



# INNER WEST COUNCIL

## SHADE SAILS PROGRAM 2018 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY October 2018

### How You Responded:

We heard from you through different sources including:

- 27 submissions online
- 4 submissions via email

These submissions included:

- 9 comments about Campbell Street Playground
- 3 comments about Douglas Grant Playground
- 4 comments about King George Park Fitness Station
- 2 comments about Gray Street Playground
- 3 comments about JF Laxton Reserve Playground
- 2 comments about Marr Reserve Playground
- 2 comments about Marrickville Park Playground
- 4 comments about Nestor Park Playground
- 2 comments about Pine Square Playground
- 4 comments about William Street Playground
- 2 comments about Yeo Park Playground
- 1 comments about O'Connor Reserve Playground
- 1 comment about College Street Playground
- 1 comment about Hudson Street Playground

The high number of web views (101) and submissions (31) suggested that residents are very interested in their parks and playgrounds. A common thread running through the feedback was that while shade is important to the comfort and health of the park users, the impacts of the proposed shade sails need to be considered.

The submissions are summarised below:

### Campbell Street Playground

While one submission supported the shade structure, the majority raised concerns that the proposed shade sail would impact on views to the harbour view from the street. There was a comment that due to the limited play equipment and the relative low use of the playground, shade structure wasn't required. Planting of shade trees in the park instead of installing shade sails was suggested as trees were thought to be more appropriate to the foreshore setting and will contribute ecologically to the environment.

### Douglas Grant Memorial Park Playground

Most submissions supported the shade sails; however concerns were raised about overshadowing and loss of views from the adjoining house, impact on views from the street, overshadowing of plantings, adequate shade for the slide, and wind loading on the shade sails.

### King George Park Fitness Station

While there was support for the new shade structure, most submissions raised concerns including loss of open-space feel, the visual impact of the shade structure on the foreshore and a preference for working out in the sun. There was also a request to add more shade trees instead of the shade sail.

### Gray Street Playground

There was support for the shade structure and also a request for more information, raising concerns about overshadowing and loss of view from neighbouring properties.



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## Marr Reserve Playground

The submissions supported the proposed shade sails, with one suggesting that the sail be located over the toddler equipment rather than the swing.

## Marrickville Park Playground

The additional shade sail was supported, with one comment suggesting the sail be located over the climbing structure rather than the central space between the equipment.

## Nestor Park Playground

The shade sail was considered important, with a suggestion to provide shade for the slide and see-saw but not the swings to allow for some sunny open spaces within the park. One submission raised concerns about the potential overshadowing and use of the structure to gain access into a neighbouring property.

## Pine Square Park Playground

There was supported for the proposed shade sail over the swing, and also concerns about loss of unshaded space in the park.

## Yeo Park Playground

The submissions from local residents and users of the playground all supported the proposed shade sails.

## College Street Playground, Hudson Street Playground, JF Laxton Reserve William Street Playground

The submissions expressed support for the shade sails at all these playgrounds.

## Other Suggestions

Other suggestions included in the feedback included installation of a child-proof lock on the playground gate at Pine Square Playground.

The submission for O'Conner Reserve related to a suggestion to install a fitness station and did not comment on the shade installation.

One submission suggested the Williams Street Playground was in an unsafe location next to a road verge and should be removed.



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## How We Responded

Further investigation has been or is being undertaken at sites where concerns were raised about the impacts of the shade structures. This includes a review of existing shade analysis diagrams, preparation of new shade analysis diagrams for Gray Street Playground, Nestor Park Playground and Douglas Grant Memorial Park, and detailed survey for Douglas Grant Memorial Park along with review of visual impacts at King George Park. All shade analysis details are available <https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/shade-sails-program>

Consideration has also been given to the principal aim of the project to improve the safety and amenity of Council's play and exercise facilities.

On the basis of this review, it is expected the shade sail installation will proceed as shown in the preliminary plans at:

- King George Park Fitness Station
- JF Laxton Reserve Playground
- William Street Playground
- Yeo Park Playground
- O'Connor Reserve Playground
- College Street Playground
- Hudson Street Playground

At the following locations modifications will be made to the preliminary plans:

- Campbell Street Playground where the sails will not be installed and instead shade trees planted.
- Gray Street Playground where a pole location will be adjusted to retain views from a neighbouring window.
- Nestor Park where the extent of the sails will be reduced to exclude the swing area and anti-climbing devices installed on structure poles.
- Douglas Grant Playground where the height of the structure will be modified if required to ensure it is lower than adjacent existing houses when viewed from the street.
- Marr Reserve Playground where consideration will be given to shading the toddler play equipment rather than the swing area.
- Marrickville Park playground where consideration will be given to the shade configuration for the central area and climbing structure.
- Pine Square Playground where consideration will be given to the swing location and extent of open grassed area. The shade structure installation is being coordinated with the replacement of the swing and swing surfacing which are in poor condition.

## Where to from here:

The design brief for the shade sails is being prepared based on the comments received as outlined above, characteristics of the sites and available budgets. Adjustment to accommodate the feedback will be incorporated during the detailed design stage.

Construction is planned for February - end March 2019 and will require partial closure of the playgrounds. Construction will be staged with closure of the each playground/site typically lasting for one week. Notification of the work will be provided closer to the time.