



SITE PHOTOS



SITE CONTEXT



Council is undertaking a series of playground upgrades in the City of Parramatta under the 'Playground Replacement Program'. Kim Rutherford Reserve is one of the parks undergoing a playground upgrade.

The playground is located on Wyralla Avenue within Epping.

The existing playground caters to people aged 4 - 12 years old and includes:

- 2 seats swing set
- small play structures with double slide and cubby
- 4 seats
- Shade structure



LEGEND

- ① Gated entryway.
- ② Proposed fence.
- ③ Proposed bin.
- ④ Proposed seats.
- ⑤ Proposed brick paving to seating areas.
- ⑥ Proposed picnic setting.
- ⑦ Proposed concrete edge.
- ⑧ Proposed rubber softfall area around play equipment with existing shade sails to be retained.
- ⑨ Proposed sandstone boulders and timber balance logs for climbing. Placed in mulch surrounds.
- ⑩ Existing trees.
- ⑪ Play tower with 2x Slides, Cubby, Climbing net, steps and platforms with telescopes.
- ⑫ Triple swing with basket seat.
- ⑬ Garden bed with predominantly native plant species.
- ⑭ Existing Hedge to be retained and protected.

YOU SPOKE

Community consultation findings from late 2024.

The park is important beyond young kids and play equipment. It's a real neighbourhood treasure and we like to visit it on weekends given we have no real backyard. Thinking beyond children and to other patrons and uses of the park is important.

We like to use the park for relaxation and reading. Additional seating options beyond the playground focus would be wonderful.

It lacks fresh water supply, table for picnic, and rubbish bin

No flexible seating.

We would like to see a wider diversity of climbing and sliding options. Eg a tall climbing structure with a variety of climbing challenges, eg ladder, steps, rope climbing, netting, with a fun tunnel slide to get back down. Net swing. Nature based play.

More play equipment. More swings. Would be nice to have a bigger climbing area for older kids. More seats and tables with shades.

More equipment, but ensure some of it is suitable for babies and toddlers.

More facilities for children under 5 yrs old.

Integrated landscaping, wild play and art immersion. A sense of fun and acknowledgement of place both the past, present and future.

Canopy and landscaping has diminished, less greenery natural habitat these days.

Build up the greenery / screening with natives.

WE LISTENED.

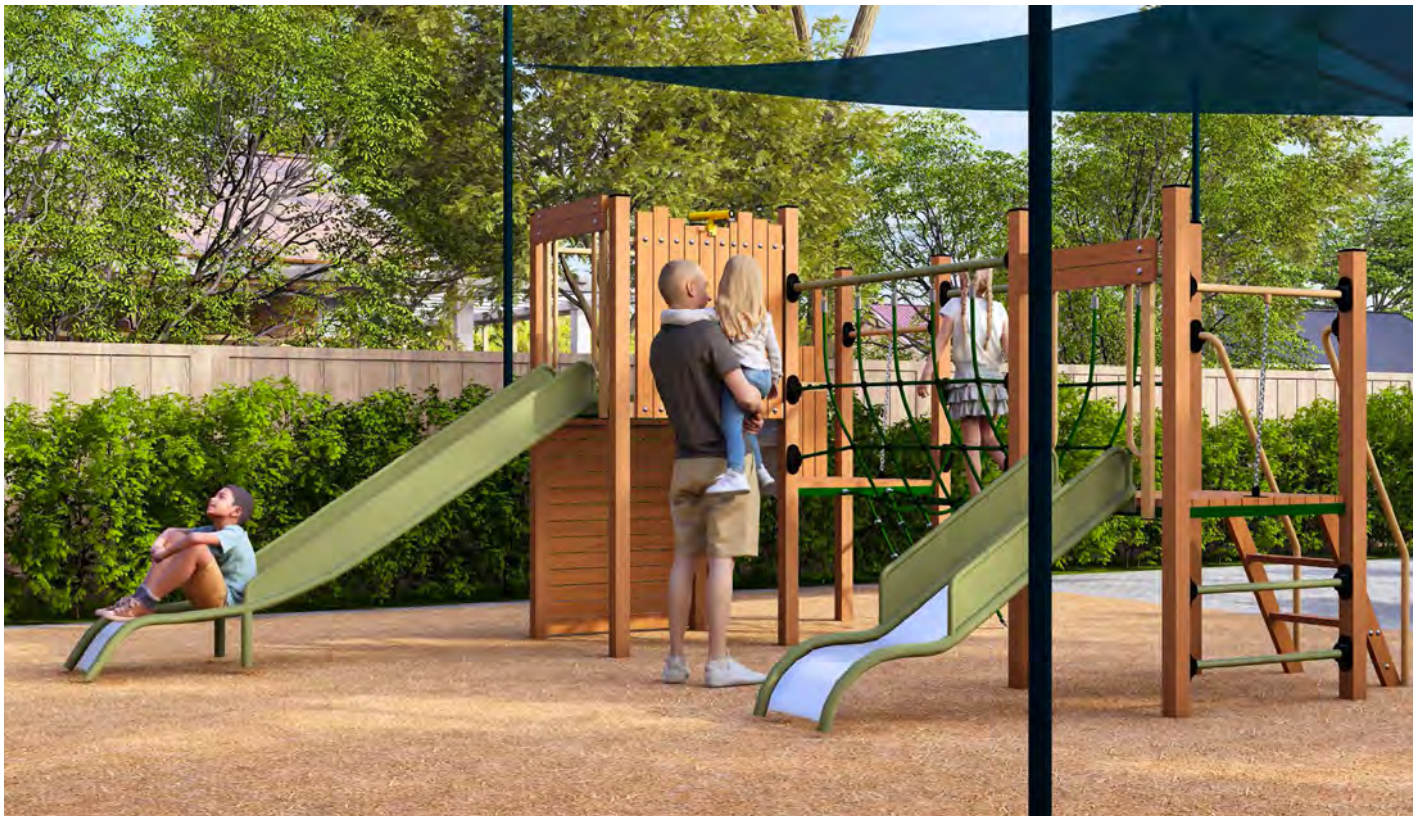
The proposed playground upgrade is intended to be an inclusive, multi-generational space that supports rest, relaxation, and sensory play.

The park combines picnic areas with bins, picnic tables and shaded seating to encourage social gatherings, offering a welcoming atmosphere for families and community members of all ages!

The park prioritises and emphasise low-stimulation, sensory-friendly play equipment that reflects the playgrounds natural setting and provides children with opportunities for exploration and creativity without overwhelming stimuli.

The play equipment chosen caters to a wide age range, offering a tower with a variety of climbing challenges such as the ones you mentioned, there are also not one but **two** slides as well!!

We hear the need for the existing vegetation to be celebrated and enhanced ! In order to address this we have ensured the existing garden bed will be spruced up with exciting natives plants sourced from Council's nursery to attract birds and insects!



Artist interpretations of play equipment and plant species chosen for the Playground Upgrade.

Note: Exact configuration, materials and finishes are subject to change slightly as documentation progresses.