



# HUGHES AVENUE RESERVE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

# About the project

The playground renewal project at **Hughes Avenue Reserve** in Ermington is part of the City of Parramatta Council's broader commitment to providing high-quality play spaces across the local government area, with almost 150 playgrounds maintained to support active, social and inclusive outdoor environments.

Nestled within a quiet residential precinct and framed by Victoria Road and Parramatta River, **the reserve offers a peaceful, green setting characterised by mature trees, open grassed areas, and established gardens.** This popular playground provides a comfortable and well shaded space **within walking distance for local residents.**

**After approximately 20 years of service** and having reached its typical lifecycle for playground equipment, the decision was made to replace and upgrade the facility to ensure safety, accessibility and ongoing enjoyment for children aged 0–12 years and their families.



# What you told us:



## What needs improvement?

### Equipment and Play Value

- Playground is old, outdated and too basic
- Limited variety, only fits one age group
- Needs bigger, more challenging equipment

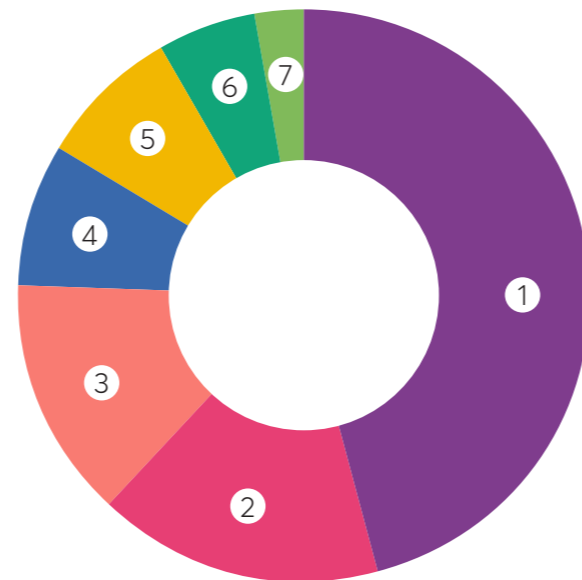
### Safety and Accessibility

- Hazards like deep drain lids
- Lack of inclusive equipment for all abilities
- No fence for toddler safety

### Amenities

- Lack of shade/shelter
- Insufficient seating and tables
- Overflowing bins and poor upkeep

## Why do people visit the park?

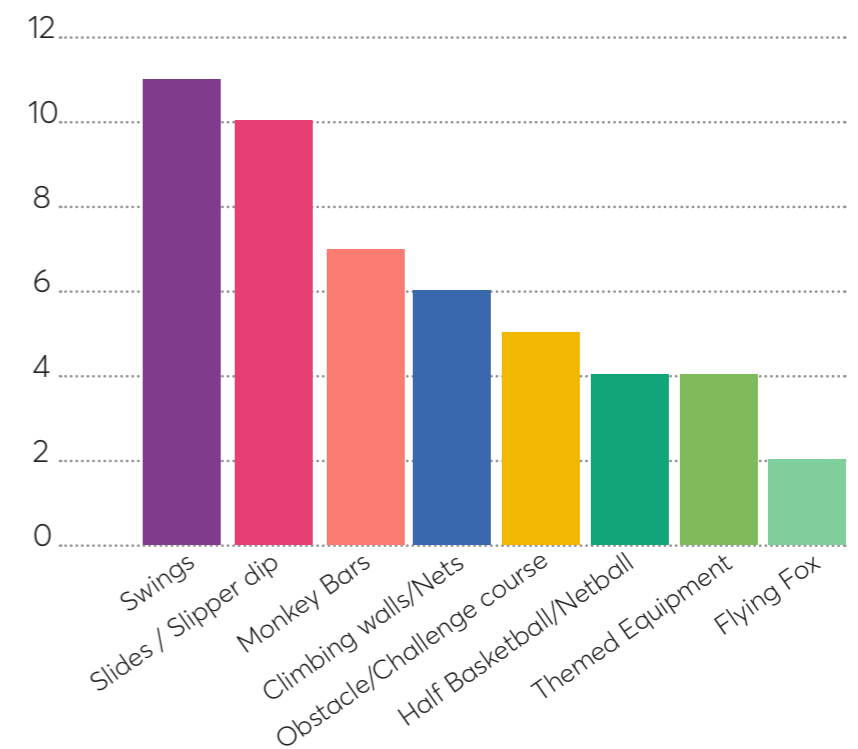


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| 1. Taking kids to the playground | <b>40.5%</b> |
| 2. Picnicking & birthday parties | <b>14.3%</b> |
| 3. Walking/jogging/exercise      | <b>11.9%</b> |
| 4. Walking the dog               | <b>7.1%</b>  |
| 5. Informal group activities     | <b>7.1%</b>  |
| 6. Other                         | <b>4.8%</b>  |
| 7. Meeting friends               | <b>2.4%</b>  |

## What do the kids want?

The top suggestions for play equipment were **swings** and **slides**, followed by **monkey bars**, **climbing walls** or **nets**, and **obstacle courses**.

There was also interest in a **half basketball** or **netball court**, **themed equipment** like cubby houses or castles, and a flying fox. These choices show the community wants a playground with both classic favorites and more challenging features for different age groups.



## Legend

- ① New softfall area
- ② 2 new DDA compliant bench seats
- ③ Existing dinky track retained with painted play added
- ④ New climbing tower and slides
- ⑤ New swings with basket, toddler and standard seats
- ⑥ Climbing cube
- ⑦ Whizzy Dizzy spinner
- ⑧ Play board
- ⑨ Themed 'Little Shop' cubby
- ⑩ Timber fence replaced with sandstone logs
- ⑪ Relocated water fountain









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