

## PROJECT OUTLINE

### CROSS ST RESERVE UPGRADE Cross St, Balgowlah

Northern Beaches Council is undertaking improvements to Cross St Reserve in Balgowlah, in conjunction with Family and Community Services. The aim of the project is to upgrade the reserve playground facilities and improve the overall accessibility to meet the needs of the local community.

Cross St Reserve is a designated 'Neighbourhood' category playground, located nearby to a number of social housing dwellings, residential housing, local businesses and tennis club. The Reserve is located between Cross St, Balgowlah Rd, Condamine St and Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation with several unit blocks adjacent to the park. The park is used as a Right of Way for local residents in particular.



The existing playground equipment has had some upgrade including replacement of surfacing over the past few years; however some equipment could now be replaced due to age and low usage. It is suggested that the existing swing set be relocated closer to the main playground area.

The pathways around the reserve require maintenance, and better connections and access improvements for this park.

Council has received grant funding from the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund 2017 for \$28,000. Council envisage commencing works in September 2018, with completion by October 2018.

Council's aim is to provide a facility and equipment that activates the space, improves access and inclusiveness, provides a social hub and encourages greater use. Council envisage that feedback from the community will support improved play facilities, furniture and access improvements.

The main items that Council would like to highlight for this reserve upgrade are:

1. Playground equipment

Ideas suggested are:

- Swing relocation and replacement of synthetic surfacing
- Replacement of existing spring rocker
- Maintenance and painting of other equipment



2. Accessibility

The overall reserve design should support inclusive access and consideration should be given to physical spaces, activity areas, equipment and materials. These considerations should not prohibit opportunities for personal interaction, various levels of independence and developmental challenges.

The reserve could benefit from additional furniture, if supported by the community, such as an accessible picnic setting.

Access into and out of the reserve could be improved. A new pathway connection could potentially link Balgowlah Rd to Cross St culdesac.



### 3. Maintenance

Trees and other vegetation could be thinned and canopies opened to allow for additional light, space, and improve overall visibility and aesthetics into the reserve.

Selected equipment and furniture should be highly durable, resistant to vandalism and corrosion resistant.

Design and layout should ensure ease of ongoing maintenance and access to all parts of the site and equipment.

