



## Wentworth Point July Community Information Session Feedback Summary

### Introduction

On Saturday, 28 July 2018, Landcom held a community information session from 11am to 1pm, at the Pulse Club, Wentworth Point, to give the community an opportunity to view the design for a new park at Wentworth Point and give feedback to inform the detailed design.

Around 60 people attended the session.

Twelve boards with information about the park were on display and members of the project team were available to answer questions and record feedback. A feedback form was available to complete on the day and online on the project page of Landcom's website. The questions below were included on the feedback form:

- Given the approved concept plan, is there anything else we need to consider to finalise the detailed design?
- What types of public art would you like to see in the new park?
- Are there any significant local stories that could be celebrated through new public art?
- Do you have any other comments for the project team?

This report summarises the feedback received from the community.

The project team considered this feedback when finalising the detailed design.

The final design will be submitted to the City of Parramatta for approval before work can start.

Subject to approvals, construction work is expected to start in December 2018 and take an estimated 15-18 months.

### Background

Landcom has been appointed by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to construct Wentworth Point Park (the park).

The 3.9ha park will include a new playground, BBQ facilities, exercise hubs, public art, and boardwalks with viewing platforms.

## Summary of feedback

### Dog off-leash areas

- Mixed support for a dog off-leash area, with some people being:
  - supportive of a dog off-leash area
  - supportive, but wanting this area to be smaller than indicated in current design
  - strongly against a dog off-leash area
- Requests for any dog off-leash areas to be fenced, and located away from Wentworth Point Public School.

### Facilities in the new park

Suggestions for facilities to be included in the new park included:

- café
- space for pop-up shops
- community garden
- basketball courts
- tennis courts
- a children's water play area
- bike tracks
- running tracks, with distance markers along the path
- swimming pool
- an "urban beach" (similar to existing facilities in Meadowbank)
- multi-function community centre
- facilities for seniors, such as a seniors centre, tables and chairs
- public bulletin board.

### Vegetation

Suggestions for landscaping included:

- retain the existing fig trees
- retain the existing palm trees at the headland
- use of deciduous trees, similar to plantings in Centennial Park and The Royal Botanical Gardens
- use of native plants.

### Security and safety

Suggestions to improve safety and security included:

- pedestrian crossings
- emergency phone
- adequate lighting – for both safety and security and to enable use of the park in the evenings.

## Parking and public transport

Comments raised about parking and public transport included suggestions for:

- more spaces to cater for residents and visitors
- paid parking
- residents permits, to prioritise parking for locals
- more public transport services in the area
- light rail stop at park
- keep community bus.

## Public art

Suggestions for themes and designs for public art included:

- incorporating art into drinking fountains, similar to The O Initiative ([www.theoinitiative.com](http://www.theoinitiative.com))
- reflecting the Aboriginal history of the area, such as mullet festivals
- industrial and nautical themes, reflecting the history of Parramatta and its significance to the development of Australia
- reflecting the history of Wentworth Point from an industrial to residential area
- telling the history of Mr Wentworth
- interactive art pieces
- plaques with information about local history and flora/fauna, similar to examples at Olympic Park Wetlands
- sculptures
- natural artwork incorporated into park design, such as carved rock borders, shaped rails and seating on timber boardwalks.

## Playgrounds and al fresco dining areas

Ideas for new playgrounds and al fresco dining areas included:

- increasing the size of playgrounds, to cater for local residents and visitors
- shaded playgrounds
- separate facilities for toddlers and adolescents
- a fenced toddler playground
- more shelters
- family friendly, affordable restaurant facilities.

## Promenade and cycleways

Suggestions included:

- separate cycle paths for commuter and recreational cyclists
- extend the promenade from the park to create an unbroken walkway to Bennelong Bridge.

## Wentworth Point Marina

Comments about the proposed marina in Wentworth Point included:

- suggestion for kayak storage.

## How we have used feedback

A number of suggestions have been incorporated into the detailed design.

- The dog off-leash area is no longer included
- Bike tracks are included
- New vegetation will mostly include native species
- The existing fig trees will be retained
- Lighting will meet Council standards and meet energy efficiency standards
- Car spaces have been increased with the extension of Ridge Road
- Suggestions for public art have been incorporated into our artist briefs
- There are both fenced and unfenced playground areas.

Feedback/suggestion	Response
A café, 'pop up' shops and restaurants	The park has been designed to provide new open space and community facilities. Future development on neighbouring land is likely to include cafes, restaurants and commercial facilities.
Tennis and/or basketball courts and a running track	The park is designed for passive uses.
A community centre/seniors centre	Future development on neighbouring land is required to include a community centre.
A swimming pool	Pool facilities are available at the nearby Olympic Aquatic Centre.
Kayak storage facilities	Access to the waterway for water based sports is proposed as part of the future rowing club facility.
Retain the existing palm trees	Our earthworks will disturb the existing palm trees, and they are too old to relocate. Younger, smaller palm trees are proposed in the playground.
Pedestrian crossings	Council is responsible for local traffic controls. Requests for a pedestrian crossing have been made to Council.
Paid parking, priority parking for locals	It is anticipated that locals will mostly walk and cycle to the park.  The number of disabled parking spaces has been increased.

	<p>Parking is likely to be time limited. Council is responsible for management of parking spaces.</p>
<p>Public transport and light rail</p>	<p>Transport for New South Wales is investigating options to provide a light rail station at Wentworth Point as part of the Parramatta to Sydney Olympic Park light rail proposal.</p>
<p>The community bus</p>	<p>This service is managed by Billbergia, a company developing new apartments in Wentworth Point.</p>
<p>Extending the promenade from the park to Bennelong Bridge</p>	<p>The promenade will be extended when land south of Burroway Road is developed.</p>

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