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Consultation report

Waverley Park Fitness Station Upgrade

2022

Waverley Council acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast and we acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders both past and present.

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Executive summary

This report outlines the feedback from the second stage of consultation for Waverley Park Fitness Station Upgrade.

The goal of the consultation was to provide the community with enough information to understand and provide feedback on the proposed concept design and equipment. Overall, there were around 794 interactions with the consultation.

The recommendations from the feedback include:

Exercises to account for when designing the fitness station (in order of popularity):

- Pull up (75%)
- Squats (71.9%)
- Dips (68%)
- Leg raises (58%)
- Bicep curls (55%)
- Shoulder press (48%)
- Cardio – if both can't fit in the required footprint then the cross trainer should be prioritised as it was more popular

Look and feel:

- Continue with the chosen colour palate and the look and feel of materials

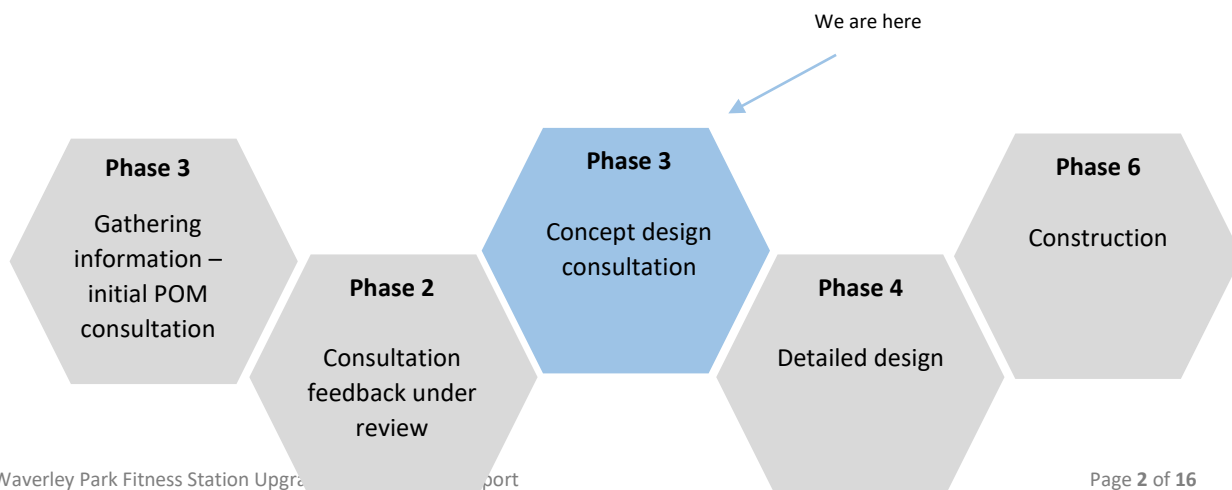
Other equipment requirements:

- If there are bars provided there needs to be a range of heights for different abilities and a variety of exercises
- The bars need to be thin so you can fit your hands around them.
- A place to do dips
- Ninja, gymnastics or climbing equipment

Background

In 2021, Council officers presented the idea to upgrade Waverley Park Fitness Station, in the Waverley Park Plan of Management Consultation. The community supported moving the fitness station and upgrading the equipment.

This stage of the consultation confirmed what kind of exercises were favoured and the types of materials that will be used.



Objectives

The overall objectives of community consultation were to:

- Provide the community with enough information to understand what is being proposed and for them to provide feedback on the concept design and equipment suggested.
- Clearly explain how the previous feedback from the Waverley Park has informed the design process
- Gain public support to progress with plans for fitness station upgrade

Engagement methodology and data overview

The engagement methodology aligned with the IAP2 spectrum for public participation. Sitting in 'consult' on the spectrum. The community's feedback will directly affect the design of the fitness station.

A range of methods were used to maximise opportunities for community participation. There were around 794 interactions with the consultation. These are detailed in the table below alongside key data.

Method	Overview	Date	Response
Have Your Say website	Council's Have Your Say Waverley website had a dedicated page for this project: haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/waverleyfitnessstation	21 March to 18 April	262 visits to the page
Flyer	Dropped to 5000 residents	21 March	18 QR code scans
Media release	Distributed at the beginning of the project		
Social media posts (Facebook)	Post #1 – consultation opens	23 March	3482 reach 228 engagements
	Post #2 – join for the workshop	29 March	1408 reach 91 engagements
Social media posts (Instagram)	Post #1	23 March	1416 reach 25 likes
	Post #2	29 March	785 reach 12 likes
Posters	Placed around the park		26 QR code scans
Stakeholders emailed	Council officers emailed 181 venue hirers	28 March	No responses
Have Your Say Day	We held one have your say day at Waverley Park.	26 March	16 surveys completed
Enews – Waverley Weekly		24 March	7117 received 3295 opened 43 clicked on the article
POM survey	POM survey hosted on HYS	21 March –	46 submitted

		18 April	62 submitted overall including HYS day
Engagement newsletter	Enews sent to 319 people who participated in the Waverley Park POM	23 March	319 received 249 opened
	HYS enews sent to 7291	8 April	7371 received 4386 opened
Posters	Posters were installed around the park with QR codes to the HYS site.	WC 21 March	27 QR code scans
Advertising	Quarter page advertisement placed in the Wentworth Courier. Design featured QR code to link to Have Your Say.	WC 21 March	0 clicks on QR code
Online HYS workshop		Date?	2 people registered 0 attendees

Detailed results: Survey

The survey was collected on Council's Have Your Say site. Overall, there were 62 responders, 18 of those were collected through a Have Your Say Day in Waverley Park. 61 of the participants live in the Waverley Local Government Area.

Size of proposed fitness station: 94% of responders supported the suggested size of the new fitness station.

To decide how much room should be dedicated to different types of equipment, participants were asked to pick their top three preferred calisthenic and cross training exercise but just one of the suggested cardio exercises.

Types of calisthenic exercises:

- Pull up (75%)
- Dips (68%)
- Leg raises (58%)

Types of cross training exercises:

1. Squats (71.9%)
2. Bicep curls (55%)
3. Shoulder press (48%)

Preferred cardio exercise:

1. Both – bicycle and cross trainer (53%)
2. Neither (19%)
3. Cross trainer (19%)
4. Bicycle (9%)

86% of participants said they supported the materials chosen for the upgrade. There was only one participant who did not support the materials suggested, they did not want more hard surfaces in Waverley Park. The remaining said they weren't sure.

The final question was an open comment box where participants could add anything else they would like to see in the space. 28 people provided feedback in this space. The most asked for feature was to have bars at different heights, this was so they are accessible for different sizes people and for different exercises. There were requests for the pull up bars to be thin and easy to get your hands around. Four people commented there should be equipment for older generations. Four people said they would like parallel bars and ninja/gymnastics style equipment.

All the comments were noted by Project Officers.

Online precinct workshops

On 4 April, Council Officers attended the Bondi Heights precinct meeting to talk about the upgrade. There were six people from Bondi Heights, one from Bronte precinct and one Councillor. The following outlines their comments and questions with Council's responses.

Topic	Question / comment	Response
Footprint	Concern about it being too big a footprint prefer it stays the same size.	
	Is the new area larger than the old area?	Will be confirmed once equipment is selected as the area is based on the size of the equipment.
Usage of the park	Concern the park is becoming a sports park, not a park for relaxation.	
Equipment	Who gets to select the equipment?	The equipment will be chosen based on the results of the community feedback. We have asked what style of exercises people like to do to guide the choice of what is selected.
	Concern equipment will only target young fit people, what will be available for older users?	Equipment can be used by all ages and there is no age limit. There is also a multigenerational specific equipment being installed as part of the playground.
	Would like dynamic weight-based fitness equipment like stationary bike.	Noted
Look and feel	What colours will it be? We don't want it bright like the Coastal Walk.	Neutral tones.
Budget	What's the budget? Assume it will be expensive will there be additional budget available to cover dynamic type equipment?	Budget covered by a State Government grant.
Construction	What's the program?	Start construction mid-2022 and finish by the end of the year.
Trees	Concerned about impact on the environment and the trees?	Noted. Arborist assessed the trees to ensure they are in good health. Equipment will be installed in a way that avoids impacting the trees and its root system. There was one tree highlighted for removal years ago because it is growing sideways. This tree will be removed as part of the works
	How will trees be protected from the development?	Note above.
Consultation	How many people came to the HYS day and how many submissions have you received?	<i>This could not be answered at the time</i> - We spoke to 20 people at the Have Your Say Day. 46 people submitted a survey online and 262 people went to the online page.
Dogs	Can there be a dog hitching post to encourage responsible dog owner behaviour while using the equipment?	No.
Commercial fitness trainers	Concerned that commercial fitness trainers will take over the fitness station, how will this be monitored?	Fitness trainers will need a permit. A sign can be placed to note that commercial fitness activities are not allowed.

	Will commercial fitness trainers be able to lease the space for commercial use?	No
Vandalism	Concerned about vandalism of equipment, will there be lighting and CCTV?	No. There will be passing surveillance from pedestrian activity along Bondi Road and Park parade. We have not noted vandalism in this area.

Overview of consultation feedback:

This stage of the consultation was focused on the specifics of footprint, equipment and look and feel. In the 794 interactions the community had with the consultation process there was support for the proposed upgrades to the fitness station.

A few people in the Bondi Heights Precinct expressed concerns around the equipment, footprint, and types of materials. Many of their concerns were responded to by Council Officers in the meeting, however from their feedback and the comments received in the surveys it is recommended to incorporate equipment that can be used by a range of skills and ages, is compact, multiuse, and neutral in colour.

It is recommended from the feedback that the following should be incorporated into the final design:

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Waverley Park Plan of Management and Masterplan

Consultation open 25 October - 22 November 2021



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Over the last 10 years, several significant capital works have occurred within Waverley Park, with more upgrades planned over the next few years, it is time to review the Plan of Management to guide this development.

We want community feedback to help draft the Plan of Management including specific upcoming projects: proposed indoor cricket training facility, play space, fitness station, improvements to paths, signage and entries to the park.




The first goal is to have the new fitness station and play space built in 2022.



Appendix B – Print advertising in the Wentworth Courier and The Beast

Appendix C – Facebook posts




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Online community workshop for Waverley Park Fitness Station Upgrade - 6pm to 7pm, 6 April registration essential via eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../online-workshop...>




See insights

Boost post

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3 comments




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23 March

We're upgrading and relocating the fitness station in Waverley Park. Have your say and help us finalise equipment selection and confirm the look and feel. The consultation closes 18 April. <https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/waverleyfitnessst...>



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Boost post

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9 comments


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
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They need to do this at Barraclaff Park too

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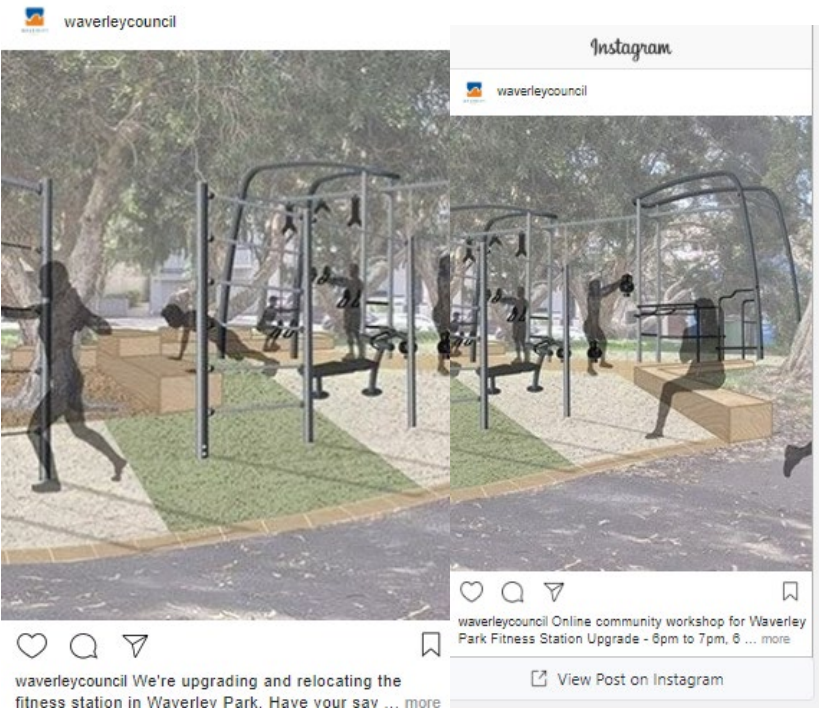
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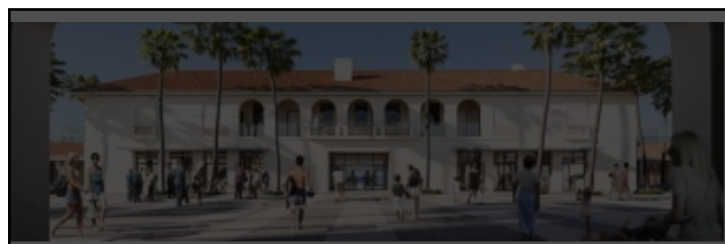
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Appendix D – Instagram posts



Appendix E- Enewsletter



Bondi Pavilion dining and retail tenants announced

New commercial tenants will be taking up residence in the iconic Bondi Pavilion when the heritage beachside venue reopens next year. Bondi Promenade by House Made Hospitality will be an all-day dining venue offering casual bistro fare. Beach café Glory Days Bondi by Good Atelier will feature eat-in dining and take away. Previous tenants, retail clothing brand Between the Flags and Surfish Café are also returning.

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Waverley businesses unlock sustainability savings

We're helping local businesses become more sustainable through our partnership with Better Building Finance. Businesses who want to make environmental upgrades can now access long-term loans that can be repaid quarterly through their Council rates.

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Garage Sale Trail

We're just around the corner from Garage Sale Trail! With restrictions easing, this year's events will be taking place both online and in person across two weekends: 13-14 November and 20-21 November. Head online to plan your sale or trail depending on whether you're selling or buying!

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Waverley Park Plan of Management (PoM) - Consultation reopened

We've updated information on the Waverley Park PoM webpage and have updated the fitness station survey. If you have already contributed to the fitness station survey, please resubmit as there are additional questions. We'd also love for you to join us at our online information session.

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Draft Electric Vehicle Transportation Policy

We want your feedback on the Draft Electric Vehicle Transportation Policy.

This Policy will help support the uptake of electric vehicles in the Waverley Local Government Area and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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The future of Waverley Park

We're inviting the community to provide feedback on our draft Plan of Management for Waverley Park. As one of the most popular open spaces in our community, we want to know how you enjoy the park and what can be improved. Your feedback will help inform our maintenance and upgrade plans over the next ten years.

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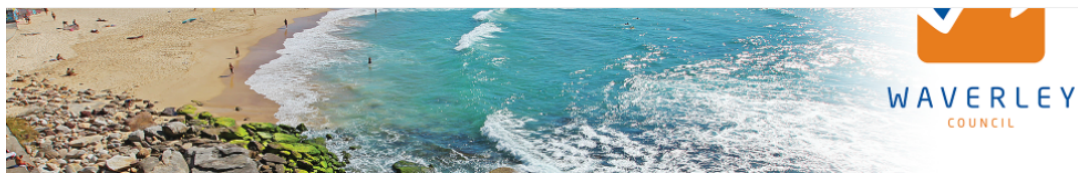
Community workshops

Throughout November, we're hosting a series of community forums to help plan for future Council facilities and services. We're inviting residents to register their interest in participating in four online meetings to help inform these plans. Those who join all four sessions will be offered a \$400 gift card to thank them for their time and feedback.

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PROJECTS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY INPUT

- What are your priorities for Waverley over the next 10 years? [Fill in the Community Strategic Plan survey today!](#)
 - Are you interested in learning how to make a submission on a planning application? [Sign up for a free two hour workshop](#) on 4 November 6pm to 8pm and make your submission count.
 - We are beautifying village centres by installing planter boxes at various locations across the Local Government Area. [Check out the Have Your Say Page](#) to see the full list of locations. **Open until 8 November**
 - We received a [draft Planning Agreement](#), relating to the Development Application at 16A and 16B Llandaff Street, Bondi Junction. **Exhibition open until 19 November.**
 - Council is seeking feedback on the [Draft Electric Vehicle Transportation Policy](#). The purpose of the Policy is to support the uptake of electric vehicles in the Waverley Local Government Area. **Exhibition open until 19 November.**
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- The Waverley Park Plan of Management consultation has reopened. If you contributed before we thank you for your input. The fitness station was the only survey changed. [Please read through the updated information and resubmit your feedback.](#) There are three community info sessions available registration essential. **Community consultation open until 22 November.**



Waverley Park Plan of Management - Consultation report, Council meeting and next steps

Thank you for participating in the consultation for the Waverley Park Plan of Management. 4300 people engaged with the campaign between 25 October to 22 November 2022. More than 570 people provided feedback on the Masterplan, fitness station, playground and indoor cricket training facility.

Your feedback highlighted:

- The Playspace and intergenerational fitness concept designs will be presented to Council in May for community consultation
- Strong support for the upgrades to the playground and fitness station
- The indoor cricket training facility was supported by Easts Cricket Club but not by the broader community.
- The need to improve lighting, accessibility, parking, seating and hard-court bookings and;
- Ideas like skateboarding, tennis, bike riding, and larger play equipment for teens

[Read the full consultation report.](#)

Fitness station upgrade - consultation open:

At the most recent Council meeting, it was decided to proceed to the second stage of consultation for the [fitness station upgrade open now until 18 April 2022.](#)

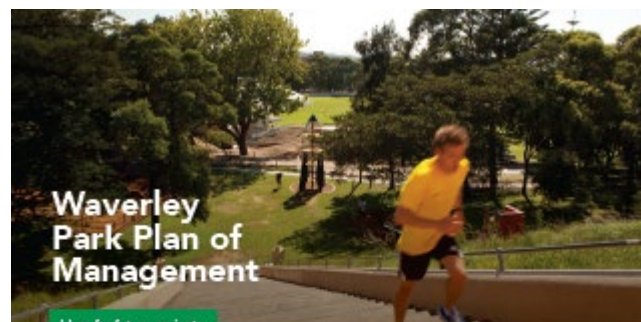
Next steps:

- The DRAFT Plan of Management will be presented to Council in April for public exhibition
- The Playspace and intergenerational fitness concept designs will be presented to Council in May for community consultation
- The Indoor Cricket Training Facility will not be pursued in the Waverley Park Plan of Management, however we will collaborate with Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club to address shortfalls with indoor training facilities.

[Read the full Council motion.](#)

Appendix F - posters

Panels installed around Waverley Park



1 Council, in partnership with Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club (ESCC), is investigating installing a new indoor cricket facility as part of the Waverley Park Plan of Management.

The proposed facility will be used by community clubs, schools and weekenders for social and competitive cricket. The indoor facility will also be available for hire for other community groups.

2 Have your say

The concept design has been developed as a guide for community consultation. Council is keen to engage the community in the development of the plan.

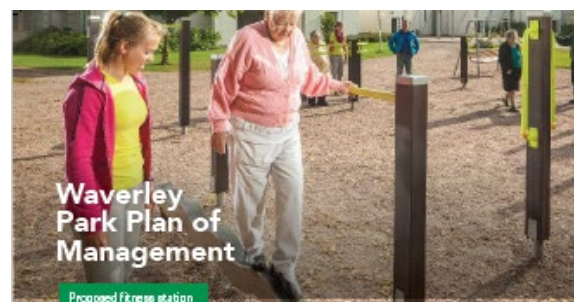
Facility type	Facility use	Facility features
1. Indoor cricket facility	1. Indoor cricket facility	1. The proposed facility will be used by community clubs, schools and weekenders for social and competitive cricket.
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To provide feedback on these items and more, visit: www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/feedback



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1 The existing fitness station is old and needs to be replaced. The new station will be a modern, durable, and safe structure that will provide a safe and secure environment for all users.

2 Have your say

The existing fitness station is not accessible to all park users and is in need of replacement. We are suggesting the station be replaced with a new, accessible, and safe structure.

3 The equipment

We have suggested some equipment to enhance the station and provide a safe and secure environment for all users.



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Posters installed around Waverley



Before we create the Plan of Management and Masterplan we want to hear from you on the design of an upgraded playspace and fitness facility. We also want to gauge community feedback on a proposed indoor cricket training facility. Please fill in our online surveys at: haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au

This is your chance to have your say on the future of Waverley Park.

