



MARRI BADOO PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Where is Marri Badoo Playground?

Marri Badoo Playground is located in Marri Badoo Reserve in Rydalmere. Set along Ponds Creek in a well shaded position near the Christina Street cul-de-sac.





About the project

The playground renewal project at **Marri Badoo Reserve** in Rydalmere is part of the City of Parramatta Council's broader commitment to providing high-quality play spaces across the local government area, with almost 150 playgrounds maintained to support active, social and inclusive outdoor environments.

Nestled within a quiet residential precinct and framed by the natural bushland corridors of The Ponds and Subiaco Creek, **the reserve offers a peaceful, green setting characterised by mature trees, open grassed areas, and the sounds of native birdlife.** This tranquil backdrop provides a sense of retreat from surrounding urban areas, making the playground an inviting and restorative place for families **within walking distance for local residents.**

After approximately 20 years of service and having reached its typical lifecycle for playground equipment, the decision was made to replace and upgrade the facility to ensure safety, accessibility and ongoing enjoyment for children aged 0–12 years and their families.



Whats involved?



1. Consultation

We start the design process by gathering ideas and feedback from local residents about **how they currently use the playground and what they would like to see improved**. This input helps identify community priorities and preferences for the playground.



2. Site Analysis

We undertake a **detailed review of the site** to understand its existing conditions, including **vegetation, topography, access, visibility, and relationship to surrounding open spaces and homes**. Together with your consultation input, this analysis informs the design's layout and opportunities for improvement.



3. Concept Design

Using insights from the community and site analysis, **an initial concept design is developed to illustrate how the new playground could look and function**. The design explores options for play equipment, materials, planting, and seating.

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4. Consultation

The draft concept design is presented back to the community for feedback. Residents are invited to comment on the proposed layout, play elements, and overall design direction before final plans are prepared.



5. Detailed Design & Construction

Following the consultation phase, the design will be **refined and documented for construction**. This includes preparing detailed drawings, specifications, and coordinating approvals to ensure quality and compliance. Once construction is complete, the renewed playground will be opened to the public!

What you told us:

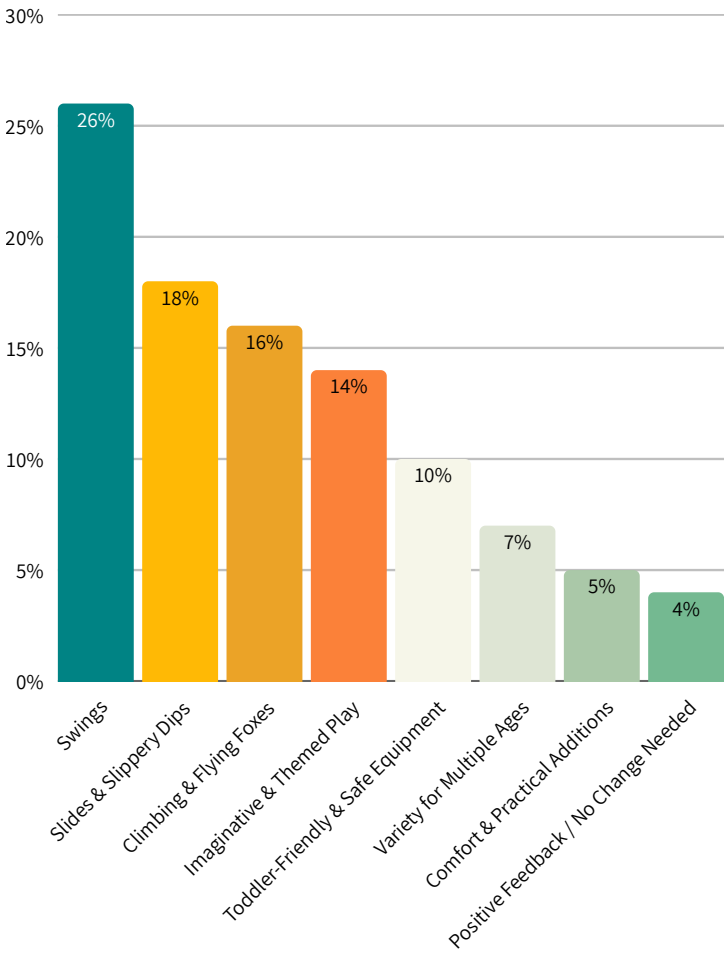


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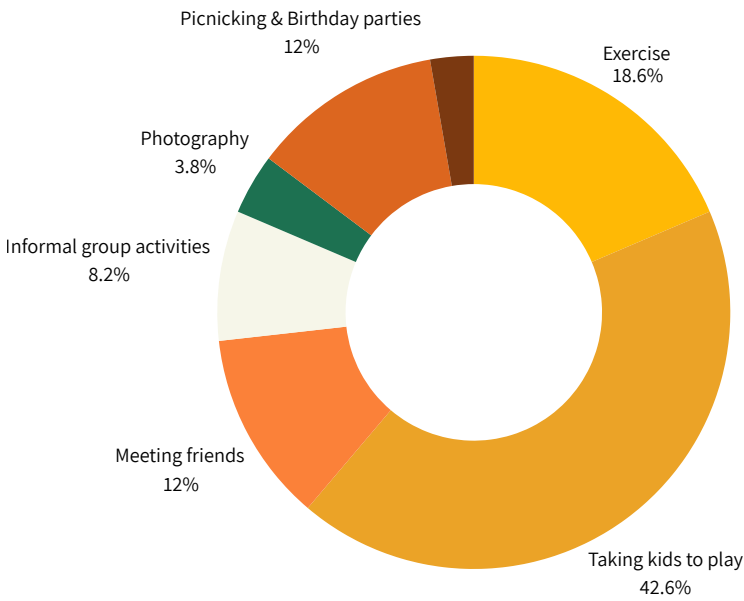
Community feedback highlighted a strong desire for the playground to be **modernised, safer, and more welcoming**. Many respondents felt the current site is outdated. There were repeated calls for **new and better-quality play equipment, improved visibility, and a more accessible layout** with clear paths and safer surfacing.

What do the kids want?

Children’s responses revealed a clear **preference for active and imaginative play**. The most popular features were swings, flying foxes, slides, and climbing equipment, often described as opportunities for shared and adventurous play.



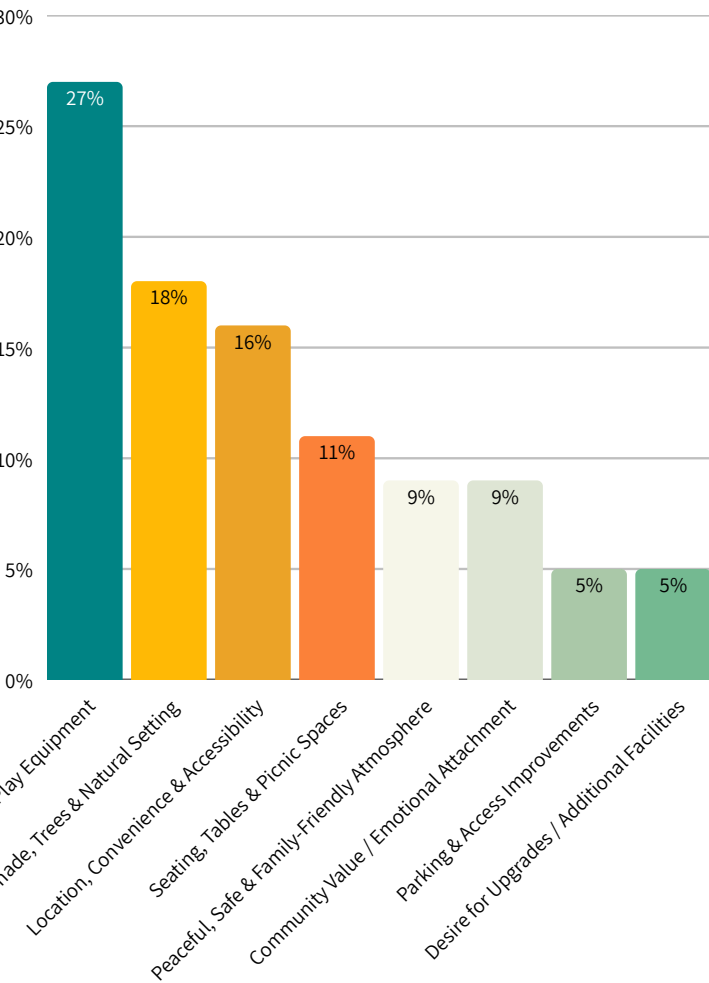
Why do people visit the park?



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Families also asked for **more seating, shaded areas, and social amenities such as picnic tables, BBQs, and bins**. Whilst some residents supported relocating the playground to a more open and visible site, a vast majority of **residents preferred that the playground remain in its existing location**, citing its established character and convenience.



So whats next?

Overall, the **feedback points toward a playground that balances safety, inclusivity, and imaginative fun** in a setting that feels open, social, and connected to its community, whilst being sensitive to its natural surrounds.

We’ve developed a concept design with plenty of swings, opportunities for climbing, a slide and approachable play equipment to make sure that younger children are able to play too.

The natural surroundings at Marri Badoo are fantastic. **We are working with care and sensitivity to ensure that the new playground blends in with its natural setting** and is well situated on the site’s topography.

As part of the playground upgrade we are also considering the possibility of a future path connection from the playground to Christina Street.

Check out our first concept design on the next page!



Legend

- ① New picnic shelter and picnic table setting
- ② Paved area with two new bench seats
- ③ Existing stone retaining wall retained
- ④ New climbing play equipment
- ⑤ New triple swing, with regular swing, infant swing and hammock
- ⑥ Potential future path connection to Christina Street
- ⑦ All existing trees to be retained and protected



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