

Transforming the Mays Hill Precinct Master Plan and Consultation



Thank you for helping us to plan the Mays Hill Precinct

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to email, phone and meet with us throughout the year to provide ideas for the transformation of the Mays Hill Precinct within Parramatta Park.

This 20 hectare area of the Park has been largely unused since the former Parramatta Golf Course closed in 2015. The site currently contains grassed areas used as sports fields and two gatehouses. The precinct has limited pedestrian paths and no formal recreational facilities or amenities such as picnic areas, playgrounds or toilets.

After undertaking research, community and stakeholder consultation, the Master Plan is now complete.

Where is the Mays Hill Precinct?

The Mays Hill Precinct is south of the main section of Parramatta Park, separated by Park Parade and the train line.



What the community has told us

During June and July, we displayed a concept design for the Mays Hill Precinct and received feedback from the community. We have analysed

over 1,500 comments from local residents, park visitors, business operators, community groups, local workers and young people. This information has been used by our architect to develop the Mays Hill Precinct Master Plan.



View looking north west towards the multi-recreational path

Positive feedback

- There was strong support for the design,
- Stakeholders and community members were happy that the design retained views overlooking Parramatta and emphasised green, open space,
- The tree lined boulevard was popular in the feedback received,
- There was strong support for the BBQ and picnic areas, walking and jogging paths and spaces to sit and relax,
- Many residents were pleased that the activated areas of the park were located toward Park Parade, away from residential areas,
- The zig zag path was supported as it provides a low gradient throughout the park and is the most accessible path option, and
- The multi-recreational path was seen as inclusive, with great accessibility.

Suggestions

- Most people liked the idea of the tree lined boulevard, but suggested that the trees be further apart to provide a clear line of sight through the precinct,
- Some suggested that the younger children's and older children's playgrounds be placed closer together,
- People want to see more amenities such as BBQ facilities, picnic shelters, toilets and water fountains throughout the precinct, and
- Community members emphasised the need for improved accessibility throughout the precinct.

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Issues raised included

- The potential increase in traffic, congestion and parking issues due to the relocation of the aquatic centre to the Mays Hill Precinct,
- Increased noise in the precinct, and
- Personal safety - the community wants to understand the security measures that will be put in place to make the precinct safer.



View looking east showing the pedestrian boulevard along the residential edge

Aquatic Centre update

The Mays Hill Precinct will be the home of the new Parramatta Aquatic Centre.

The masterplan includes design principles to guide the City of Parramatta on the future design of the Aquatic Centre. The design principles can be viewed on the Mays Hill page of the Parramatta Park Trust website.

During our June and July 2017 consultations, we asked the community for feedback on these principles. Generally, the principles were supported with minimal concern expressed about the relocation of the pool to the Mays Hill Precinct.

For more information on the planning for the new Aquatic Centre, contact the City of Parramatta: email poolupdate@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or phone 9806 5050.

The Draft Mays Hill Precinct Master Plan

Due to the positive feedback we received, the Master Plan will be very similar to the concept plan displayed in June and July 2017.

Changes in response to the feedback include:

- The tree-lined boulevard will be planted with eucalyptus trees in response to concerns about security. These trees will allow a clear line of sight into the precinct from neighbouring apartments.

- The land bridge design proposed aims to address concerns regarding accessibility between Mays Hill and the northern parts of Parramatta Park.
- The Master Plan will include amenities such as toilets, water fountains, BBQ, benches and shaded picnic areas throughout the precinct.



An overview of the Mays Hill Precinct Master Plan

What happens next?

Now that the Master Plan is complete, Parramatta Park Trust will work with the City of Parramatta to progress the design of the aquatic centre and the broader precinct.

To view the Master Plan visit:

<https://www.parrapark.com.au/about-us/park-projects/mays-hill-precinct-master-plan/>

For enquiries

If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss the Master Plan, please contact our project team.

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