

# INNER WEST



## Engagement outcomes report Tempe Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan

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# Summary

The draft Tempe Reserve Plan of Management was publicly exhibited from 29 August 2020 to 27 September 2020.

Council received 47 individual and three organisation feedback forms through its online engagement hub Your Say Inner West. It also received several responses via email and a sports stakeholder forum.

In response to the question 'Do you support the proposed Plan of Management and Master Plan?', those who answered via Your Say Inner West were split:

- Yes 15
- No 12
- Not sure/neutral 20

The comments received have been themed with the main concerns covering these issues:

- Indoor sports provision
- Public vs private use
- Sustainability
- Provision of Netball and Tennis Courts
- Parking and traffic
- Amenities and facilities
- Recreation facilities

## Background

Council is required to have Plans of Management for all community land in the Inner West Local Government area. In mid-2019, we asked the community how they use Tempe Reserve and how they want to use it into the future. We used that feedback along with expert advice and extensive research to develop the proposed Tempe Reserve Plan of Management and Master Plan. The plans were exhibited at the end of 2019 before they went to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing for owners' consent. This report presents the engagement outcomes of the second and final public exhibition of the draft plans.

## Engagement Methods

- Online on [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)
  - Individual survey
  - Organisation feedback form
- Sports stakeholder Forum attend by:
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# Promotion

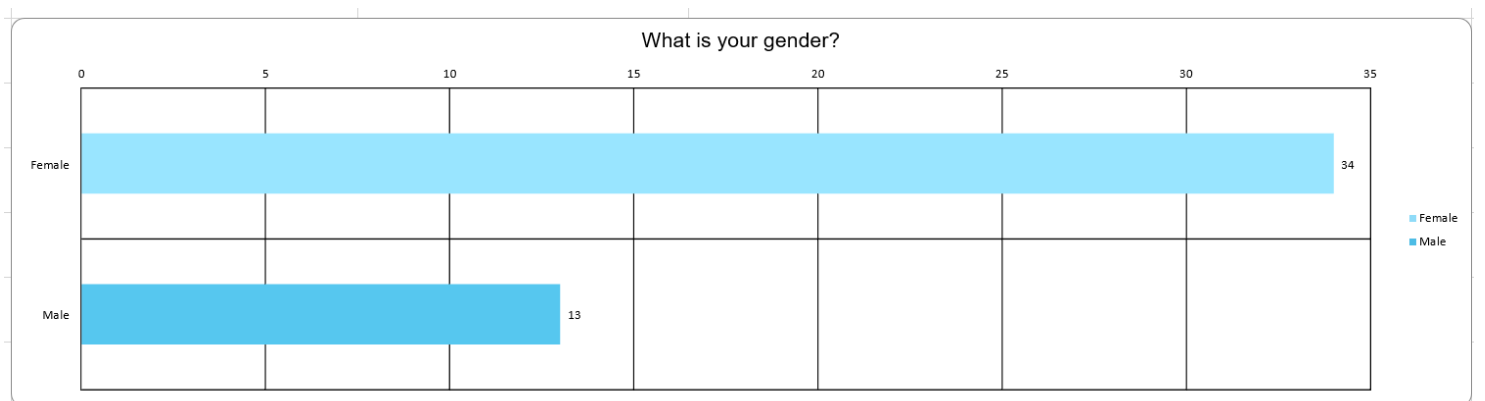
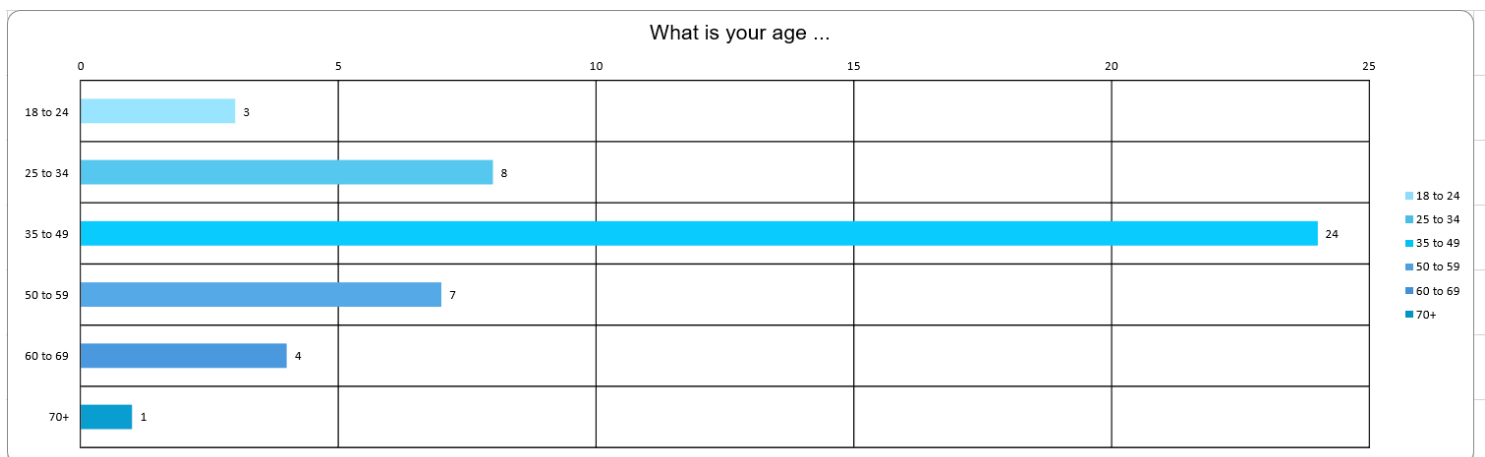
The public exhibition was promoted via:

- Signage in the park
- Council's social media channels
- Council's E-news channels
- Directly to stakeholders via email

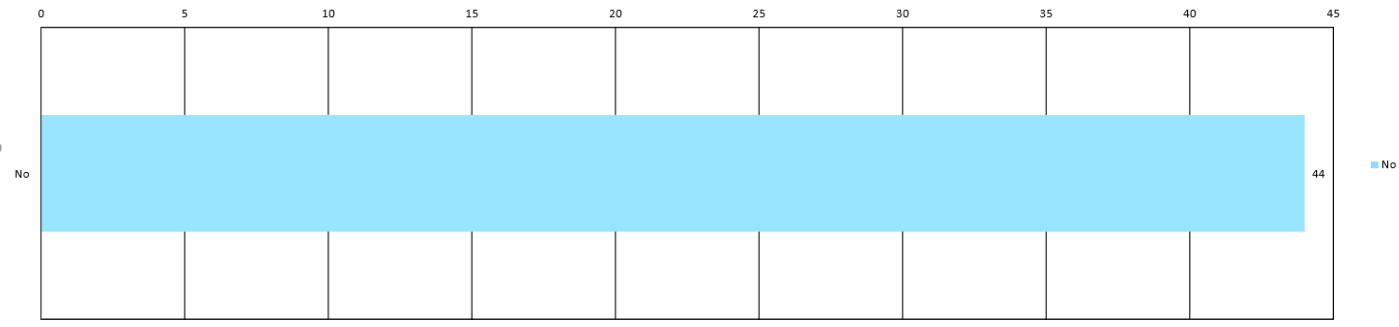
## Engagement Outcomes

### Feedback via individual online survey

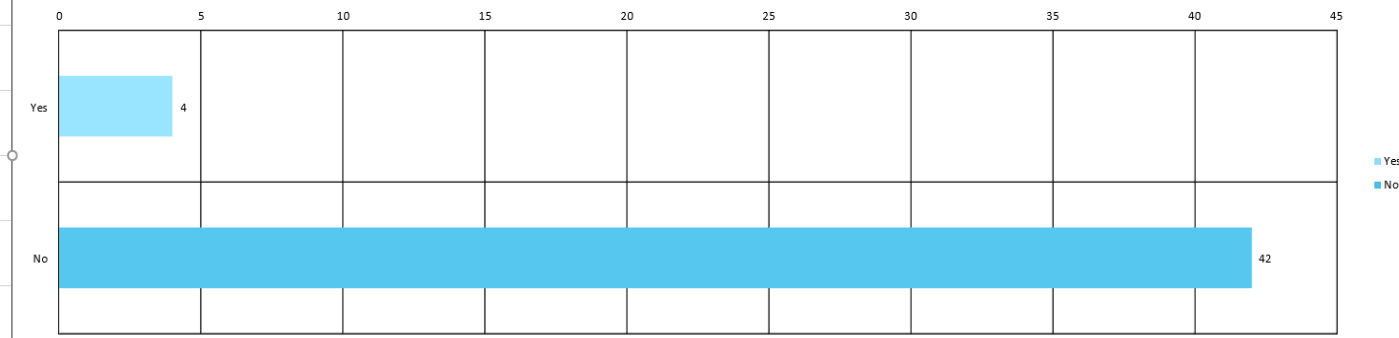
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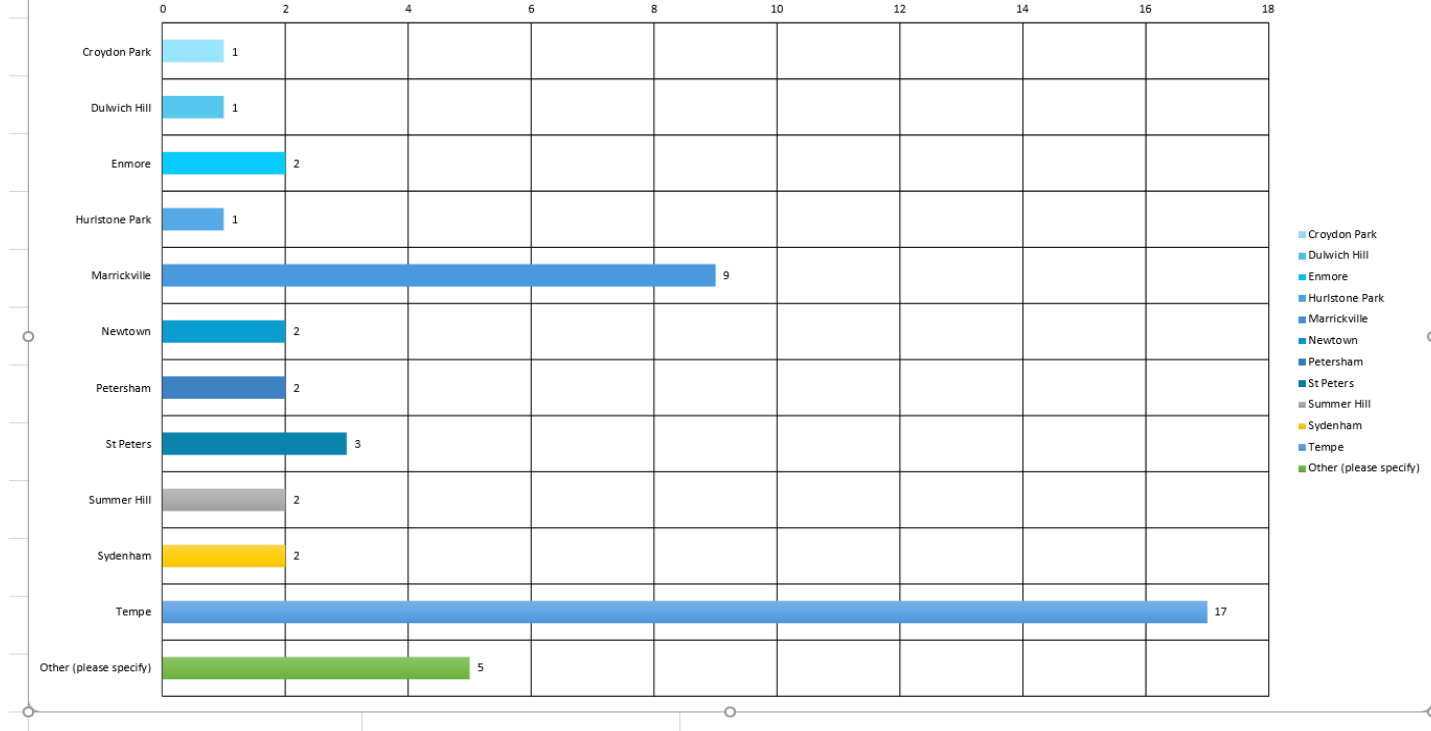
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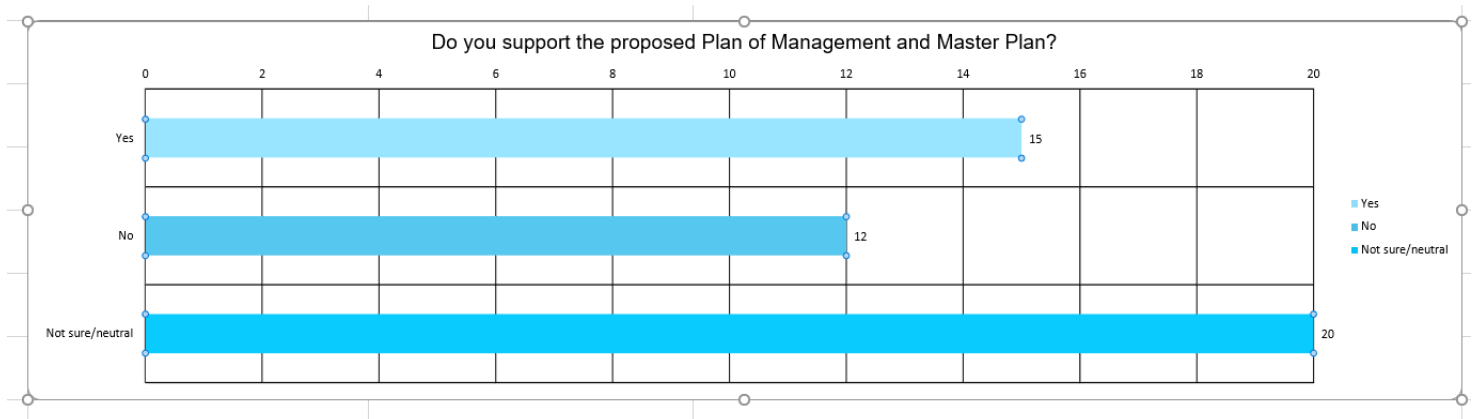
Do you identify as someone with a disability?



What suburb do you live in?



## Q1. Do you support the proposed Plan of Management and Master Plan? 47 individual responses



## Q2. Please provide your comments - the main themes of the individual online feedback were:

### Indoor sports provision

- A number of respondents were opposed to the proposed flooring surface for the indoor courts. Commentary on the need for wooden courts to provide a safe and suitable surface for a wider variety of sports and fitness activities, particularly roller skating and Rollerfit. The current Tempe venue with sprung timber floor is one of the few options for booming demand for indoor skating in inner Sydney. The roller-skating community in the Inner West rely on this venue, and so the sports centre draws people from a diverse cross-section of the community. A concrete floor with plastic coating was viewed as negative in terms of the use for roller derby and roller skating. It was noted that this was the only indoor court in the Local Government Area where such activities could take place.

### Officer comment

The Plan of Management does not specify the proposed flooring type of the new indoor recreation facility. Comments regarding the flooring type reflect a proposed Capital Works Project which discussed a change in flooring due to damage caused by termites. It was decided to upgrade and maintain the existing timber flooring. The Plan of Management does not propose concrete flooring in the new recreation facility.

### Private vs public use

- There were concerns raised about the previous negotiations undertaken with Newington College. There was a general feeling that the land designated for public use should be used in such way and should be prioritised.
- Long-term (5-year max) agreements regarding capital investment in return for management and access rights should be avoided regardless of financial challenges.

### Officer comments

The Plan of Management does not provide a direction or desire to undertake long term exclusive licences with any private organisations including Newington College and Tempe Basin Motor Boat Association.

### **Sustainability**

A number of objections were received relating to the opportunity to increase sporting ground capacity through the development of synthetic turf. Objections cited the negative effects on indigenous wildlife, particularly on native birds that feed on grassed areas. Occasional flooding also provides feeding opportunities for waterbirds and synthetic turf would discourage this.

- Support for “dark corridors “for night birds and animals.
- Strong support for natural materials and solar energy. Solar power and lighting should be prioritised and lighting and solar panels installed on suitable buildings.
- Rubbish bins and collection bins should include recyclable waste bins, return and earn collection facility as well as dedicated waste bins that are wildlife resistant.

### **Netball and tennis court provision**

- Objections were received to the reduction of the number of outdoor netball courts from eleven to six. This reduction would limit the ability for netball and other recreational activities that use this space when the indoor centre is currently in use. It was also noted in the submissions that local schools also enjoy use of these courts.
- There was strong support for the inclusion of tennis courts within Tempe Reserve. Submissions noted that local schools would be interested in utilising the tennis courts and the provided 3 courts would not be enough.

### **Parking and traffic**

- Objections were received to blocking east end of the Loop Road. The road is used by many learner drivers as a quiet circular loop with little traffic.
- Suggestion that the carpark could be moved from its present location, which takes up prime riverside land, to the corner plot currently used for boat storage.
- Support for more parking spaces to accommodate the demand
- Support for visitors 1-2-hour parking to ease parking conditions for residents who have issues with getting a park on the weekend.
- There was concern that the Sydney Gateway proposal will be noisy and polluting.

### **Amenities and facilities**

- Most comments indicated that Tempe community is severely lacking in dining or coffee options, and that the park would benefit from more cafes. Minority mentioned minimising human interventions.
- Requests to upgrade the amenities block and keep them clean and serviced.
- Request to improve the shelters and seating for rain and shade around the fields.
- Request to install a safety rail next to river net at Holbeach Avenue.

### **Recreational facilities**

- There is concern that by focussing on the park as a sports precinct, Council is undervaluing the space as a Tempe community backyard and playground. There are

concerns about adequate replacement of existing playground. The proposed arts/creative venue seems vague.

- Off-leash dog area is well supported. A separate off-leash area exclusively for smaller dogs was strongly recommended to prevent large dogs attacking the smaller breeds. The Master Plan already proposes a separation between small and large dogs.
- Concerns about noise pollution from model car racing, which disturbs quiet enjoyment by local families and children.

## Feedback via Stakeholder forum

Council held a sports club stakeholder forum attended by the following groups:

- Sydney Morning Cricket Association
- Stanmore Hawks FC
- The Flying Bats FC
- Newtown Junior Jets RLFC
- Sydney Olympic Football Club
- Newington
- Stanmore Public School
- Inner West Ultimate
- Stanmore Public School P&C
- Community member

Main concerns raised by the attendees:

- That Council ensure that the EOI process for the use of the future synthetic pitch is reported to Council prior to being advertised and the specific weighted criteria approved.
- The cost of access and seasonal licences for the artificial surface needs to be clarified by Council.

## Feedback via email

A number of emails were received via email. The feedback received related to the support for the Tempe Basin Motor Boat Club.

There were concerns about the removal of the boating dry dock from Tempe Reserve. Members of the Tempe Basin Motor Boat Association noted that the club was an important space for social activity.

## Officer comments in response to public exhibition

In response to the feedback received from the community, the following amendments have been made to the Plan of Management and Master Plan.



1. Two additional tennis courts have been added to the Master Plan with a total of 5 courts now included.
2. The Master Plan proposes that the fencing around the model motor car track be removed to allow for flexible use of the space including scooter and bike riding/training.
3. There were concerns that there was not enough seating or shelter around the sporting fields. The Master Plan has been amended to provide additional seating and shelters.
4. The Master Plan proposed a carpark on the existing motorboat dry dock. The Plan of Management and Master Plan has been amended to allow for a licenced boat maintenance and storage facility. The Plan of Management allows for this to be a long-term lease or short term licence.

In 2009, The Cook's River Motor Boat Club went into liquidation. The administrators were not willing to take over the Cook's River Motor Boat Club's lease of the dry dock. In 2010 the former Marrickville Council was approached by the Tempe Basin Motor Boat association to lease the dry dock. In 2010 the former Marrickville Council entered into a licence with Tempe Basin Motor Boat Club which has now expired. The licence was granted after an expression of interest process. The licence allows for the exclusive use of the site. In 2019 Council undertook a building assessment. There were several high-risk fire and safety concerns raised within the assessment report that required rectification work to be undertaken. Since the assessment was undertaken there has been no verification by Council that the rectification works have been undertaken by Tempe Basin Motor Boat Club.

**End**