

Greater Sydney Parklands – Callan Park buildings survey

Final results

27 October - 25 November 2021

General trends for both surveys (online and in-park)

- Total responses: 1,083
- There is a strong interest in arts, food outlets and sports
- Conservation of the buildings is very important in the eye of the respondents
- The majority of the respondents are above 40 years old and live in the local area (Leichardt, Lilyfield, Rozelle and Balmain)
- Responses are similar across both online and in-park surveys

Precincts (Q1-3) - top 3 preferred uses

Precinct example 1. Headland Park, Georges Heights, Mosman.

There are a number of buildings at Headland Park, Mosman that have been adapted for a range of uses. Which of the uses shown here would you like to see Callan Park's buildings used for? Please tick as many as you wish.



Art gallery



Sculpture walk



Café



Heritage interpretation centre



Artist and maker spaces



Sport & club amenities

Top 3 results:

1. Café – 759 (71%)
2. Sport and club amenities – 658 (61%)
3. Artist and maker spaces – 622 (58%)

Precinct example 2. Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne

The buildings of Abbotsford Convent have been adapted for a range of uses. Which of the uses shown here would you like to see Callan Park's buildings used for? Please tick as many as you wish.



Artisan markets



Activities for children and family



Kiosk and outdoor bar



Performance art



Exhibitions



Fetes or community festivals



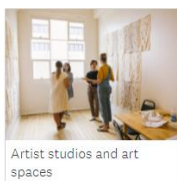
Café or restaurant

Top 3 results:

1. Fetes or community festivals – 675 (65%)
2. Café or restaurant – 632 (61%)
3. Kiosk or outdoor bar – 606 (59%)

Precinct example 3. Collingwood Yards, Melbourne

The buildings of Collingwood Yards have been adapted for a range of uses. Which of the uses shown here would you like to see Callan Park's buildings used for? Please tick as many as you wish.



Top 3 results:

1. Live music performances – 647 (64%)
2. Health and wellbeing programs – 622 (61%)
3. Pop-up gallery space – 528 (52%)
4. Artist studios and art spaces – 528 (52%)

About the future use of the buildings at Callan Park

The respondents answered the following rating question:

Overall, what is most important to you about the future use of the buildings at Callan Park? Rate the following uses from 1 (very important) to 5 (not all important).

	1	2	3	4	5
Conservation / restoration of the buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Revitalisation of this public place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for use of the facilities by the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing more reasons to visit / opportunities to enjoy the park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ongoing care and maintenance of the buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sympathetic to the parkland setting and heritage values of the park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The most important is:

1. Conservation / restoration of the buildings – 540 (59%)
2. Sympathetic to the parkland setting and heritage values of the park – 525 (57%)
3. Revitalisation of this public place – 509 (55%)

Suggestions (free text)

The respondents answered the following open questions:

Do you have any further ideas for future use of buildings in Callan Park or other thoughts about how the precinct could be used?

57% of survey respondents answered this question. Key themes include:

- Top ideas by volume are for Education (schools and programs), Arts (spaces, events), Sports (clubhouse and amenities in particular for Balmain Football Club), Mental Health (services and wellness) and Café (NFP, restaurant, pop-ups)
- Great opportunity for mixed use for benefit of broader community
- Several ideas address commercial use of the precinct, so long as it benefits the broader community and the precinct remains mixed use
- Retention of existing open green spaces was a strong theme throughout, as was social enterprises, NFP uses and ensuring all activity had broader community benefit.

Precinct Examples:

Some survey respondents gave suggestions of other precincts, including The Wallace Arts Centre, Perth's Kings Park, Fenwick at Balmain, Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery, Cockatoo Island (on-site accommodation), Carriageworks (commercial/community uses), the stables of Como in Melbourne (café), Syd Uni's COFA NFP Café, and Western Sydney University Rydalmere South Campus (adaptive re-use of heritage spaces).

Word cloud for free text question

Q4 Do you have any further ideas for future use of buildings in Callan Park or other thoughts about how the precinct could be used?



Demographics

- 64% of the respondents visit the park at least once a week
- 52% are locals, with 24% living in Leichardt/Lilyfield, 15% in Rozelle and 13% in Balmain
- 79% are aged between 40-59 years old