultation email address	Consultation email inbox to receive and response to community and stakeholder feedback and enquiries.
Information video	3 min information video available on the website to introduce design concepts and the design considerations for each.
Postcards	Distributed at the drop-in sessions to direct the community to the online webpage, where they could find more information about the three design concepts including an introduction video and online survey.
Footpath decals	Advertising the consultation including a QR code to the website and survey.

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2.4 How to read this report

This report has the following three sections:

Summary of feedback by design concept

This section provides a high-level summary of what participants liked and what they would change about each design concept, from across all engagement activities.

Summary of feedback on play space and elements for young people

This section provides a high-level summary of participant's preferences for play spaces and elements for young people, from across all engagement.

What we heard by engagement activity

This section provides detailed analysis of the feedback received by engagement activity. The first section covers the online survey, followed by the drop-in sessions, the workshop with high school students and finally a practical activity with a primary school.

2.5 Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder engagement with key stakeholders will continue through design development of a preferred concept.

Key stakeholder consultation undertaken by INSW in Phase 2 consultation is provided in Appendix 3.

3. Summary of feedback by design concept

This section provides a high-level summary of what participants liked and what they would change about each design concept, from across all engagement activities.

Across all engagement activities, participants indicated that Concept 3 best addresses the five community priorities for the new Bank Street Park including a welcoming and accessible park, catering to boating users, the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, a green place of respite and connection to water and enhanced views. Concept 1 was the next preferred option, followed by Concept 2.

3.1 Feedback across design concepts

We heard some common feedback across the three design concepts, summarised in Table 5.

Table 5 - What participants like and what they would change across all design concepts

Across all design concepts, participants support...	Across all design concepts, participants would like to see...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of facilities for the dragon boat users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by the majority of participants across engagement activities - 7 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey, indicated their support for provision of facilities for dragon boat users - Concepts 1 & 3 seem to be the best design for dragon boats and outrigger clubs for storage and launching boats” – survey participant • Provision of a community building and café <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by the majority of participants across engagement activities - Comments by 4 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey, indicated their support for provision of a community building and café - “It is imperative that cafes or food outlets are included to activate the space” – survey participant • Shaded area for recreation under the bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by the majority of participants across engagement activities, and particularly at the drop-in sessions • Designs catering to a broad range of age groups and users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by the majority of participants across engagement activities, and particularly at the drop-in sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased seating options around the park and potentially BBQs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey, commented about increasing seating options, particularly close to the water - Participants at the drop-in sessions also supported having more seated areas, and potentially BBQs for gatherings with family and friends • A second amenities building near the playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Across all engagement activities, participants indicated that amenities need to meet the needs of all future park users, including dragon boaters and general users. Most participants indicated a preference for an additional amenities building to be provided near the playground • Address increased demand for parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey and many drop in participants spoke about the needs for adequate parking to balance the needs of the general public, nearby residents and recreational boating users. Those survey participants who identified as ‘members or a recreation boat club’, noted that because there

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- **Provision of cycleways**
 - Supported by some participants across engagement activities
 - 2 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey, indicated their support for provision of cycleways
 - “Pedestrian and cycling connection to Waterfront Park would be smart and resurrecting Glebe Island Bridge would be a great addition to this development”
 - **Dragon boat storage close to the boat ramp**
 - Almost half (48%) of the survey participants who identified as ‘members or a recreation boat club’ preferred Concept 1 for the location of dragon boat storage being close to the boat ramp. The other half (48%) preferred Concept 3, which also proposes dragon boat storage close to the boat ramp, wrapped around the pylon
 - 7 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey commented about the inclusion of facilities for dragon boaters and how this was positive to see, a sentiment that was shared by most drop-in participants
 - Survey participants who identified being from a recreational club (dragon boaters), liked the fact that the general public walkway does not interfere with safe and efficient access to the boat ramp in Concepts 1 and 3. They also explained that Concept 1 and 3 make it possible for trucks to access the dragon boats for loading
 - **Addition of traffic calming mechanisms on Bank Street, including pedestrian crossings to improve safety**
 - 2 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey and some drop in participants highlighted potential safety issues that may arise between pedestrians, cyclists and general traffic. Participants suggested the additional of traffic calming mechanisms on Bank Street, including pedestrian crossings, to address this challenge
 - **Native flora and tree canopy cover are important**
 - 2 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey and some drop in participants want to see native flora incorporated in the design of the new park. This sentiment was also shared by many participants across engagement activities.
 - **Addition of information or interpretations about the history of Pyrmont**
 - 3 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey commented on the history of the site and the importance of this history being reflected in the design of the new park. Many participants in the high school workshop also shared this sentiment, commenting about how they liked the inclusion of sandstone blocks which reflect the history of the site.
- is limited access to public transport in the area and that they are required to maneuver large equipment, they rely on parking to participate
- Participants across all engagement activities indicated that there has been conflicting information about parking, and that they would like this to be clarified
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3.2 Concept 3 feedback

Across all engagement activities, participants told us that Concept 3 best addressed the five community priorities for the new park.

The percentage of survey participants who ranked Concept 3 as their first preference against the following community priorities, included:

- Welcoming and accessible park (58%)
- Needs of boating users and water sports (45%)
- Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street (60%)
- Green place of respite (same as Concept 1) (85%)
- Connection to the water and enhanced views (65%)

Table 6 summarises the key elements participants like or want to change about Concept 3 against each of the community priorities.

Table 6 - What participants like and what they would change about Concept 3

Participants support...	Participants would like to see...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new purpose-built community facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by most participants across engagement activities - Comments by 11 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey, indicated their support for the existing buildings to be demolished and replaced with a new community building, with some mentioning that they don't want a new building to be above the height of the exiting buildings, and that the footprint should be minimal - "I think getting rid of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Steet is good as they are ugly, but I would be sure only to reconstruct at the same height as existing to ensure that current profile is maintained" – survey participant - In contrast, comments by 14 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey, supported keeping the existing buildings for their perceived historical value, cost effectiveness and sustainability reasons - "It would be good to keep the existing buildings and use them as it is more cost effective" – survey participant • Options for both passive and active recreation in the shaded area under the bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by the majority of participants across engagement activities, and particularly young families with children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second amenities building close to the playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Across all engagement activities, participants indicated that amenities need to meet the needs of all future park users, including dragon boaters and general users. Most participants indicated a preference for an additional amenities building to be provided near the playground • Address increased demand for parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey and many drop in participants spoke about the needs for adequate parking to balance the needs of the general public, nearby residents and recreational boating users. Those survey participants who identified as 'members or a recreation boat club', noted that because there is limited access to public transport in the area and that they are required to maneuver large equipment, they rely on parking to participate - Participants across all engagement activities indicated that there has been conflicting information about parking in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of consultation, and that they would like this to be clarified • Inclusion of a water feature or water play

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- **The location of the new multipurpose court**
 - The majority of participants across engagement activities told us that they liked the positioning of the outdoor multipurpose court close by to the road, as this doesn't interrupt the flow of the green space
 - **The large, continuous green space with a focus on enhancing the natural beauty of the park**
 - The majority of participants across engagement activities emphasised that they didn't want the green space broken up, and that green space for respite was particularly important close by to the water's edge
 - **The sandstone steps and access to the water's edge**
 - Many participants across engagement activities like the inclusion of the sandstone steps down to the water's edge as it allows them to get up and close to the water, and maximise the views
 - 1 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey commented that they like how the sandstone reflects the quarry history of the area
 - **Accessible walkways and paths, that navigate the needs of diverse user groups (e.g. dragon boats and general public)**
 - Survey participants who identified being from a recreational club (dragon boaters), liked the fact that the general public walkway does not interfere with safe and efficient access to the boat ramp in Concepts 1 and 3. They also explained that Concept 1 and 3 make it possible for trucks to access the dragon boats for loading
- A few participants across engagement activities would like to see a water feature or water play included for children
 - 2 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey requested water play features for children to be included in the preferred design of the park
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3.3 Concept 1 feedback

Across all engagement activities, participants told us that Concept 1 was their second preference in addressing the five community priorities.

The percentage of survey participants who ranked Concept 1 as their first preference against the following community priorities, included:

- Welcoming and accessible park (30%)
- Needs of boating users and water sports (37%)
- Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street (22%)
- Green place of respite (same as Concept 1) (85%)
- Connection to the water and enhanced views (23%)

Table 7 summarises the key elements participants like or what they would change about Concept 1 against each of the community priorities.

Table 7 - What participants like and what they would change about Concept 1

Participants support...	Participants would like to see...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for both passive and active recreation in the shaded areas under the bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported by the majority of participants across engagement activities, and particularly young families with children • The location of the new multipurpose court closer to the road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of participants across engagement activities told us that they like the positioning of the outdoor multipurpose court close by to the road, as this doesn't interrupt the flow of the green space • The interconnected, smaller paths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some participants at the drop-in sessions told us that they prefer the interconnected, smaller paths included in Concept 1 • Separation of spaces (e.g. sporting areas not too close to open space) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some participants at the drop-in sessions told us that they prefer the distinction of park uses that is achieved in Concept 1 • Access to a lookout with seating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some participants across engagement activities told us that they like the lookout with seating that is provided in Concept 1, as they feel it enhances connection with the water and maximises the views of the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second amenities building close to the play space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Across all engagement activities, participants indicated that amenities need to meet the needs of all future park users, including dragon boaters and general users. Most participants indicated a preference for an additional amenities building to be provided near the playground • Make the play space shaded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some participants at the drop-in sessions, particularly families with young children, emphasised the importance of providing appropriate shade for children utilising the new play space at Bank Street Park - Comments by 2 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey referred to the important role of shade in a children's play space - "Please ensure there is adequate shade, particularly over the play area for children" – survey participant • A separated cycleway and bike parking to reduce bike traffic in the park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A few participants at the drop-in sessions suggested included bike parking to reduce bike traffic in the park to help balance the needs and expectations of different user groups

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- **Accessible walkways and paths, that navigate diverse user groups (e.g. dragon boats and the general public)**
 - Survey participants who identified being from a recreational club (dragon boaters), liked the fact that the general public walkway does not interfere with safe and efficient access to the boat ramp in Concepts 1 and 3. They also explained that Concept 1 and 3 make it possible for trucks to access the dragon boats for loading
 - **Move the waterfront path further back to expand green respite at the water's edge**
 - A few participants at the drop-in sessions supported moving the waterfront path further back to expand green respite at the water's edge
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3.4 Concept 2 feedback

Across all engagement activities, participants told us that Concept 2 was their least preferred option to address the five community priorities for the new Bank Street Park.

The percentage of survey participants who ranked Concept 1 as their first preference against the following community priorities, included:

- Welcoming and accessible park (13%)
- Needs of boating users and water sports (18%)
- Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street (18%)
- Green place of respite (same as Concept 1) (15%)
- Connection to the water and enhanced views (12%)

Table 8 summarises the key elements participants like or what they would change about Concept 2 for each of the community priorities.

Table 8 - What participants like and what they would change about Concept 2

Participants support	Participants would like to see
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pedestrian path from the street continuing into the park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A few participants supported moving the waterfront path further back to expand green respite at the water's edge - "Connectivity is key, therefore consideration of bike tracks and walking paths from both sides" – survey participant • Modern design of the play space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A few students from the high school workshop and drop-in participants like the modern design of the play space in Concept 2 • The skate and youth hang out space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A few students from the high school workshop and drop-in participants like the modern design of the play space in Concept 2 • The inclusion of a second amenities building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants across all engagement activities liked the inclusion of the second amenities building in Concept 2. The fact that the amenities building is provided close to the multipurpose court in Concept 2 was also supported by participants - "While our preference is option 1 then 3, the additional amenities block in option 2 would be appreciated as an addition" – survey participant • Use of natural materials e.g. sandstone and timber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the multipurpose court switched with the play space, to keep the play space away from the road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some drop-in participants, particularly families with young children, expressed that they would like to keep the play space away from the road to improve safety outcomes for children - "2's playspace so close to the road seems frightening for parents as their children play, simultaneously car noises are not pleasant for a play area" – survey participant • Relocating the play space to be undercover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some drop-in participants, particularly families with young children, expressed that they would like to see the play space to be relocated to be under the cover of the Anzac Bridge • More joined-up green space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Across engagement activities, the majority of participants expressed concern that the location of the multi-purpose court in Concept 2 breaks up continuous green space and takes away views of the water - "I don't think option 2 works with the sports court splitting the site in two, and taking the best of the views" – survey participant • Greater connectivity between paths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Across engagement activities, some participants indicated that the multi-purpose court in Concept 2 breaks up provision of

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- The majority of participants from across the engagement activities supported the inclusion of natural materials, including sandstone and timber in Concept 2
- continuous paths and connectivity in the design of the new park
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4. Summary of feedback for play spaces and elements for young people

4.1 Survey participants prefer natural play spaces that accommodate for people of all ages

Overall, 50% of survey participants ranked natural play spaces for the new park at Bank Street as their preferred option. This is followed by 39% of survey participants who ranked a play space that draws on living culture and history of the site as their second preferred option, and finally a sculptural artist designed play space (11%).

Survey participants shared examples of parks they like, including Pirrama Park, Darling Harbour Park, Centennial Park and Jubilee Park. They like these parks because they have:

- Inclusive spaces and elements that cater to all ages and abilities
- Water play
- Access to amenities including toilets, bubblers, shade and seating
- Kiosks for food and drinks
- Good flow of spaces for different types of park users to enjoy the space, and
- Natural setting in and around the parks and play spaces.

Survey participants told us they want the park to have spaces to play in nature, (57%) to climb (44%) , for imaginative play (35%), swings and slides (35%) and places to hang out with friends (30%).

4.2 Young people want places to sit in groups with interesting lighting at night-time

Across engagement activities, we heard that there is demand for places for young people to sit and talk in groups and interesting lighting for nighttime use. 8 out of 10 high school student groups voted 'yes' for interesting lighting for night time use, which was the preferred option, followed by 7 groups voting 'yes' for places to sit and talk in groups.

Survey participants told us that they want to park to have the following elements for young people:

- Places to sit and talk in groups (66%)
- Interesting lighting (52%)
- Climbing wall (43%)
- Parkour (39%)
- Colourful creative places for photos (24%)
- Skateable surfaces (20%)

- Swings (20%)
- Other (9%)

Other ideas for elements for young people from survey participants under the age of 25, include: wireless phone chargers and in-ground trampolines

5. What we heard by engagement activity

The following section describes engagement outcomes by engagement activity. This is important to understand where sentiment has come from across the engagement. Engagement activities completed as part of Phase 2 consultation include:

- An online survey
- 2 x drop-in sessions
- A workshop with high school students.
- A practical park building workshop with primary school students.

5.1 Online survey findings

5.1.1 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 23 February to 22 March 2023. A total of 321 surveys were completed, this includes 236 fully completed and 85 partially completed.

The online survey aimed to collect feedback on the concept designs and understand preferences and ideas around look and feel of the park.

A full list of questions asked in the survey can be found in Appendix A.

5.1.2 Survey participants profile

Age

As shown in Table 9 and Figure 1, 31% of survey participants were aged 35-49. This is followed by 23% aged 50-59, 20% 60-69 and 12% 70-84. There were eight participants aged under 25, and none aged over 85.

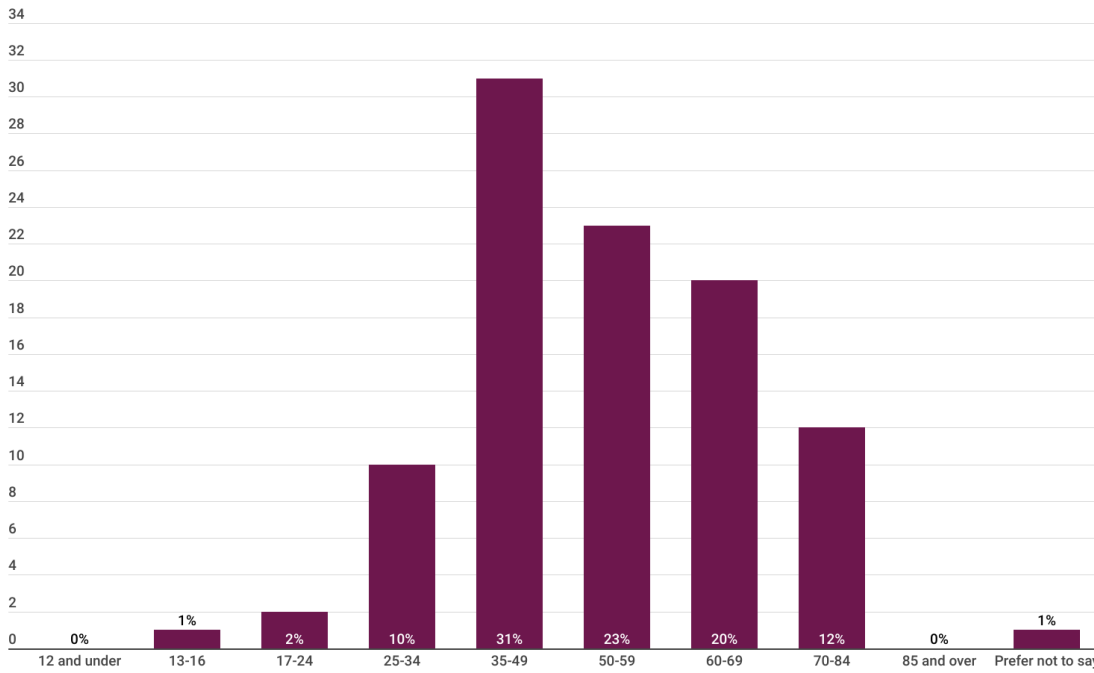
The three survey participants under 16 all received parental consent to complete the survey.

Table 9 - What is your age?

Age	%	#
12 and under	0%	1
13-16	1%	2
17-24	2%	5
25-34	10%	24
35-49	31%	76
50-59	23%	56
60-69	20%	49
70-84	12%	28

85 and over	0%	0
Prefer not to say	1%	2

Figure 1 – What is your age?



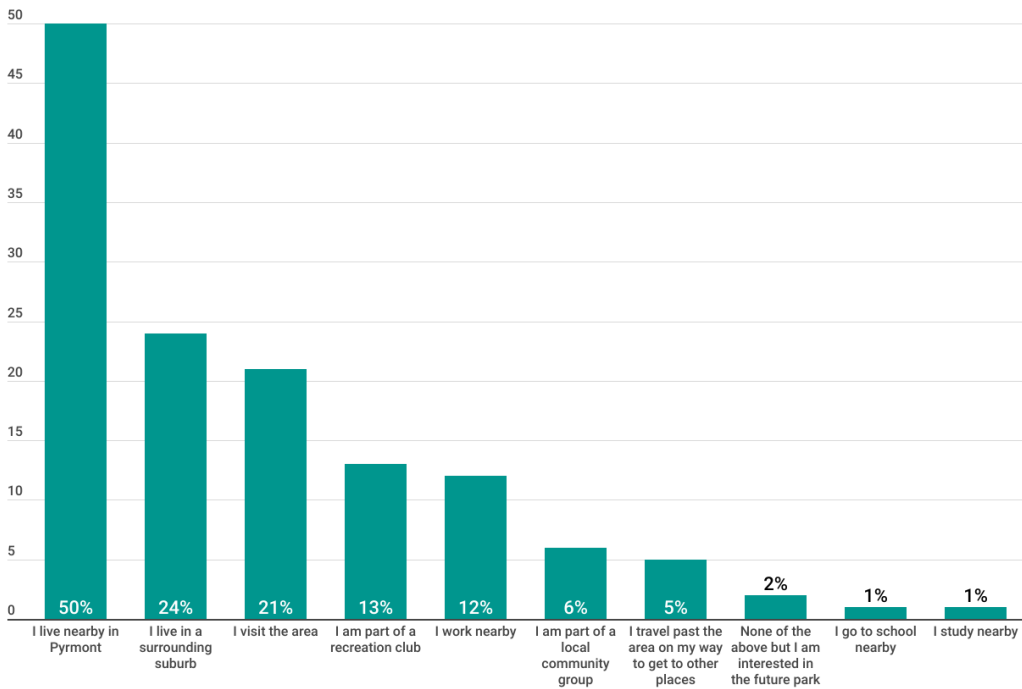
Relationship to Bank Street Park

As shown in Table 10 and Figure 2, 50% of survey participants live in Pymont. This is followed by 24% that live in surrounding suburbs, and 21% who visit the area.

Table 10 - What is your relationship to the Bank Street Park location?

Relationship to Bank Street Park	%	#
I live nearby in Pymont	50%	121
I live in a surrounding suburb (Glebe, Ultimo, Rozelle)	24%	58
I visit the area e.g. The Marina, Waterfront Park, Pirrama Park, Sydney Fish Markets	21%	52
I am part of a recreation club (e.g. Dragon Boat)	13%	32
I work nearby	12%	30
I am part of a local community group	6%	15
I travel past the area on my way to get to other places	5%	13
None of the above but I am interested in the future park	2%	6
I go to school nearby	1%	2
I study nearby	1%	2

Figure 2 - What is your relationship to the Bank Street Park location?



Gender identity

53% (129) of participants identify as male and 45% (109) as female.

Disability

2% (5) of participants identify as a person living with disability

First Nations

0.4% (1) of participants identify as First Nations.

Language other than English

18% (44) of participants speak a language other than English, including:

- Cantonese (18%) (7)
- Mandarin (10%) (4)
- Portuguese (8%) (3)
- Vietnamese (8%) (3)
- Spanish (5%) (2)
- Italian (5%) (2)

5.1.3 Snapshot of key survey findings

Survey participants told us they prefer Concept 3

Survey participants indicated that Concept 3 best addresses the five community priorities of a welcoming and accessible park (58%), catering to boating users (45%), the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street (60%), a green place of respite (85%) and connection to water and enhanced views (65%).

60% of survey participants told us that they prefer Concept 3 as it removes the current buildings and provides a new purpose-built building. However, similar to phase one, some participants (40%) wanted to see the buildings retained, noting their preference for Concept 1 which proposes retaining one of the three existing buildings and the façade of another building.

In the extended responses, survey participants indicated the features they particularly liked in Concept 3:

- Sandstone blocks linking the water with the quarry history of Pyrmont
- Active zones towards the road, and passive towards the water
- Dragon boat storage and access to the water
- Demolishing the existing building and replacing with a new community building

Over half of all participants are interested in hiring a paddle craft

Of the 188 survey participants that responded to this question, 77% have an interest in either hiring or storing a private paddle craft in the park. 53% are interested in hiring a paddle craft and 24% are interested in storing their private paddle craft at the new Bank Street Park.

Survey participants told us they want a natural play space where they can play in nature

Survey participants ranked the natural play space, with natural materials and a focus on the environment, as their top preference for play space style at the new Bank Street Park. 57% of participants told us they want to play in nature in the new play space at Bank Street Park. This was followed by 44% who wanted to climb.

Play spaces that survey participants like to visit include Pirrama Park, Darling Harbour and Centennial Park.

Survey participants want to see places for young people to sit and talk in groups

Overall, 66% of survey participants want young people to have places to sit and talk in groups at the new Bank Street Park. This is followed by interesting lighting for nighttime use (52%), a climbing wall (43%), parkour (29%) and colourful creative places to take social media photos (24%).

Participants see value in a new community building at 1-3 Bank Street

60% of survey participants prefer Concept 3 which removes the current buildings and provides a new purpose-built building.

However, similar to Phase one, 40% of survey participants wanted to see the buildings retained and selected either Concept 1 or Concept 2 to support this.

11 (out of 125) survey participants who left a comment in the survey, supported the existing buildings being demolished and replaced with a new community building, with some participants mentioning that they don't want a new building to be above the height of the existing buildings, and that the building footprint should be minimal.

A few survey participants also commented that the preferred design for the new Bank Street Park did not need to include a new community facility, as this need may already be met by community facilities close by to the site e.g., Pymont Community Centre (currently undergoing redevelopment).

5.1.4 Survey findings

5.1.4.1 Preferred approaches to the design concepts

Survey participants were asked to rank how well each design concept addresses the following community priorities, established in Phase 1 consultation:

- Creating a welcoming and accessible park
- Considering the needs of boating users and water sports
- The buildings at 1-3 Bank Street
- A green place of respite
- Connection to the water and enhanced views

As shown in Figure 3, survey participants prefer Concept 3 against all five community priorities.

A welcoming and accessible park

58% of survey participants report that Concept 3 best responds to the community priority of creating a welcoming and accessible park. This is followed by Concept 1 (30%) and Concept 2 (13%).

Considering needs of boating users and water sports

45% of survey participants report that Concept 3 best responds to the community priority of considering the needs of boating users and water sports. This is followed by Concept 1 (37%) and Concept 2 (18%).

Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street

60% of survey participants report that Concept 3 best responds to the community priority around the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. This is followed by Concept 1 (22%) and Concept 2 (18%).

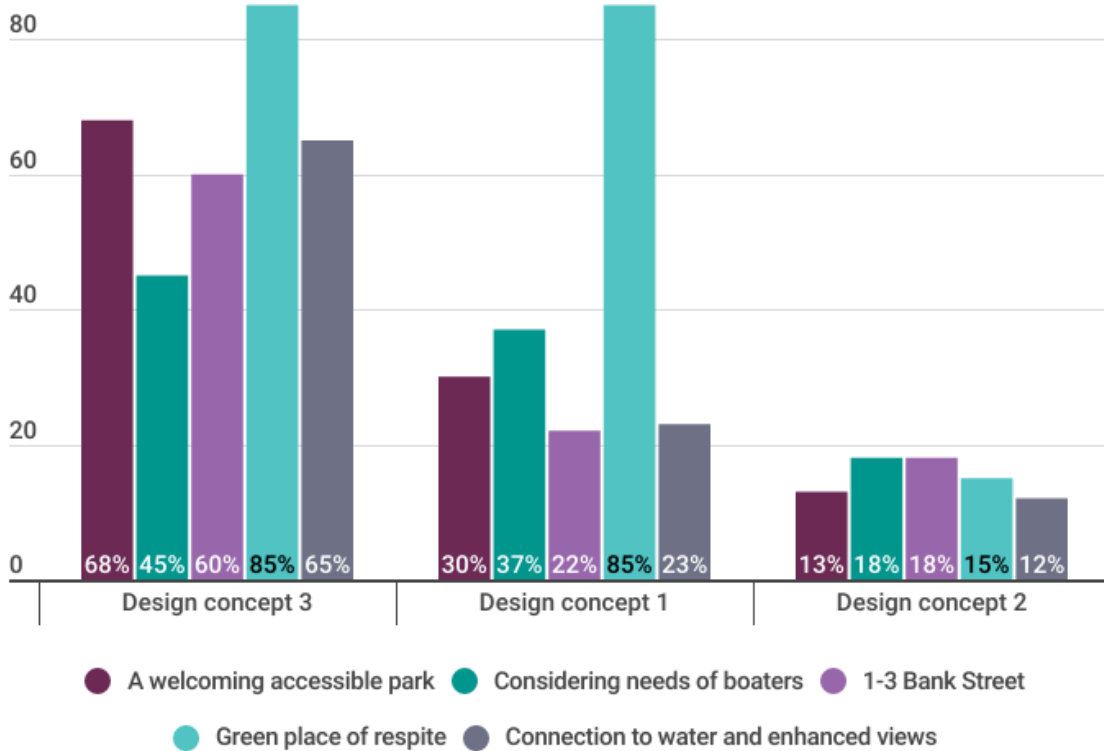
Green place of respite

85% of survey participants report that design Concept 3 and 1 best responds to the community priority of a green place of respite. This is followed by Concept 2 (15%).

Connection to water and enhanced views

65% of survey participants report that Concept 3 best responds to the community priority of connection to the water and enhanced views. This is followed by Concept 1 (23%) and Concept 2 (12%), as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Preferred design concept for the five priorities



Green place of respite: Young people aged under 25

Comparison of results show similar preferences for young people aged under 24 completing the survey. 100% (6) of young people ranked Concept 1 and Concept 3 as their top preference for a green place of respite. However, it should be noted only six young people completed this question which is a low sample size.

Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street: Local residents vs visitors

Comparison of results between local residents and visitors show similar preferences for the community priority around the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street.

62% of local residents ranked Concept 3 as their first preference for the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. This is followed by Concept 1 (19%) and Concept 2 (18%).

This is compared to 71% of visitors who ranked Concept 3 as their first preference for the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. This is followed by Concept 1 (20%) and Concept 2 (9%).

Paddle craft hire or storage

All three design concepts include space for paddle craft hire or storage. Survey participants were asked about their interest in the opportunity for paddle craft hire or paddle craft storage at the new Bank Street Park.

Of the 188 survey participants that responded to this question, 77% have an interest in either hiring or storing a private paddle craft in the park. 53% are interested in hiring a paddle craft and 24% are interested in storing their private paddle craft at the new Bank Street Park.

5.1.4.2 Additional comments on how the design concepts address the community's priorities

Participants were asked to provide further comments about how the design concepts address the community's priorities, 125 comments were received. Responses are summarised below.

A new purpose-built building with connection to industrial past at 1-3 Bank Street (26 comments)

Survey participants had a strong preference for the Concept 3 approach to the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, to remove the existing buildings and construct a new purpose building community facility. Of the 60% with a preference for a new building, some of the extended comments included:

“The existing buildings should not be retained/reused because they are not of any heritage/architectural value.”

“I'm open to replacing the buildings so long as the new building is the same height.”

Prioritise green space (21 comments)

Survey participants want green space to be prioritised in the design of Bank Street Park, preferring the natural beauty of the park to be the focus over sporting facilities or community buildings. Other ideas include preserving the local flora and fauna, creating natural play areas and landscaping that connects to the water. Most participants report Concept 3 or Concept 1 as the best for prioritising green space at the new Bank Street Park.

“Concept 1 seems to be closer to the preferred model continuous green space, an active recreation area that is accessible from the street and does not monopolise the site's continuous green space, sensitive use of existing structures where possible. Use of sandstone graded to the water not dominated by a contemporary architectural statement.”

“Maximising green space and the relationship to the water should lead this design. So less building footprint is desirable”

“LESS Concrete and MORE GREEN - Canopy trees planting please, pathway greening”

No basketball court or community centres (17 comments)

Some survey participants told us they do not want a second community centre or basketball court at the new Bank Street Park. This is because they felt that the existing ones (Harris Street and Pymont Community Centre) are sufficient for the needs of the community. They feel the same way about a potential fitness area at Bank Street Park, and commented park fitness equipment nearby has little use.

Participants feel the design of the multipurpose outdoor court in Concept 2 does not work, as it will split the Park in two. The multipurpose outdoor court in Concept 2 was felt to not only be taking the best views of the water but will create noise for the residential areas nearby. Participants feel Concept 3 best addresses the issues around the courts at the new Bank Street Park.

“Don’t feel we need a basketball court as the one in the Pymont Community Centre is under utilised. We do not require a second Community Centre either as the one in Pymont is in the process of being revitalised.”

“Please be aware of the noise generated by the multi-purpose courts and the location of apartments facing Bank Street. The courts should be located where shown in Concepts 1 and 3.”

“Concept 2 places the multi-purpose court in centre of park and closer to residential apartments which is not desirable as noise from the park will be an issue. Concepts 1 and 3 move the court further away which is desirable.”

Prioritise connection and access to water (16 comments)

Survey participants told us they want to see connection and access to water prioritised in the new Bank Street Park. Participants feel Concept 1 and Concept 3 have the best approach for this. Participants also want to ensure that water-based recreation is balanced with peaceful areas and that active recreation areas are set further back from the water. Finally, participants emphasised the importance of open and unobstructed water views, which they feel are better addressed in Concept 1 and Concept 3.

“In general I think that option 1 provides the best mix by preserving the old buildings, but the stepped sandstone of option 3 provides much better access to the waterfront”

“Connection to the water appears best with Design 3, park and relaxation should be prioritised by the water, active use towards the street.”

Good access to amenities (15 comments)

Survey participants want to see easily accessible and good quality amenities including toilets, change rooms, and shower facilities at the new Bank Street Park. Participants feel that Concept 2 with the additional amenities block is a better approach. However, as Concepts 1 and 3 are preferable, participants want to see this additional concept incorporated into these designs instead. Some participants also told us that they would like to see separated amenities for the courts and play spaces and the boating facilities, and the importance of inclusion of children’s amenities.

“Toilets should be located centrally for ease of access from all users — court, playground, park.”

“While our preference is option 1 then 3, the additional amenities block in option 2 would be appreciated as an addition.”

“In Concept 2, there is an additional amenities block on the eastern side of the site which would be good to have added to Concept 1 & 3 designs.”

Mixed views on car parking (15 comments)

Some survey participants feel that all three design concepts do not adequately address the need for sufficient parking at the new Bank Street Park. Others comments parking should not be provided.

Of the 15 parking comments, the majority of these were from people associated with a local recreation club.

They report that the current parking situation is already overburdened and that public transport is not a viable option for many participants. Some suggest moving the existing on-street parking to angle parking and reducing the hourly rate. In particular, participants who engage in water and boating activities felt they would be greatly impacted without improvements to parking. Some participants feel that the information provided regarding parking during this consultation was not clear or consistent, and they want more information about how parking considerations were factored into the design plans.

“Design concepts look great but don’t cater for all users needs. I dragon boat every Saturday and due to equipment needed cannot use public transport and there is no parking included in these plans. There is on street parking in the area however this will impacts residents and again there will not be enough spaces for all that need to drive.”

Use of sandstone (12 comments)

Survey participants love the use of sandstone blocks in the design concepts, particularly Concept 3. They feel this helps reflect the area’s quarry history and creates a sense of connection to the water.

“There should be generous use of sandstone to reflect the quarry history of the area.”

“I believe it is really important to create connectivity to the water through the use of the sandstone block design.”

Bike and pedestrian paths catering to all users (12 comments)

Survey participants want to see quality bike and pedestrian paths around the Bank Street Park, which they feel are better incorporated in Concept 1 and Concept 3. Some participants feel the walkway in Concept 2 could pose safety concerns with people walking past the boat loading ramp. Storage and access to dragon boats is a concern, especially during high volume times when there is a risk of passers-by and cyclists getting in the way. Overall, participants want to see more walkability around the water’s edge at the new Bank Street Park.

“The new proposed walkway in Concept 2 would go right past the boat loading ramp which will cause incidents with paddlers trying to get boats on and off the water, and also with equipment. Having the walkway end before the access ramp is better WHS”

“Not enough priority, in any of the designs for ensuring walkability along the water’s edge - it feels like all of them are disrupting the harbour foreshore walk part of it, and it's not clear how this will connect down to the new fish market.”

“The designs for Concept 1 & 3, show a clear stop of the walkway with clearer access to the ramp which will make it easier for us to negotiate the general public.”

Other themes emerging from survey responses:

- Mixed views on spaces for dogs at the new Bank Street Park, with some wanting a dog free/on leash park and others wanting dog-off leash areas (8 comments)
- Resurrect the connection to the waterfront from Glebe Island Bridge, including repair (8 comments)

- Support for inclusion of a kiosk (4 comments)
- Better boat storage for private paddle craft (4 comments)
- More shade (4 comments)
- Weatherproofing of sporting facilities (3 comments)
- Include a swimming pool (3 comments).

Snapshot of responses from members of a recreational club (e.g. Dragon Boat)

This section provides a snapshot of survey responses from members of recreational clubs. To obtain this data, responses to the question “What is your relationship to the Bank Street Park?” were filtered by “I am a part of a recreation club (e.g., Dragon Boat). 32 participants are included in this snapshot.

Recreational club survey participants prefer Concept 1 across five community priorities, with the percentage of participants who voted for Concept 1 as their preferred approach shown below:

- A welcoming and accessible park (60%)
- Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street (54%)
- Water and enhanced views (54.84%)
- Needs of boating users and water sports (tied with Concept 1) (48%)
- Green place of respite (Concept 3 has the same approach) (83%).

5.1.4.3 A welcoming and accessible park

60% of recreational club survey participants report that Concept 1 best responds to the community priority of ‘a welcoming an accessible park’. This is followed by Concept 3 (33%), and finally Concept 2 (7%).

5.1.4.4 Needs of boating users and water sports

96% of recreational club survey participants report that Concept 3 (48%) and Concept 1 (48%) best respond to the community priority of ‘considering the needs of boating users and water sports’. This is followed by Concept 2 (3%).

Almost half (48%) of those who identified as ‘members or a recreation boat club’ preferred Concept 1 for the location of dragon boat storage being close to the boat ramp. The other half (48%) preferred Concept 3, which also proposes dragon boat storage close to the boat ramp, wrapped around the pylon.

5.1.5 Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street

54% of recreational club survey participants report that Concept 1 best responds to the community priority of ‘the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street’. This is followed by Concept 3 (36%), and finally Concept 2 (11%).

The majority of survey participants who indicated that they were part of a recreational boating club, would like to keep the existing buildings at 1-3 Bank Street. Reasons for this, as evidenced in their extended responses below include cost efficiency and sustainability.

“We would prefer that 1-3 Bank Street keeps the original buildings as per Concept 1 for this space”

“It would be good to keep the existing buildings and use them as it’s more cost effective for DBNSW and better to use what is existing than discard it”

“We would love to keep the original buildings as per Concept 1”

“Repurposing building(s) is important”

“If the priority is to make this space useable and invest in the community, we should retain as much as possible of the existing buildings to make the project cost effective and ensure that budget can be spent on delivering for the facilities need. If renovations prove too expensive though, we should demolish”

5.1.6 Green place of respite

83% of recreational club survey participants report that Concept 3 and Concept 1 (which have the same approach) best responds to the community priority of ‘a green place of respite’. This is followed by Concept 2 (17%).

5.1.7 Water and enhanced views

55% of recreational club survey participants report that Concept 1 best responds to the community priority of ‘connection to the water and enhanced views’. This is followed by Concept 3 (42%), and finally Concept 2 (3%).

Feedback from recreational club members specific to dragon boating (12 comments)

Those survey participants who identified as recreational club members who use dragon boats spoke about the importance of easy access to the water, changing facilities and the storage of dragon boats.

Concept 1 and Concept 3 were the most popular with dragon boat members, as these design concepts provide clear access to ramps, storage space and access for trucks to move the boats. However, some participants share concern over the safety of the walkway in Concept 2, which extends into the general public walkway.

Dragon boat participants also spoke about the loss of parking space, and that public transport is not a viable option for those participating in this sport. They emphasised that adequate parking is a requirement of participation in dragon boating, and without enough parking available, they will not be able to participate in the sport moving forward.

Some participants also spoke about wanting the second amenities block from Concept 2 included in Concept 1 and Concept 3 instead.

5.1.8 Preferred play space style

Survey participants were shown three examples of play spaces with different types of look and feel. Participants were asked to rank the play spaces from their most preferred for the new Bank Street Park to least (1 being most preferred, and 3 being least preferred).

The preferred options are ranked as follows:

1. Natural play space – Natural materials and the environment set the tone of the play experience.
2. A play space that draws on living culture and history of the site – Elements are inspired by the previous uses of the site.
3. Sculptural artist designed play space – A creative space with a sense of fun.



Image 1 - natural play space



Image 2 - play space that draws on living culture and history of the site.



Image 3 - Sculptural artist designed play space.

Examples of play spaces participants like to visit

Survey participants were asked to share examples of a play spaces they like to visit and describe what they like about them.

Table 11 below shows the top play spaces mentioned and select verbatim comments about what they enjoy about these play spaces.

Table 11 – Examples of play spaces participants like to visit and why

Play space	What participants like about this play space (verbatim comments)
Pirrama Park (12 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Pirrama Park is a great local park — it has a mix of facilities for all ages, water play for hot days, and great amenity provided by the kiosk, seating area, and waterfront access.” • “Pirrama Park, with the water jets and climbing equipment which I take 5 & 7 & 2 year old grandkids to and they love”
Darling Harbour (11 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Darling Harbour playground. Great range of play experiences for various ages. Most areas accessible by pram. Clear sight lines for supervision. Good flow between play areas.” • “I love the interactive water areas at Tumbalong Park/Darling Harbour and the provision of areas for smaller kids separate to the larger kids areas e.g. diff size slides and climbing areas”

Centennial Park (5 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Ian Potter Garden at Centennial Park - a play space in a natural setting with a variety of play opportunities.”
Jubilee Park (3 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Jubilee Park: I love the relaxed natural look and feel of the large open space.” • “Jubilee Park with challenging play options e.g. zip wire”
Sydney Park (3 comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Sydney Park play area. It's huge and has so much variety for kids of all ages and sizes. Lots of nature incorporated into the playground and fantastic amenities really close by.”
Other comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “New Farm park, Brisbane. It incorporates the fig trees into the play space, very large area to play in, natural looking. Has some shade. Lots of trees.” • “Narrabeen lake - excellent play equipment and diversity, safe and inclusive, plenty of natural shade. Queenscliff lagoon - lots of zones with space between, safe and inclusive, plenty of natural and man-made shade” • “Newmarket in Randwick. It's an amazing playground that caters for all age groups and is the best placemaking play space in Sydney.” • “8-year-old perspective: creative climbing frames where you can find and create your own circuits, like the new climbing frame at Pioneers Memorial Park Leichhardt (Which incorporates natural and non- elements) and the creative climbing elements at Wentworth Park Ultimo (non-natural elements only).”

Play activities

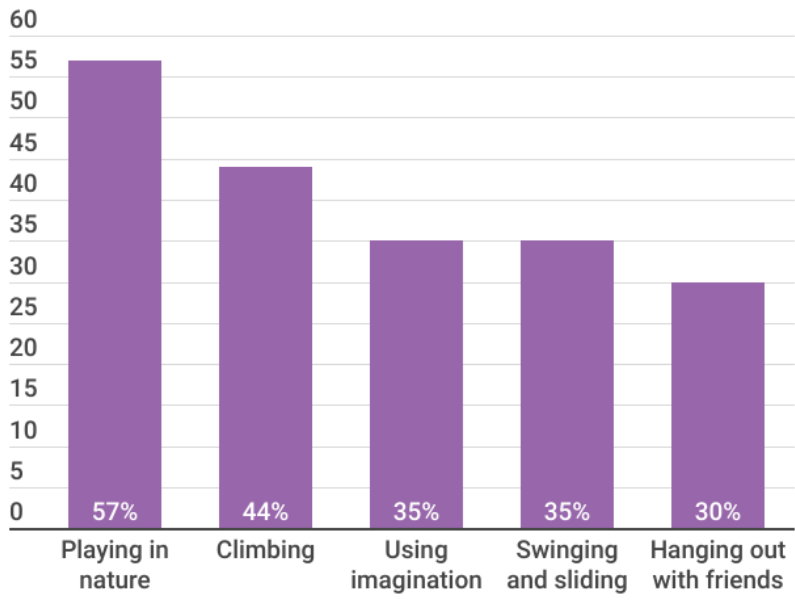
Survey participants were asked to select the top two play activities they want to see at the new Bank Street Park.

As shown in Figure 4, 57% of survey participants want to see play in nature, 44% climbing, 35% imaginative play and swings and slides and 30% want to see places to hang out with friends.

What play activities people aged under 25 want to see at the new Bank Street Park

Comparison of results show similar preferences for young people aged under 25 who completed the survey with playing in nature (75% - 6), climbing (38% - 3) and hanging out with friends (38% - 3) being the most popular play activities. However, only eight young people completed this question which is a low sample size.

Figure 4: What play activities would you like to see at the new Bank Street Park play space? Select your top two.



5.1.9 Elements for young people

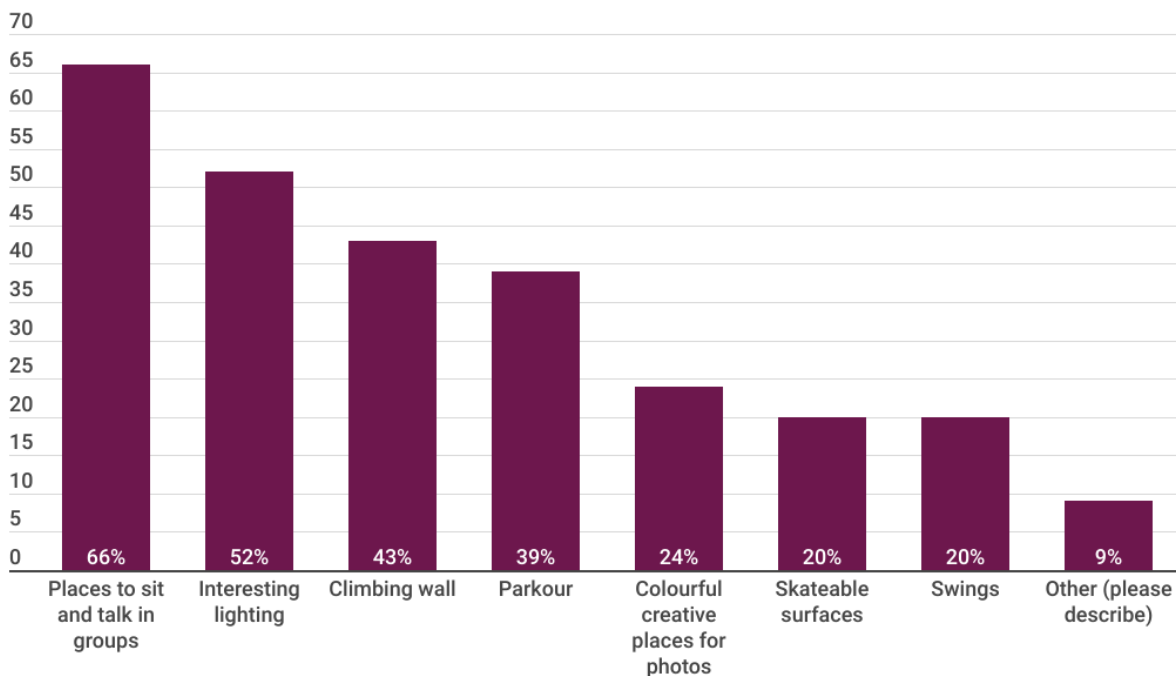
Survey participants were asked to pick the top three elements they want to see for young people in the new Bank Street Park.

As shown in Figure 5, the majority of participants want to see places to sit and talk in groups (66%) which is also the top preferred element for young people who completed the survey. This is followed by interesting lighting for nighttime use (52%), a climbing wall (43%), parkour (29%) and colourful creative places to take social media photos (24%).

What elements participants aged under 25 want to see at the new Bank Street Park

Comparison of results show similar preferences for people aged under 25 who completed the survey with places to sit and talk (75% - 6), interesting lighting for nighttime use (63% - 5) and swings (50% - 4) being the most popular. However, only eight young people completed this question which is a low sample size.

Figure 5: Out of the following, which elements for young people would you like to see in the new Bank Street Park? Select your top three.



Survey participants were also asked if they had other ideas for elements for young people in the new Bank Street Park. For participants under the age of 25 these include:

- Wireless phone chargers
- In ground trampolines.

Other ideas for elements for young people from participants aged 25 and over include:

- No skate parks
- Water features
- BBQ facilities
- Tennis wall
- Fitness equipment
- Volleyball courts
- Pool.

Four survey participants have concerns about noise and safety of including features for young people:

“Very concerned about this inclusion at all. Similar spaces are problematic and encourage intimidating and unsociable behaviours. If they are included they must be place near the road and well lit to ensure over sight”

“I think these are ok in theory but application may generate more noise and trouble”

5.2 Drop-in sessions

5.2.1 About the drop-in sessions

Two community drop-in sessions were held during the consultation period, on the following dates:

- Sunday 5 March 2023, 11am – 1pm, at Union Square, Pyrmont
- Sunday 12 March 2023, 11am – 1pm, at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont

The drop-in sessions were facilitated by staff from Cred Consulting, Oculus: Landscape Architecture and Urban Design and Infrastructure NSW.

57 people attended the Sunday 5 March drop-in at Union Square, and 52 people attended the Sunday 12 March drop-in at 1-3 Bank Street.

The drop-in sessions were open to the public and designed to provide an opportunity for the community to meet the project team, learn more about the project, ask questions and provide feedback on the three design concepts.

A number of consultation boards were produced for the drop-in sessions, including:

- An information board that included an overview of project context, key community priorities established in Phase 1 consultation and an overview of the elements to be included in the new park.
- A 'What you told us' board that provided a checklist outlining the feedback heard from Phase 1 consultation and shown in the design concepts.
- Three boards each showing one of the design concepts. Each design concept board showed an image of the proposed design concept and asked community to tell us what they liked and what they would change about the design concept.

5.2.2 What we heard

Feedback provided at the drop-in sessions is summarised below under the relevant design concept. The verbatim data from the drop-in sessions is provided at Appendix 1.

Concept 1

Table 11 shows the key elements participants like and what they would change about Concept 1.

Table 11 - What participants like and what they would change about Concept 1

Like	Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial themed playspace • The inclusion of dragon boat and kayak storage, and the location of the dragon boat storage next to the ramp for easy access • Outdoor fitness equipment overlooking the water • Interconnected smaller paths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the playspace shaded • Moving the waterfront path further back to expand the green respite at water's edge • Creating a separated cycleway and bike parking to reduce bikes in the park, for safety reasons • Grouping all green areas together • Ensuring it has tree canopy cover

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- Retained character of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street
 - The viewing deck
 - The location of the multipurpose court near the road so it does not disrupt the flow of the park
 - The café and public toilets
- Providing seating on the viewing deck
 - Reducing the number of elements to stop the park becoming too busy. It was noted that the playground takes up a large amount of space and that there are already other playgrounds in the area
 - Addressing the parking issue at Sydney Fish Markets
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Concept 2

Table 12 shows the key elements participants like and what they would change about Concept 2

Table 12 - What participants like and what they would change about Concept 2

Like	Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approach taken for the 1-3 Bank Street buildings and the refurbishment of the existing building • The pedestrian path from the street continuing into the park • The inclusion and location of the kayak and dragon boat storage • Modern design of the playspace • The arrangement of the elements and the design catering to a broad range of ages • Sandstone blocks • Outdoor fitness equipment • Skate and youth hangout space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition or renovations to the existing buildings • Switching the location of the multipurpose court and the playspace, as the playspace being located near the road creates safety concerns • Relocation of the community centre to near the playspace • Protection of the native plants around the Pymont Heritage Boating Club area • Adding information or interpretations about the history of Pymont • Having the play space undercover

Concept 3

Table 13 shows key elements participants like and what they would change about Concept 3

Table 13 - What participants like and what they would change about Concept 3

Like	Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new purpose-built building and its location • The sandstone steps into the water - it was noted that these need to be maintained to be free of barnacles. • The continuous open green space in the middle of the park, because it makes the park feel bigger • The location of the multipurpose court in the corner, not the centre of the park • The location of the playspace away from the road and noise of the multipurpose court • The increased usability and accessibility of the park, and the organic look 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of toilets close to the playspace • Retaining of buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, particularly the one closest to the water • Addition of more tables, chairs and potentially BBQs • Implement traffic calming mechanisms and pedestrian crossings on Bank Street to improve safety • Relocating the playspace so it is not near the road • Making the café a restaurant instead, so it can be used more often • Addition of a water feature

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- The inclusion of the dragon boat storage.
 - Addition of a skate park (this could be in location 8 in place of the lawn).
 - Concern was also expressed about the location of the multipurpose court and playspace under the bridge, due to noise from the court echoing and pollution from the cars above impacting on children.
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General comments

Participants indicated that they are looking forward to the site becoming a park and being opened up to the public. Participants expressed support for the new waterfront walkway and cycleway connection.

Participants felt that the final concept should include traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings.

Some participants expressed concern about the concepts having too many structures and not enough green space, and the park impacting on the already limited parking in the area. Some participants suggested that street parking limits should be increased from two hours to six hours.

Some participants also noted that Blackwattle Bay is compromised by heavy industrial uses, creating unpleasant noise and odour.

Participants stated that they would like to see the following additional features:

- Public pool or the ability to swim in the water
- Outdoor amphitheatre
- More shade
- Community activities
- A community garden
- More parking.

5.3 High school workshop

5.3.1 About the high school workshop

A high school workshop was held at Sydney Secondary College on Monday 27 February between 11.45am – 1pm. A total of 28 Year 11 students were asked to provide their feedback on each of the design concepts and look and feel options. Students were split up into 10 small groups of 5-7 people to complete the activities.

The aim of the school workshop was to gather feedback from young people about what they like about each of the design concepts, what they would change, and their ideas for elements for young people in the new park at Bank Street.

The workshop was opened by INSW staff who provided context to the project, followed by a careers discussion by Oculus staff. Cred Consulting facilitated the engagement activities with students.

5.3.2 What we heard

Feedback provided at the high school workshop is summarised below. The verbatim data from the high school workshop is provided at Appendix 2.

What students like and what they would change about the design concepts

Students were asked to tell us what they like about each of the design concepts and what they would change. The following section details findings by design concept.

Concept 1

Table 14 shows a summary of what students like and what they would change about Concept 1.

Table 14 - What students like and what they would change about Concept 1

Like	Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to a lookout with seating areas • Open green space • Shaded passive and recreation areas, such as sporting courts and seating areas • Amenities such as lighting and toilets • Separation of spaces, e.g. sporting areas not being too close to open space • Cycleways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access to waterplay • Increased shade over playground • Amenities closer to congested areas (basketball court) • Increased native flora • Change colour of court

Concept 2

Table 15 shows a summary of what students like and what they would change about Concept 2.

Table 15 - What students like and what they would change about Concept 2

Like	Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of natural materials e.g. sandstone and timber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change position of basketball court

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- Green space
 - Amenities close to basketball court
 - Shaded areas
 - Accessible walkways and paths
 - Accessible dragon boat storage
 - Commercial space – café
 - Lacking in connectivity – paths not designed well and doesn't feel inviting
 - Presence of art
 - Positioning of playground too close to the road
 - Not enough seating options
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Concept 3

Table 16 shows a summary of what students like and what they would change about Concept 3

Table 16 - What students like and what they would change about Concept 3

Like	Change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of sandstone • Large amount of green space • Possibilities for a new building • Passive and recreation spaces under shade • Overall layout – specifically the positioning of the court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased amenities such as more lighting, bubblers, BBQs. • Amenities closer to court • Space for a community garden • Boat ramp positioned further to the left • Reposition boat storage and replace with kids' playground • Include waterplay elements

Elements for young people

Students were provided with precedent images of elements for young people in parks and were asked to tell us if they would like to see them in the new park at Bank Street. As shown in Table 17, the top elements young people would like to see are:

- Interesting lighting for nighttime use
- Places to sit and talk in groups, and
- Swings.

Table 17 - Elements for young people voted by student groups

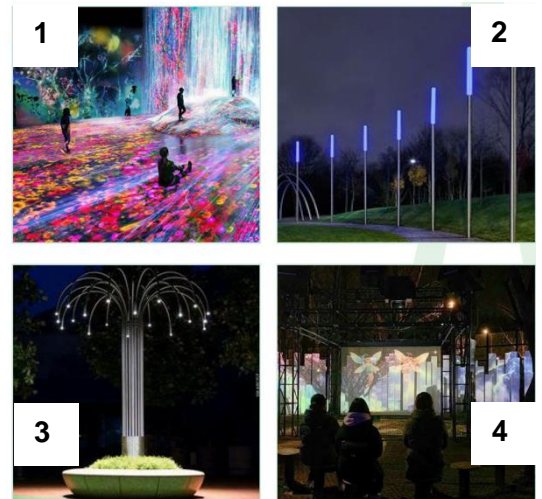
Element	Yes	No	Unsure
Interesting lighting for night-time use	8	1	1
Places to sit and talk in groups	7	0	2
Swings	6	0	1
Parkour	5	3	2
Climbing wall	5	3	1
Skateable surfaces	5	3	0
Colourful creative spaces	3	2	4

The section below provides students comments around the elements for young people.

Interesting lighting for nighttime use

Student comments about the opportunity of including interesting lighting at the new Bank Street Park:

- Aesthetically pleasing
- Unique
- Fairy lights on trees (2 comments)
- Simple lighting won't clash with park
- Would like some creative lighting, don't want street lights
- Simple lighting like the pole lights
- Lit up fountains - different colours
- Something that still blends with the rest of the park
- Makes the park exciting at night for young people and people of all ages
- Futuristic
- Natural feature lights



Some students were unsure of including interesting lighting at the new Bank Street Park:

- Concerns around energy and sustainability
- Don't like screens

Places to sit and talk in groups

Student comments about the opportunity of including places to sit and talk in groups at the new Bank Street Park:

- Example options look comfortable
- Encourages socialisation with friends and new people
- A core part of parks is recreational gathering
- Looks super cool
- Preference for images 2 and 4
- Comfy, natural places
- Need somewhere to sit
- Natural conversation pit
- Has to be a good design
- Small semi-circle bench for conversation
- Simplistic timber
- Made of wood so it doesn't get too hot or cold



- Not too many of them

Some students were unsure of including places to sit and talk in groups at the new Bank Street Park:

- Didn't like example images
- Curved designs aren't ideal

Swings

Student comments about the opportunity of swings at the new Bank Street Park:

- They provide a space to relax
- Good for all age groups
- Fun
- Comfy
- Hammocks and tyre swings look cool
- Preference for example images 1, 2 and 4
- Multiple wooden swings
- Some regular swings
- Flying fox
- Add a street library nearby to encourage reading



Some students were unsure of including swings at the new Bank Street Park:

- The tyre and purple swings shown in the precedent images look isolating.

Parkour elements

Student comments about the opportunity of parkour elements at the new Bank Street Park:

- The fourth image was the preferred option (3 comments)
- Fun way to promote exercise (2 comments)
- Would allow for it to become a more recognised sport
- Inspires new hobbies and interests
- Obscure playground equipment encourages creative thinking



Some students were unsure of including parkour elements at the new Bank Street Park:

- Only a small amount of people will use it (2 comments)
- Takes up lots of space
- Could be a hazard depending on age of the child

- Could put better thing instead e.g. climbing wall
- Prefer minimal use of concrete
- Bad designs in example images
- Could promote drug use.

Climbing wall

Student comments about the opportunity of a climbing wall at the new Bank Street Park:

- Preference for the fourth photo
 - Cool cave-like feel
 - Shade
- Good for all ages
- Good use of space
- Free if it's in a park, usually costs money for this activity
- Promotes exercise
- All parks have this should be safe
- Offer two different sizes for different ages
- A good way to promote new interests and exercise
- Colourful
- Integrate with parkour
- Allows them to develop motor skills
- Desire for more natural looking walls
- Would require safety precautions including soft padding on the floor and shade
- The climbing wall could be integrated with the play space and have nets surrounding.



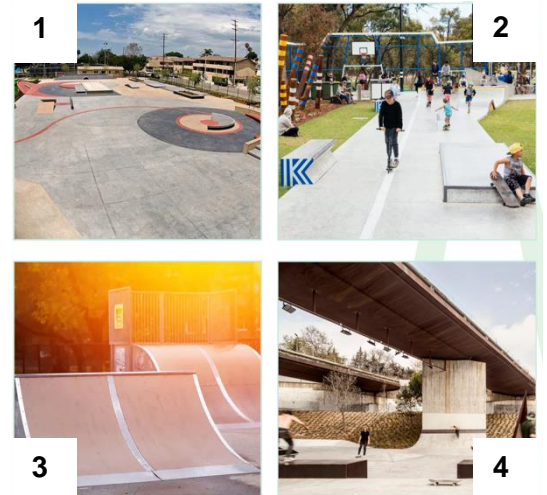
Some students were unsure of including a climbing wall at the new Bank Street Park:

- Not needed / no one will use it (3 comments)
- Safety concerns
- Dangerous
- Boring
- Ugly
- Funding could be better spent elsewhere.

Skateable surfaces

Student comments about the opportunity of skateable surfaces at the new Bank Street Park:

- Will attract kids and teenagers (2 comments)
- Promotes new interests
- Keep it small
- Hot skater boys (will attract girl teens)
- So many people in our generation skate
- Make it accessible for all people and maybe combine it with playground
- Good idea but not an obvious skatepark, integrate with surroundings for creativity



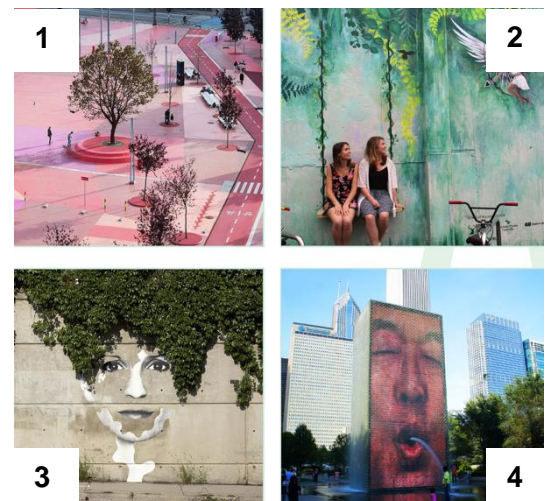
Some students were unsure of including skateable surfaces at the new Bank Street Park:

- Too much concrete
- Would be too crowded in the park
- Concerns it would make travelling by foot cramped
- There's already on in Jubilee Park and Sydney Park

Colourful creative spaces to take social media photos or videos:

Student comments about the opportunity of colourful creative spaces to take social media photos at the new Bank Street Park:

- Art and creativity is always very important
- Good opportunity to popularise the park
- Art is a nice idea, but don't make it ugly – keep it simple (e.g. flowers, birds etc.)
- Art can involve community
- 3rd photo: best design because it's simple
- Does not have to be for socials
- Not too vibrant
- Murals would be great when they work together with nature like 3rd image
- Art is great but not for the sole purpose of social media
- Normal relevant and interesting art features are good, without the connotations of social media
- Monoliths
- Relate it to Australia's history and have an Indigenous art mural
- Have an area dedicated to art and graffiti



- Workshops to let the community paint it or comps could discourage graffiti
- Mural artists - local and from community
- Opportunity for an HSC project

Some students were unsure of including colourful creative spaces to take social media photos at the new Bank Street Park:

- Doesn't look aesthetically pleasing and is pointless
- Concerned people will be on their phones more than enjoying the park
- Don't force a space to be something.

5.4 Primary school 'Build a Park' workshop

5.4.1 About the workshop

A primary school workshop was held at Ultimo Public School on Monday 13 March between 2pm – 3:20pm. A total of 34 students from the Student Representative Council in years 3 to 6 were asked to bring recycled materials from around the home to help 'Build a park'. Students were split into 4 groups ranging in ages, and asked to create their favourite equipment individually or with the person on either side of them. Individual play equipment was combined to create a park. Students presented their park to their peers.

Students were encouraged to be creative and were not restricted by the size of buildings constraints of the park site.

Students were provided a postcard to take home and encouraged to complete the survey. The activity was also included in the school newsletter with a link to the survey.

The aim of the school workshop was to gather feedback from young people about what play equipment they like, and to promote the consultation with family and friends. The workshop was led by INSW staff.

The workshop began with a Hands up Survey. Almost 75% of students live in Pymont, and almost all of the others from Ultimo. The below includes the most popular responses from students.

What games do you like to play in the park?

- Hopscotch
- Cricket
- Tips
- Skipping
- Play on equipment

What equipment do you like to use?

- Flying fox
- Big slide
- Rock climbing walls
- Rope climbing
- Water play fountains

What are you favourite parts of a park you visit?

- Water play
- Chalk drawing on the concrete
- Ponds
- Shallow water areas with eels and fishes that we can sit around
- Food places

- Picnic areas
- Green spaces

5.4.2 What we heard

Design elements

Each groups park included the following common elements:

- Slides. Each group included at least 2 different types of slides. Slides into things were also popular, e.g. slide into the football field, slide into a sand pit and slide onto a fireman's poles. Slides around objects were also suggested.
- Swings
- Climbing ropes and ropes to hang from
- Flying fox
- Rock climbing

Other features included in group parks include:

- Sand pit
- Roundabout
- Skate ramp
- Ball games
- Caves to play in
- Gallery walk about Aboriginal times
- Kayak rack
- Café, with a veggie garden.
- Basketball court with cricket nets
- Obstacle course race
- Water park
- Soccer field with interchangeable AFL goals
- Pond with ducks, reeds and flowers.

Design considerations

The students presented their park design to their peers and included some other design considerations:

- Lots of colour
- Versatile play for windy days
- Storage for balls
- Use of high and low areas for play
- One group reference use of an ancient house
- Bubblers near the equipment.

The parks are shown below.

Group 1



Group 2



Group 3



Group 4



5.5 Submissions received by email

5.5.1 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 2 consultation. Email submissions were received from the following stakeholders:

- Pyrmont Ultimo Landcare
- Pyrmont Action Group
- Different Strokes Dragon Boat Club
- Local resident group
- City of Sydney.

5.5.2 Key findings from email submissions

The future of 1-3 Bank Street buildings

- Unlike the survey responses, of the five participants who emailed there was a preference to adaptively re-use the buildings as a recreational and community amenity, while increasing permeability and access to the waterfront. A comment was made that adaptive reuse of the existing buildings was thought to be a more cost effective option. Others thought historical preservation was important.
- Community and resident groups had mixed views on the existing buildings. Some members support removing the existing buildings and creating a new building for community use. Of the minority, the view was that the existing structures have important historic value of early fish markets. Other comments suggest keeping the industrial building heritage remains intact.
- Suggestions to incorporate solar panels on buildings.

Recognition of First Nations people

- Support for the approach to incorporating First Nation input in the design process.

Water access and storage

- Support for passive boat storage to general public to accommodate growth in passive watercraft recreation.
- Support for viewing deck over dragon storage.
- Support Concept 1 & 3 that feature a distinct stop in the walkway and unobstructed access to the ramp, facilitating ease of navigation for the general public and dragon boaters.

Design considerations

- Comment on solar access to the park and ensuring the design enables suitable conditions for greening and landscaping.

- Support the broad objectives to embed First Nations stories, sustainability outcomes and public art in the concept designs
- Suggestion for hardscape recreational elements to be located under the Anzac Bridge deck.
- Suggestion to review of park circulation network from Bank Street to foreshore.
- Support for the alignment with the potential reopening of Glebe Island bridge including stair / lift access to the Glebe Island bridge deck.
- Support a natural/informal theme, with terraced sandstone to the water to support marine habitat, as shown in Concept 3. A response recommend inclusion of sandstone bouldering balls near the bridge pylons. One submission had concerns sandstone on the foreshore will encouraging swimming and fishing.
- Suggestion to remove commercial boats from marina when lease ends and convert for community use.
- Support for children's play spaces close to the café.

Biodiversity within the park

- Suggest incorporating beachfront with mangroves at water's edge to support marine habitat and carbon sequestration.
- Prefer native planting that portrays natural bushland environment rather than a landscape garden design.
- Suggestion to retain native planting on site behind shipping containers and incorporation into future green space native landscaping. Where this is not possible, encourage relocation of existing plants within site.
- Suggestion to include native wildlife and pollinators.
- Recommend small scale public art or water features that achieve access to freshwater on the harbour foreshore for habitat.

Appendix

Appendix 1: Drop-in session data

The following tables provide the verbatim comments from the drop-in sessions.

Concept 1

	Session 1	Session 2
Like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deck good use of space • Like the industrial themed playspace • Like the dragon boat storage next to ramp - easy access • 1 is my preferred option • I like the idea of retaining character of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street • I like the outdoor fitness equipment • Like the interconnected smaller paths • Gym overlooking water • I would make the playspace shaded • Making sure it is a pleasant tree-lined space like Pirrama Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the multipurpose outdoor court being near the road • Collection of things is so nice • Sandstone is copying Barangaroo, "sameness", need creativity • Like the option of a viewing deck. Would prefer in DC3 to compliment new building • I like the location of the boat ramp • I like the decked seating area above the storage. It needs seating! • Retain most of the character of the buildings and make better use of it • I like the multipurpose court being off near the road - otherwise disrupts the flow • I like the idea of including a café and public toilets • Support private kayak storage - space for DB • Dragon boat setting across all three design makes sense
Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area is not shaded - needs shade • More waterfront path further back to expand green respite at water's edge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney fish markets - parking issue - how do we address this? • No. 2 makes it about sports. • Put all dedicated on the edges near the street. • Put all green together • We need to do less - it gets really busy. The playground starts to take a lot of space - there are others in the area • Separated cycleway is important - no bikes in the park - too dangerous running back and forth. Have bike parking for children.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks great - all 3. Looking forward to it becoming a park, opening up to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the new waterfront foreshore walkway and cycleway connection (general comments) • Would like to see a public pool • Would like to see swimming as an option

- Glebe Island Bridge
- SFM development
- Noise and smell
- Vessels come in 24/7 unloading and operating
- Isolating these proposals from massive industrial infrastructure
- Blackwattle Bay is compromised by heavy industrial - Hymix, Povlos - how long will they stay here?
- Smell, rubbish, take up parking
- All concepts look as though there is too much building structures. Prefer walking in green space.

Concept 2

	Session 1	Session 2
Like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Paddle craft storage • Like that the path from the top continues into the park • Like the approach to 1-3 Bank street buildings • I like 15 for kids, biking and running around. Would be good to locate next to the court • Retain existing building • I prefer the options to the buildings in 2. Refurb is preferred • I prefer the modern design of the playspace at 15. Kids have never been exposed to something like this • I like the arrangement of 2. But dragon boaters from option 1. I like the sandstone blocks • I like that it caters to a broad range of ages - especially older children • I like the layout of design 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller footprint of the building. We have Ultimo Centre being built around the corner • We like the cul-de-sac near the buildings - removalists etc. use this space • Play area undercover. The sun is brutal here • Like the approach to the buildings. We know what the footprint is as opposed to DC3 • (For kids) - 24: good idea here. Pyrmont has young families (Harris Street BB courts used as example, they personally like to play there) • I like no. 2 for the location of the boat storage • Fitness equipment like WP
Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolish buildings court in corner (op 1/3) • Move court to concept 3 location • I would like to see history of Pyrmont - to connect new and old communities • Protect native plants arounds PHBC area • I don't like the existing buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the skatepark. 15 too far from kiosk in concept 2 • Renew the buildings • Concerned about parking at night street - 2 hour parking, make it 6 hours. Amount of 2 hour parking to be extended • Don't like playground against coast fencing • Prefer to have community centre near playspace

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefer the playspace to be switched with court. Much safer option away from the road
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be good to have an outdoor amphitheatre -movies, shows • Shade is very important - like Pirrama Park • Nice to incorporate community activities t open space. (Ultimo community garden used as example) Need indigenous herb garden • Residents nearby were promised Bank Street (4 visitors parks and 1 disabled) for parking • Cumulative impact of parking - dragon boat parking is a major issue. Maritime traffic is also busy

Concept 3

	Session 1	Session 2
Like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like sports court at south side of park • Prefer new purpose-built building • Like the new building • 19: sandstone steps looking out onto the water • Prefer sandstone treatment in option 3. Need to be maintained to be free of barnacles • I like the new building, it is tucked away and provides community space • I like the sandstone leading into the water • Prefer concept 3 - open green space • Preference for sandstone blocks - like different edge treatment • I like the court in the corner, not in the centre • Like concept 3 best • Like the location of the park away from the road and noise from the court • I like the new building • Green spaces in the middle eith court on edge. Steps leading to water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likes the approach for the buildings • New building: kiosk, community space - studio, yoga, public meeting, smaller indoor space • Walk down to the water - 19 • Prefer the approach to the building • Continuous green space makes it feel bigger (court on the side) • Like the organic look • Like the sandstone • More usable • More accessible • I like the sandstone steps - similar to Barangaroo • I like the idea of getting rid of the buildings and building a new one • Like this option with amenities next to playground • Like the court here • I like the stepped sandstone into the water • I like storage for the dragon boats - they have been here for ages • Like the Barangaroo style design near waterfront - shell design is cute • Like the idea of a new purpose built building • Need 24 and 13 in option 2 to be here • I like the sandstone steps
Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add more tables and chairs, consider BBQs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need café here

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- Would like to see water feature
 - Concerned that noise from court will echo due to the location under the bridge
 - Consider traffic calming mechanisms to support safety of children
 - May like the new building but it depends on the design and what it looks like
 - Concerned about wind blowing across the site
 - Prefer purpose built facility. Create something from architecture model from fish markets
 - Have toilets close to play area
 - 1-3 Bank Street: retain what we have rather than pull something down and rebuild
 - Not fussed on playground along the road.
 - I like the new building - make the café a restaurant the area really needs one. A place where we can use more often
 - The glebe island is navigational hazard. Would like to see green tower restored
 - Pedestrian crossing in all options
 - Need cross walks - pedestrian crossing, slow cars down
 - Skate facility in space of 8
 - sports and kids area under a highway is not great (health concerns)
 - 19 - these get covered with algae and oysters and become slippery
 - Building too close to the neighbouring residents. Concerns of noise
 - The front building (closest to the water) should be considered for being kept

Other

- Space must be welcoming
 - Community spaces instead of commercial
 - Keep the design sympathetic to the area and existing parks
 - Easy to demolish and start again. We do exercises (yoga, Tai Chi) in the wharf. South wind is not nice (wind barrier is nice to have. We also do walking meditation.
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Appendix 2: High school workshop data

The following table provides the verbatim comments from the high school workshop.

Community priority	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3
A welcoming and accessible place	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement of key features • Timber yard is near the café • Basketball court is under shelter • Ramp for kayaks • Open green space • Wooden deck to look out over water • Reused buildings <p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gym and playground need shade • Needs stairs leading to the water for swimming • Boat deck under bridge • Viewing deck and position • Fishing wharf 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multipurpose court is close to amenities (2 comments) <p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feels disjointed (2 comments) • Harsh edges • Doesn't feel inviting • The placement of the court feels intrusive • Playground doesn't look fun. Darling Harbour playground is a good example 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandstone boulders on shore (3 comments) • Overall layout • Court placement • Playground and sport courts in the shade • Shape of structures/buildings • Good amount of green space <p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court closer to amenities • More light sources • Additional amenities including water bubblers/fountains, BBQs • Community garden • Hollow rocks or wooden shade instead • More elements entrance pathways – tree canopy (like an archway) • Add features to white space – it's too empty
Considering the needs of boating	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is close to the boat ramp • Lookout on top of boat storage (3 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Access to a lookout – Shade – Seating • Shaded basketball court • Lots of green space • Boat wharf • Public toilets • Good lighting • Bouldering area • Boating space is very important 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenient dragon boat storage 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sandstone (3 comments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Steps along the waterfront – It's natural

	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add sandstone steps to the waterfront • Shorter distance between toilets and basketball court • Extend the wooden deck and have the boat ramp come off it like in Concept 2 • Desire for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All native plants – Water play section – Basketball, futsal field, netball courts • Height differences in play area • Hills • Don't like purple court 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More the basketball courts to the side • Water park • Solar power/renewable energy • Art implementation (murals, sculptures) • Last supper type mural on bottom of ANZAC Bridge 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
<p>Connection to the water and enhanced views</p>	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The multipurpose court is shaded • The viewing deck • The positioning of the court and exercise equipment and how it's away from the grassy sitting areas • Restoration of buildings • Playground built into slope 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position of boat storage • Shaded court • Wild play space looks interesting • Colourful court • Wooden platform onshore spreads all the way across • Reused building • Wide walkway • Use of sandstone blocks • Young adults hang out area is shaded 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball court under bridge on the right side of the park • Position of green spaces seems appropriate • Sea wall helping environment • Court and active spaces in the shade • Plenty of room to sit and look at water in the middle • Use of sandstone blocks • Idea for new landmark
	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move the playground into shade • Desire for sandstone steps leading into water like Concept 3 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns the playground is too close to the road • Position of basketball court • Paths not designed • Community garden on view deck • The court is in the middle • Not enough sitting space in the middle 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefer location of dragon boat storage in Concept 2 • Boat ramp should be positioned further to the left • Net around/on top of basketball court • More water features • Build playground into slope
	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green space 	<p>What students like:</p>	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green space

<p>A green place of respite</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle path • The deck under bridge and next to café • Sporting area underneath the bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court under bridge and further away from road • Longer deck • Longer green spaces • Gardens next to the wharf • Paths are practical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandstone at waters edge • Concrete space is way too big • Steps into water • Shelter • New building • Good landscaping • The solar panels • The sandstone • Mixed of shade and sun for green space • Sandstone shade • New building • Lots of access • Fence near basketball courts
	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court is too close to the road • Add the sandstone at the water's edge • Concrete area can be smaller - more of the deck 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fountain (to help with absorbing heat), also aesthetic • Paths a little less wide - bit more green space 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiny deck • Court is close to road • Deck (underneath storing boats) • Too urbanised, restoring a building is better • More trees in café area • In large concrete area not many plants etc.
<p>Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont</p>	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade over court to protect from rain • Deck lookout • Lots of green area • Modernised aspects 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The café • Wooden walkways • Looks very environmental and natural with the timber • More green next to café 	<p>What students like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandstone steps into water • New building • Ferry stop • Solar panels • Many possibilities new building
	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolish derelict buildings • A lot of the green area is in the shade • Building retained is blocking another entrance • No sandstone 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The courts are too central and in the way • Too straight footpaths • The court is in the middle of the park which will create a lot of noise 	<p>What students would change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boulder things • Artificial hills

Appendix 3: Stakeholder engagement

Appendix 4: Community engagement collateral

Project webpage

NSW Blackwattle Bay

The precinct Precinct map Resources

Bank Street Park

The NSW Government is prioritising delivery of community benefits early in the renewal including a new 1.1-hectare park at Bank Street.

Community consultation Precinct map

Overview
Phase 1 Consultation
Phase 2 Consultation
Have your say

Phase 2 Consultation

Shaping new waterfront park at Bank Street

The redevelopment of Blackwattle Bay offers an exciting opportunity to build an inclusive and iconic waterfront destination that celebrates innovation, diversity and community. As part of this redevelopment, there will be a new 1.1 hectare waterside park at Bank Street, Pyrmont.

Three design concepts have been developed for the park, which have taken into consideration community priorities from Phase 1, site constraints, identified local infrastructure needs and the need to provide a space that can be enjoyed by all.

Each of the concepts comprises various elements, in different locations. The preferred park design may be a combination of different elements of all three concepts.

Video: Introduction to the 3 concepts

Explore Bank Street Park on our precinct map

Existing site

Three way slider

CONCEPT 1 CONCEPT 2 CONCEPT 3

Postcards

Bank Street Park

We invite you to help shape a new waterfront park at Bank Street

The new 1.1-hectare park will surround the southern pylons of the ANZAC Bridge. The site provides a rare chance to create a new waterfront park that will celebrate its First Nations living culture, iconic harbourside location and maritime history.

We invite you to help shape Bank Street Park. The final design of the park may be a combination of elements from three design concepts. We want to know what you like and what you would change about each of the design concepts.



Get involved in shaping a new waterfront park at Bank Street



Get involved today

We welcome your feedback with consultation open through to 22 March 2023.

Visit one of our street drop-ins

Please check the website for wet weather updates

- **Sunday 5 March 2023**
Union Square, Pyrmont at 11am-1pm
- **Sunday 12 March 2023**
1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont at 11am-1pm

Complete our online survey



blackwattlebay.insw.com



Decals



Drop in boards

Shaping a new waterfront park at Bank Street



Context

- The redevelopment of Blackwattle Bay offers an exciting opportunity to build an inclusive and iconic waterfront destination.
- As part of this redevelopment there will be a new 1.1-hectare waterside park at Bank Street, Pyrmont.
- The park will surround the southern pylons of the ANZAC Bridge.
- The site provides a rare chance to create a new waterfront park that will celebrate its First Nations living culture, iconic harbourside location and maritime history.

What we heard

Community and stakeholder consultation was undertaken between August and September 2022, to help inform a design brief for Bank Street Park that reflects community needs and aspirations.

We heard that your priorities for the future park include:

- Connection to Country and First Nations representation
- A welcoming and accessible park that caters to different users and activities
- Quality amenities to support park users
- Consideration of the needs of boating users and water sports
- Mixed views around the future of buildings at 1-3 Bank Street
- A green place of respite
- Connection to the water and enhanced views
- A distinct identity for the park

Design concepts

Three design concepts have now been developed for the park, which have taken into consideration community priorities, site constraints, identified local infrastructure needs and the need to provide a space that can be enjoyed by all.

Have your say

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To learn more about the project and opportunities, please visit: blackwattlebay.nsw.com.

What's in the new park?



Outdoor
multipurpose
court



Outdoor fitness
station



Inclusive
play space



Marina operations
space and kiosk



Storage for dragon
boats and kayaks



A new harbour
foreshore walkway



Water access
for recreational
water craft



Public
amenities



What you told us

Community and stakeholder consultation was undertaken between August and September 2022, to help inform a design brief for Bank Street Park that reflects community needs and aspirations.

The below checklist outlines the feedback heard from Phase 1 consultation and shown in the design concepts.

Addressed in this round of design

Will be addressed in next round of design

	Design Concept 1	Design Concept 2	Design Concept 3
FIRST NATIONS			
Incorporate culturally significant elements, including weaving grasses, fishing symbols and Indigenous flora and fauna			
Welcoming place that educates the broader community about First Nations history and cultural practice in the area			
Recognise First Nations people, especially women and their deep connection to the land and water			
Incorporate the local language into programs, place and interpretation			
PARK PROGRAM			
Include features and amenities catering to diverse users and a range of activities, including walking, cycling, relaxing, exercising, participating in informal sports and nature play, especially for teenagers			
Provide shaded areas, places to sit where small groups could gather			
Provide a kiosk for food and beverages, public toilets, areas protected from the weather			
Accommodate needs of the recreational boating users and other water sport users including storage, changeroom and shower facilities, an office and club house, etc			
Provide clear connection and circulation for pedestrians and cyclists			
Create a unique open space that complements rather than replicates other open space in the area			
Incorporates heritage interpretation			
Enhance the water and long distant views and scenery			
CANOPY COVER			
Increase canopy cover by providing green, climate responsive, grassy spaces with Indigenous tree and shrub planting			
Reflect the natural environment and have a strong connection to the water			
INFRASTRUCTURE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION			
Provide water sensitive urban design options including capture and treatment of surface runoff			
Responds to climate change and rising sea levels			
Use of recycled materials in the design			
Provide safe and secure lighting			
Clear wayfinding and signage throughout the park			
EXISTING BUILDINGS			
Repurpose buildings for various community uses			Alternative proposal
Relocate marina operations and requirements to suitable location within the park			

Design concept 1



The design approach for design concept 1 draws on industrial history as inspiration for "Timber Yard" styled park elements.

Legend	
1	Glebe Island Bridge - potential future pedestrian + cycle connection
2	Stair access to Glebe Island Bridge
3	Loading and parking bay
4	Amenities and cafe in existing building footprint opening out onto new landscaped courtyard - existing Bank St facade retained
5	Covered seating area with views over marina and bay
6	Community space and marina facilities in existing building with access to park and courtyard
7	Ramp access
8	"Timber yard" parkour elements integrated into slope
9	Substation retained
10	Bank Street with parallel parking as existing
11	New two-way cycleway
12	"Timber yard" inclusive play space for ages 2-12
13	Pathway connection through park
14	Informal lawn, planting and shelters with gathering spaces
15	Multi-purpose court
16	"Timber yard" fitness equipment
17	Lawn and seating embankment with views over bay
18	Promenade with seating and shade trees
19	Rocks and planting in shallows to improve marine habitat
20	Lockout / light weight seating deck over dragon boat storage racks
21	Boat ramp for dragon boats and kayaks
22	Existing boardwalk retained
23	Kayak storage / rental
24	Anzac Bridge pylon (bridge shown overhead)
25	Over-water marina structures retained



Tell us what you like and what you would change about this design

Like

Change

Design concept 2



The design approach for design concept 2 is a bold and playful artist led approach.

Legend	
1	Glebe Island Bridge - potential future pedestrian + cycle connection
2	Stair access to Glebe Island Bridge
3	Loading and parking bays
4	Planted seating area in existing building footprint - existing Bank St facade retained
5	Park with views across water
6	Community space, cafe, toilets and marina facilities in existing building with access to park and courtyard
7	Graded pathway through park
8	Lawn, planting and shelters with gathering spaces
9	Substation retained
10	Bank Street with parallel parking as existing
11	New two-way cycleway
12	Fitness equipment
13	Multi-purpose court
14	Pathway through park
15	Sculptural inclusive play space for ages 2-12
16	Amenities
17	Lawn and seating embankment with views over bay
18	Promenade with seating and shade trees
19	Rocks and planting in shallows to improve marine habitat
20	Kayak storage / rental
21	Boat ramp for dragon boats and kayaks
22	Boardwalk
23	Dragon boat storage racks
24	Skate and youth hangout space
25	Dragon boat enclosed storage
26	Anzac Bridge pylon (bridge shown overhead)
27	Over-water marina structures retained



Tell us what you like and what you would change about this design

Like

Change

Design concept 3



The design approach for design concept 3 is a natural informal theme using sandstone and timber.



Legend

1	Glebe Island Bridge - potential future pedestrian + cycle connection	14	Pathway through park
2	Stair access to Glebe Island Bridge from lower promenade. Street access to ground floor of new building	15	Nature-based inclusive playspace for ages 2-12
3	Loading and parking bays	16	Lawn and sandstone seating embankment with views over bay
4	Community space, cafe, toilets and marina facilities in new building	17	Promenade with seating and shade trees
5	Lower level promenade	18	Sandstone blocks terracing into water to improve marine habitat
6	Public deck surrounding new building (ground level)	19	Kayak storage / rental
7	Graded pathway through park	20	Boat ramp for dragon boats and kayaks
8	Lawn, planting and shelters with gathering spaces	21	Boardwalk
9	Substation retained	22	Dragon boat storage racks
10	Bank Street with parallel parking as existing	23	Sandstone bouldering walls and youth hangout spaces incorporated into grade change
11	New two-way cycleway	24	Anzac Bridge pylon (Bridge shown overhead)
12	Fitness equipment	25	Over-water marina structures retained
13	Multi-purpose court		

Tell us what you like and what you would change about this design

Like

Change

Appendix 5: Survey questions

A new park at Bank Street, Pyrmont

If possible, we encourage you to access this survey using a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet. There are images included in this survey which are best viewed on a larger screen.

Should you require support to complete this survey, please phone 02 9216 5700.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

About the survey

This survey has three sections:

- Your preferred approach for the new park
- Your ideas for an inclusive play space at the new park
- Your preferred approach to providing spaces for young people at the new park

What we heard

Community and stakeholder consultation was undertaken between August and September 2022, to help inform a design brief for Bank Street Park.

We heard that your priorities for the future park include:

- A: A welcoming and accessible park that caters to different users and activities
- B: A green place of respite
- C: Consideration of the needs of boating users and water sports
- D: Connection to the water and enhanced views
- E: Mixed views around the future of buildings at 1-3 Bank Street
- F: Connection to Country and First Nations representation
- G: A distinct identity for the park
- H: Quality amenities to support park users

Three design concepts have now been developed for the park. This survey tests each design concept against some of the community priorities heard during the 2022 consultation (listed above). We will seek community feedback on the remaining community priorities for the park following design of a preferred concept.

For more information about how each design concept has responded to the community priorities, please visit blackwattlebay.insw.com.

Understanding your preferred approach for the new park

In this section of the survey, we will show you how each of the three design concepts respond to the communities' priorities. We are interested to understand which design concept approach is your preferred when assessed against the priorities heard in previous consultation. The preferred design for the park is likely to include a selection of elements from the three design concepts. You will have the opportunity to provide additional feedback at the end of each section.

To find out more about each of the design concepts, you can click on this [link](#) to watch a short video.

A welcoming and accessible park

What we heard (Priorities A, B, & C)

- Features and amenities need to meet the needs of a diverse range of users.
- A broad range of activities need to be provided for different ages and abilities.

Common elements across all three design concepts

Each of the design concepts provide for a welcoming and accessible Bank Street Park and accommodate the above requirements. Common elements across all three design concepts include:

- Generous and accessible pedestrian footpaths, including a waterfront promenade.
- Existing parallel parking on Bank Street retained.
- New dedicated cycleway on Bank Street and bike parking.
- Accessible and inclusive play space catering to 2 to 12-year-olds.
- Combination of hard (e.g. paving) and soft landscaping (e.g. grassy open space) throughout the park.
- Multipurpose court, located under the bridge for weather protection.
- Recreation for young adults through provision of the multi-purpose court, as well as additional youth recreation/hang out spaces (e.g. skate, parkour, and seating).
- Fitness equipment which caters to a range of ages and abilities.

Design concept 1 provides:

- Inclusive play space influenced by 'Timber yard' post-industrial themed landscape elements:
 - Located in a sunny, central location.
 - Close to café and amenities.
- Multi-purpose court located close to Bank Street.
- Green space and passive areas in the centre of the park.

**Design concept 2 provides:**

- Inclusive play space influenced by 'Sculptural' bold and playful artist-led landscape elements:
 - Located under Anzac Bridge.
 - Adjacent to an amenities building.
 - Further away from the café in the 1-3 Bank Street buildings.
 - Benefits from winter sun and summer shade.
- The multi-purpose court is located in the centre of the park.

**Design concept 3 provides:**

- Inclusive play space influenced by 'Natural' informal landscape elements incorporating sandstone and timber:
 - Located in a central location under the Anzac Bridge.
 - Benefits from winter sun and summer shade.
 - A short distance from the amenities and café.
- Multi-purpose court located close to Bank Street.
- Green space and passive areas in the centre of the park.



1. Which is your preferred approach for creating a welcoming and accessible park?

The design concepts have been randomised below. Please rank the concepts from your most preferred to least, by dragging the answer options or clicking the arrows. (1 being your most preferred, 3 being your least preferred).

Even if your responses below display in your preferred ranking, you will need to move the responses and rearrange back to your preferred ranking in order for your response to be registered.

☰ Design concept 1	▲ ▼
☰ Design concept 3	▲ ▼
☰ Design concept 2	▲ ▼

Understanding your preferred approach for the new park

Considering the needs of boating users and water sports

What we heard (Priority D)

- Design to consider the needs of recreational boating users and other water sports who currently use or would like to use the site to access the water, including dragon boaters, recreational kayakers, and canoeists.
- Important features for consideration include storage, change room, and shower facilities, and a community meeting space to support boating users and water sports.

Common elements across all three design concepts

Each of the design concepts accommodate the above requirements. Common elements across all three design concepts includes spaces for:

- Dragon boat storage and launching.
- Kayak hire and storage.
- Access to a boat ramp to launch private paddle craft.

Design concept 1 provides:

- Dragon boat and kayak storage are located under a public lookout deck in centre of park.
- Public amenities are provided in the 1-3 Bank Street buildings.



Design concept 2 provides:

- Dragon boat and kayak storage are located next to the marina.
- Public amenities are provided close to Bank Street.



Design concept 3 provides:

- Dragon boat and kayak storage are located next to the ANZAC Bridge pylons.
- Public amenities are provided in a new purpose-built building.



2. Which is your preferred approach for considering the needs of boating users and water sports?

The design concepts have been randomised below. Please rank the concepts from your most preferred to least, by dragging the answer options or clicking the arrows. (1 being your most preferred, 3 being your least preferred).

Even if your responses below display in your preferred ranking, you will need to move the responses and rearrange back to your preferred ranking in order for your response to be registered.

☰ Design concept 1	^	v
☰ Design concept 2	^	v
☰ Design concept 3	^	v

3. All three design concepts include space for paddle craft hire or storage. Please select whether you'd be interested in:

- Hiring a paddle craft
- Storing a private paddle craft
- None of the above

Understanding your preferred approach for the new park

Buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont

What we heard (Priority E)

- There are mixed community views on the value of the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street.
- Over half of survey respondents from the Phase One consultation expressed a preference to either remove all the buildings or retain some parts of the buildings.
- Of those respondents who wanted to keep some of the buildings, many suggested including a kiosk or another attraction in the buildings.

What we know

- The buildings are not heritage listed.
- Further investigations are required to understand whether we can modify and/or remove the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street.
- Proposed approaches to the buildings include adaptive reuse or demolition to allow for a new building.

Design concept 1 provides:

- Existing north-eastern building and south-eastern building retained and adaptively reused.
- New pedestrian connection opening area up to views of the water.



Existing buildings at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont



Design concept 2 provides:

- One of the existing four buildings retained and adaptively reused.
- Larger park in the sunny space close to the water.



Existing building at 1-3 Bank Street, Pyrmont



Design concept 3 provides:

- All four existing buildings removed.
- A new landmark building with design inspired by the site location and history (for example, the shape of the building being inspired by a pipi shell design).
- Pedestrian access links between future Glebe Island Bridge and park.



4. Which is your preferred approach for the buildings at 1-3 Bank Street?

The design concepts have been randomised below. Please rank the concepts from your most preferred to least, by dragging the answer options or clicking the arrows. (1 being your most preferred, 3 being your least preferred).

Even if your responses below display in your preferred ranking, you will need to move the responses and rearrange back to your preferred ranking in order for your response to be registered.

☰ Design concept 2	⬆	⬇
☰ Design concept 1	⬆	⬇
☰ Design concept 3	⬆	⬇

Understanding your preferred approach for the new park

A green place of respite

What we heard (Priority F)

- Provide quiet, calm places that include green, climate responsive and grassy open space.
- Include native plantings for the community and visitors to enjoy.

Common elements across all three design concepts

Each of the design concepts accommodate the above requirements and include different elements that will make Bank Street Park a green place of respite. Common elements across all three design concepts are:

- Green space and vegetation are maximised.
- There are grassy areas with seating and views across the water.

Design concept 1 provides:

- Centralised green space continuous throughout park.



Design concept 2 provides:

- Series of smaller green spaces provided throughout the park.



Design concept 3 provides:







- Centralised green space continuous throughout park.



5. Which is your preferred approach for a green place of respite?

The design concepts have been randomised below. Please rank the concepts from your most preferred to least, by dragging the answer options or clicking the arrows. (1 being your most preferred, 3 being your least preferred).

Even if your responses below display in your preferred ranking, you will need to move the responses and rearrange back to your preferred ranking in order for your response to be registered.

 Design concept 1 and 3 (the same approach is proposed for both design concepts)	 
 Design concept 2	 

Understanding your preferred approach for the new park

Connection to the water and enhanced views

What we heard (Priority G)

- Bank Street Park should reflect the natural environment and promote a strong connection to the water, including access for people to swim and launch canoes or kayaks.

Common elements across all three design concepts

Each of the design concepts include different elements that will enhance the views and connection to the water at Bank Street Park. Common elements across all three design concepts are:

- Water views are maintained as much as possible.
- Pedestrian access is provided around the water's edge.
- The marine habitat is improved.

Design concept 1 provides:

- The multi-purpose court is located near Bank Street to prioritise space for informal recreation and seating closer to the water.
- A viewing deck is provided above the dragon boat storage, looking out over the water.
- Use of large sandstone blocks on the seawall.



Design concept 2 provides:

- The multi-purpose court is located in the centre of the site allowing views and connection to the water while participating in active play.
- Direct views of the water and access to the promenade from Bank Street.
- Use of large sandstone blocks on the seawall.



Design concept 3 provides:

- Passive recreation prioritised at the waters' edge, and active zones are located towards Bank Street.
- Use of sandstone blocks into the water.



6. Which is your preferred approach for connection to the water and enhanced views?

The design concepts have been randomised below. Please rank the concepts from your most preferred to least, by dragging the answer options or clicking the arrows. (1 being your most preferred, 3 being your least preferred).

Even if your responses below display in your preferred ranking, you will need to move the responses and rearrange back to your preferred ranking in order for your response to be registered.

☰ Design concept 2	▲ ▼
☰ Design concept 3	▲ ▼
☰ Design concept 1	▲ ▼

Understanding your preferred approach

7. Do you have any comments about how the design concepts are addressing the community's priorities? If your comments relate to a specific design concept, please specify this in your response.

Inclusive play space

Bank Street Park will include areas for children. This section focuses on an area for inclusive play for children up to age 12.

Natural play space - Natural materials and the environment set the tone of the play experience.

(Image source: Sweet Lime Photo, Adelaide Zoo Playground)



Sculptural artist designed play space – A creative space with a sense of fun.

(Image source: City of Sydney, Redfern Park)



A play space that draws on living culture and history of the site – Elements are inspired by the previous uses of the site.

(Image source: Simon Wood Photography, Parramatta Park Playground)



* 8. Which is your preferred play space style? Please rank the play spaces from your most preferred to least (1 being your most preferred, and 3 being your least preferred).

<input type="checkbox"/> Natural play space – Natural materials and the environment set the tone of the play experience.	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> A play space that draws on living culture and history of the site – Elements are inspired by the previous uses of the site.	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculptural artist designed play space – A creative space with a sense of fun.	<input type="button" value="^"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>

9. Tell us an example of a play space that you like to visit, and describe what you like about it.

* 10. Which play activities would you like to see at the new Bank Street Park play space? Select your **top two**.

- Swinging and sliding
- Climbing
- Using imagination
- Hanging out with friends
- Playing in nature

Spaces for young people

We know there will be more young people living in the area in the future. In Phase 1 engagement, the community told us that spaces for young people are a priority for the new park at Bank Street, particularly teenage girls.

This park will include spaces for young people aged 13 to 24 years old.

* 11. Out of the following, which elements for young people would you like to see in the new Bank Street Park? Select your **top three**.

- Parkour e.g., obstacle elements
- Climbing wall
- Skateable surfaces
- Places to sit and talk in groups
- Swings
- Interesting lighting for night-time use
- Colourful creative places to take social media photos and videos
- Other (please describe)

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* 12. What is your age?

- 12 and under
- 13-16
- 17-24
- 25-34
- 35-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-84
- 85 and over
- Prefer not to say

* 13. How do you identify?

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary / gender diverse
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

* 14. 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 go to school nearby
- I study nearby
- I am part of a recreation club (e.g. Dragon Boat)
- I am part of a local community group
- 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

* 15. Are you a person living with disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

16. Are you a First Nations person?

- Yes
- No

17. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

- Yes
- No

18. Which language other than English do you speak at home?

- Mandarin
- Cantonese
- Spanish
- Thai
- Indonesian
- Portuguese
- Hindi
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Italian

Japanese

Other (please specify)

19. Do you anticipate you would use the new park at Bank Street?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Using the new park at Bank Street

20. How often do you anticipate you would use the new park at Bank Street?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Unsure

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