



Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Plateau Park Playground Upgrade and Commemorative Space

Impact level: Four

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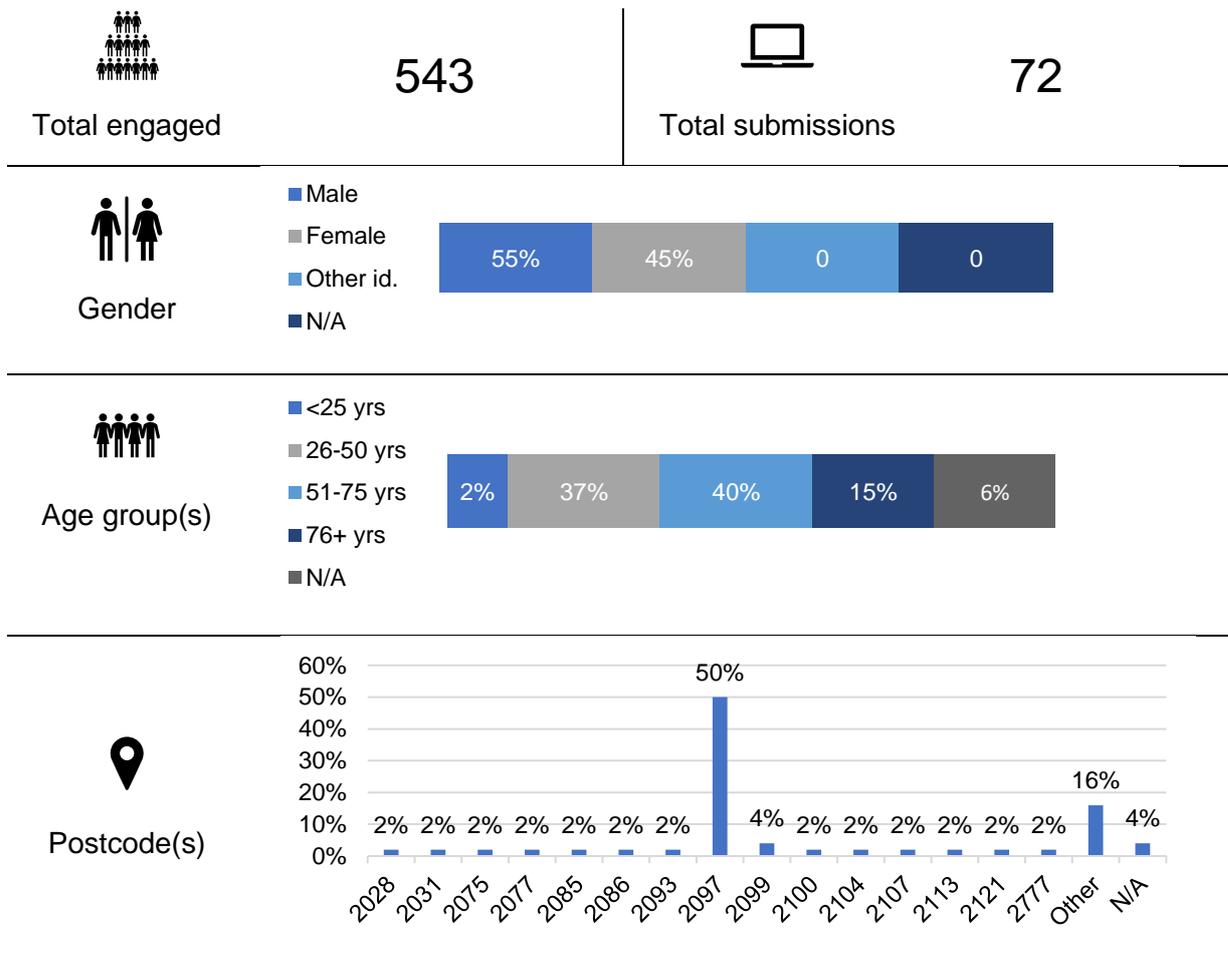
1. Summary¹

This report outlines community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Plateau Park Playground Upgrade and Commemorative Space project.

1.1. Engagement date

15 November 2019 to 15 December 2019

1.2. Who we engaged²

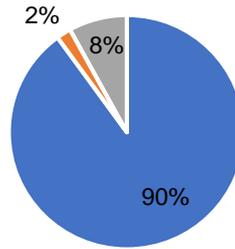


¹ Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

² No demographic data was captured for respondents who contributed feedback through face-to-face or outside of Your Say comments



Overall do you support efforts to commemorate the radio astronomy history of the site?



- Favourable
- Unfavourable
- Neutral



Feedback themes

Overwhelming support for celebrating the **radio astronomy history** of the site

Consideration of **sporting group needs** in the reserve, including improved cricket nets and suitable boundaries

Requests to upgrade **playground** with space-theme, equipment for different ages, shade/sun protection, and new water bubbler

Support for **reserve improvements**, including pedestrian paths, connections and thoroughfare

1.3. How we engaged



Your Say

Visitors: 493

Visits: 663

Av. time onsite:
1m24s



Print media and collateral

Manly Daily: 4 ads

Site signs: Yes

Collateral availability: Service Centres

Distribution: 236,000



Electronic Direct Mail - EDM(s)

Community Engagement newsletter: 3

Stakeholder email: 2

Distribution: 20,000



Face-to-face

Information session: 1

The onsite information session included a children's kite making activity. Approximately 10 children participated.

Attendance: 30

Key stakeholder meeting: 1



Survey and form

Online comment form: 1

Completions: 52

2. Background

We are upgrading Plateau Park playground and creating a commemorative space to celebrate Plateau Park's radio astronomy history. We engaged on this proposal to understand the community's sentiment regarding celebrating the radio astronomy history of the site and preferences for the playground upgrade.

We engaged on:

- a playground upgrade featuring astronomy-themed elements
- the installation of a commemorative space.

We also informed the community of proposed future landscape works for Plateau Park Reserve, subject to funding and additional consultation.

3. Engagement approach

Plateau Park Playground Upgrade and Commemorative Space project community engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

The engagement approach gave consistent and accessible information and asked a uniform set of questions of participants in all activities. Results provide responses across a spectrum of demographics, expertise, experience and understanding of our local government area.

3.1. Engagement objective(s)

- Build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities (inform)
- Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform)
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult)

4. Findings

Theme	Commentary
Radio astronomy	<p>There was overwhelming support for efforts to recognise and celebrate the radio astronomy history of the site.</p> <p>Some locals did not know about the historical nature of the park and were pleasantly surprised.</p> <p>This project has attracted the attention of many people with a link to the field of radio astronomy.</p> <p>Ideas for the commemorative space include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a plaque- QR code with link to further info online- text that will amaze, inspire young people and students and encourage local pride.

<p>Playground upgrade</p>	<p>Repeated themes in the comments about the playground included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a space-themed playground is a great idea - a range of equipment for different ages - shade/sun protection - cricket safety nets maintained or upgraded to ensure safety of kids in the playground - a new water bubbler nearby. <p>The top five preferred activities for the playground were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - climbing - sliding - nature discovery - swinging - balancing. <p>Other requests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - added seating in the play area - ensure safe ground in play area - water play facilities - shelter for wet weather play - a flat or 'learn to ride' path for bikes and scooters near the playground.
<p>Reserve improvements</p>	<p>There was support for improved pedestrian paths, connections and thoroughfare outlined in the landscape plan.</p> <p>Repeated requests in the comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exercise equipment in the reserve - additional BBQ facilities - the need to address anti-social behaviour at night. <p>Other requests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o additional bins o water for dogs o signage indicating where dogs are allowed/not allowed o an off-leash dog exercise area o free tennis courts for the community o more sports catered to, including netball.
<p>Sporting group needs</p>	<p>Sporting groups that currently use the reserve made submissions on behalf of their members. These included requests to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve the cricket nets - provide additional cricket nets - ensure the field boundaries at a suitable distance from the road and playground.