

MASON PARK COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Mason Park is one of the Strathfield Council area's largest parks. It is located on Underwood Road, bounded by Saleyards Creek and Powells Creek. The park offers a wide range of sporting, community and recreational facilities. The Park also contains the Mason Park Wetlands, an important estuarine environment of the Parramatta River, containing remnant saltmarsh communities and habitat for migratory wader birds.

New Mason Park Plan of Management

Mason Park is located on both Crown Land and Council owned land. The park is managed by Strathfield Council. Crown Land is land owned by the NSW Government dedicated for community use. Due to changes to legislation, community engagement is required in the preparation of new plans of management. The new plan will guide the park's future management and development, informed from consultations with the local community.



What facilities are available in Mason Park?

Mason Park contains a wide range of community and recreation facilities including wetlands, sportsfields, playgrounds, amenities and areas of open space. The Mason Park Wetlands are located at the rear of the park adjacent to Powells Creek. The Mason Park Wetlands originally formed part of the once extensive estuarine environment of the Parramatta River, and contain remnant saltmarsh communities (including the vulnerable Wilsonia backhousei) and habitat for migratory wader birds. The wetlands are internationally recognised as a destination for migratory birds from Japan, China and Korea. The park also features:

- Three sportsfields
- Sportsfield lighting
- Children's playground
- Open grassed areas and revegetated indigenous trees and plantings throughout the park
- Amenities eg toilets, change rooms
- Carpark
- Bay to Bay cycle/pathways linking the park from the south to the north of the Strathfield Council area and to regional destinations such as Botany Bay, Sydney Olympic Park and Ryde.



What is the process for preparing these plans?

Once the initial community consultation is complete, all feedback and suggestions from the community and park users will be compiled and assessed, and will inform the new plans.

Once the draft plans are prepared, the community will have the opportunity to make comments during the public exhibition period. Council will consider all submissions received during the time for inclusion in the final plans as well as consult with NSW Crown Lands. Once the final plans are prepared, they will be presented to a Council meeting for adoption.

How can I be involved?

Community consultation is an essential part of developing plans for public parks and reserves. You can be involved in the development of the draft plans by:

Completing a short online consultation survey. Use the QR or go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/masonPOM. All surveys must be completed by Friday 11 December 2020.

Sending your comments to Strathfield Park Consultation, Strathfield Council, PO Box 120, Strathfield NSW 2135 or by email: council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au

If you are unable to access the online survey or require further information, please contact Cathy Jones, Executive Manager, Corporate Strategy and Performance on 9748 9937 or email: cathy.jones@strathfield.nsw.gov.au.



