



# FLOREY DRYLAND OVAL REFRESH

## REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

Canberrans were invited to have their say from 27 July to 7 September 2022 on the redevelopment of a portion of the Florey Dryland Oval. The redevelopment will help create a natural outdoor space for students at Florey Primary School, who use this space every day, and the wider community for recreational use in the evenings and weekends.

Student ideas and input will also inform plans for this exciting new shared school and community space.

The redeveloped portion of the oval will become an educational and engaging space for students to access and enjoy every day as part of their learning.

Outside of school hours this public space will allow community to relax, exercise, meet, play, chat and connect.

The Education Directorate is working closely with Transport Canberra and City Services on this project and feedback received through this engagement will help shape future plans for the wider oval.

## THE CONVERSATION

### Student and school community engagement

In 2019 Florey Primary School students provided early ideas and sketches about what they would like to see the oval become.

During the engagement period the Florey Primary School Leadership Team and Parents and Citizens association (P&C) were engaged to help shape and promote engagement opportunities through school newsletters, online, at meetings, and to gather student input.

Every class from the school had the opportunity to vote on the elements they wanted to see as part of the redevelopment. 782 student votes were received through this process.

### Online survey

An online survey, via the YourSay website, was open during the consultation period for the community to provide feedback. A total of 58 surveys were completed. The community was also invited to provide feedback via email and Facebook.



## Community pop-ups

Two pop-up sessions were held during the consultation period – onsite at Florey Primary School and at the local shops on 17 and 22 August 2022 – to provide the community with an opportunity to ask questions.

The Education Directorate was also invited to present to the Belconnen Community Council via its online meeting on 16 August 2022. We spoke to over 50 people across these sessions.

## WHO WE ENGAGED

**The consultation targeted students, families and staff from the Florey Primary School, Florey locals as well as residents from the broader Belconnen region.**

We promoted the consultation via:

- a letterbox drop to 1200 homes in the suburb of Florey
- the Belconnen region Our Canberra print newsletter and electronic newsletter
- ACT Government, Education Directorate and Florey Primary School social media accounts
- Education Directorate and Florey Primary School websites
- Florey Primary School newsletter and P&C meeting
- an email to key stakeholders including the Belconnen Community Council.

98.3% of survey respondents were from the Belconnen region.

## WHAT WE HEARD

### Key insights from the community

#### What is important to the students at Florey Primary School

1. There is strong support from students to see bubblers (drinking fountains) included in the redevelopment (135 votes).
2. The next most supported elements were recreational, with students wanting to see a bike track built (86 votes), closely followed by goal posts (81 votes).
3. Picnic tables were equal third in students' votes, alongside a nature and imaginative play space (73 votes each).
4. We also heard students would like to see shaded areas incorporated in this space.
5. Access to the oval and safety are important to the school leadership, ensuring every student benefits from this refreshed space.



### What is important to the Florey (and wider Belconnen) community

1. There is strong support from community for nature and imaginative play spaces, shaded areas, and seating.
2. Open irrigated greenspace followed by trees are also of high priority for community.
3. Safety and access to the oval is important to ensure everyone benefits from this refreshed space.

### How community currently use the oval

1. 65% of respondents told us they were already frequent users of the oval.
2. 47% of respondents currently use the oval to walk and exercise their dogs.
3. 22% currently use the oval to exercise.
4. While some respondents didn't currently use the oval, they said they would do so once the space was redeveloped.

### Community priorities for the oval

1. It is important for community that the redevelopment of the area prioritises the benefits to Florey Primary School students first, followed by community use in the evenings and weekends.
2. The community sees this initial redevelopment as just the beginning for this project. Respondents said they would love to see the entire oval redeveloped over time.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

**Feedback from this engagement will help shape the final design for the first portion of the Florey dryland oval. We look forward to sharing the design with you later this year.**

Updates will continue to be provided via the YourSay page. If you have any questions about this project or would like to be kept updated on its progress, please email [ACT.Education@act.gov.au](mailto:ACT.Education@act.gov.au).

To find out more about the Florey oval refresh and other Education Directorate initiatives follow us on Facebook - @ACTPublicSchools, Instagram - @actpublicschools, Twitter - @ACTEducation.

### Key Timings

**27 July 2022:** Community consultation started on the redevelopment of a portion of the Florey Dryland Oval

**7 September 2022:** Community consultation closed

**October 2022:** 'What We Heard' Report released (**we are here**)

**October/November 2022:** Preliminary concept designs shared through YourSay platform – opportunity for community feedback



**December 2022:** Final design released

**2023:** Construction of first portion of Florey Dryland Oval underway

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

**493**

We reached 493 people via  
YourSay

**58**

A total of 58 people  
completed the survey

**50+**

We spoke to over 50 people  
at pop-up sessions

**782**

782 Florey Primary School students  
told us would they like to see

**16,317**

We reached 16,317 people  
via Facebook

**2630**

We reached 2630 people  
via Twitter

**3919**

We reached 3919 people  
via Instagram

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