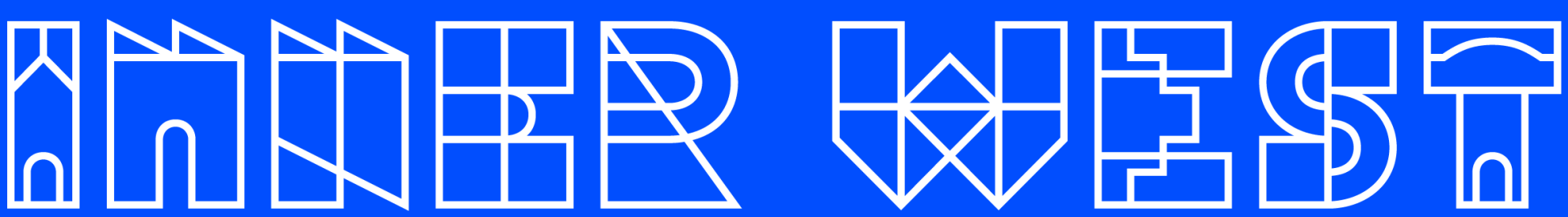


Damun Inclusive Playspace



PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2023, Camperdown Park was identified as the location for the ward’s flagship inclusive playground as part of the Inner West Council’s resolution to develop a flagship inclusive playspace in each of the Council’s 5 wards.

Inner West Council and Civille, guided by principles set out by Touched by Olivia, initiated a community consultation and engagement program for the new Damun inclusive playground at Camperdown Park.

Between June and August 2025, we consulted the community on upgrading the Damun Inclusive Playspace through a diverse range of communication channels in order to reach and involve residents and school students.

WHO WE HEARD FROM

- The following consultations sessions were held:
- 2 ONSITE COMMUNITY SESSIONS AT CAMPERDOWN PARK
 - approx. 30 people attended the onsite kiosk over two days
 - SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS
 - 2 local schools were visited
 - 60 students were engaged
 - ‘HAVE YOUR SAY’ INNER WEST ONLINE SURVEY
 - 1323 people visited the project page
 - 44 people completed a survey

WHAT WE HEARD

Feedback from the community included a wide range of themes and common topics both related to play as well as other opportunities and challenges faced in the current playspace. These included:

- Character and and bespoke feel of the existing playspace is well loved by the community
- More variety in the play equipment, catering for a wider range of ages
- Equitable access and inclusive play offerings
- Providing additional shade coverage and seating
- Fencing was identified as an important element to consider

TOP PLAY EXPERIENCES

During the onsite and school engagement sessions we asked participants what they would like to see included in the new Damun playspace. What we heard from these sessions we heard that you want to see more variety in play equipment catering to all ages.

On the right is a summary of the top play experiences that were identified through the consultation process, which have informed the design brief for the new playspace. The most popular items are shown on the right.

A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL POINTS TO NOTE:

1. A range of existing play equipment (i.e. climbing net, basket swing etc) will be retained and the playspace will be significantly expanded to facilitate the new play experiences.
2. A flying fox was an additional popular item during the first round of engagement however due to size of the existing playspace a flying fox has not been proposed as part of the design.
3. A wide range of additional play experiences were also identified through the engagement period including a range of needs specific to children and older people living with disability. To address some of these experiences a range of opportunities for sensory and imaginative play are also included in the concept design.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

The top 5 supporting elements that the community would like to see included were:

- Shade structures
- Benches and seating
- Picnic tables
- Additonal shade trees
- Fences



1. Swings



2. Climbing



3. Slides



4. Sandpit



5. Water Play



6. Agility



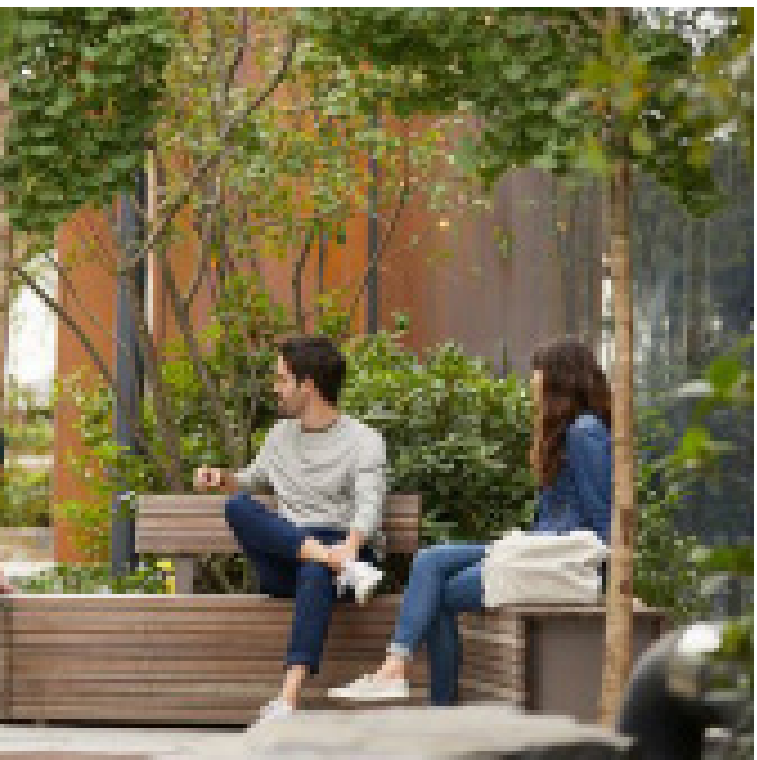
7. Nature Play



8. Bigger Kids Equipment



9. Trampolines



Benches and seating



Picnic tables



Shade Structures

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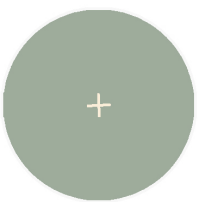
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CONCEPT DESIGN



Legend

1. Diverse & inclusive play structure
2. Swings (2x strap seats)
3. Accessible carousel
4. Inclusive trampoline
5. Swings (toddler & accessible boat seat)
6. Sandpit with accessible digger
7. Water play with hand/push button, pumps & gate
8. Existing climbing net (retained)
9. Existing basket swing (retained)
10. Timber bridge (retained)
11. Extended nature play under trees
12. Seesaw (relocated) with new inclusive seat
13. Central seating deck
14. Picnic & BBQ area
15. Pathway for walking, scooting & bike riding
16. New entry gate
17. Lawn area
18. Sensory plantings
19. Shade canopy
20. Perimeter fence & planting
21. Existing wall retained (fence removed)



Tree retained

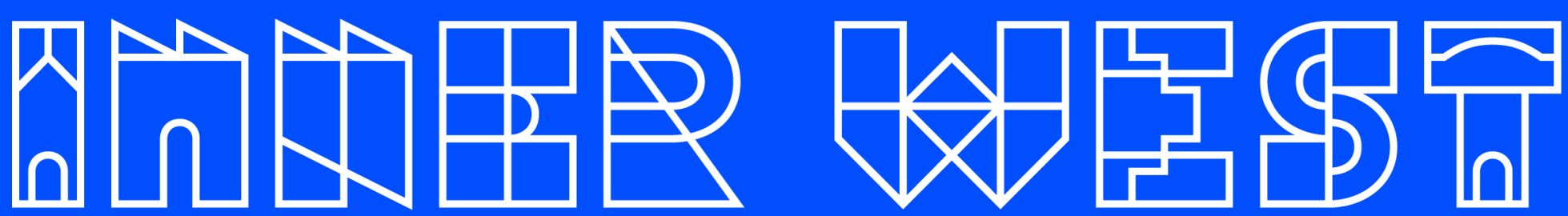


Rubber soft fall



Bark mulch soft fall

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DIVERSE & INCLUSIVE PLAY STRUCTURE

The play structure takes inspiration from the buttress roots of the Port Jackson Fig which is the cultural motif for the Damun Ward. The structure provides a diverse and inclusive play experience weaving through the existing trees in the playspace.

Materials and colour will be co-ordinated with the existing climbing structure and crows nest. This sketch illustrates the intent for the structure and will be further refined during the detailed design stage.

