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Managing our urban open spaces

Have your say on the draft Urban Open Space Land
Management Plan



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'I wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. I wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region. I would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending today's event.'

Our urban open spaces

- Canberra has Australia's best access to urban open spaces
- These spaces are valued for their social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits
- As we invest in new and improved open spaces, we need to ensure our existing urban open space network continues to cater to the recreational needs of our diverse community and provides a much-needed break from our built environment



Over 6,800 hectares of urban open space



432 urban parks



120 hectares of irrigated grassland



884 individual sportsgrounds



86,316 linear metres of fencing



523 play spaces



3 public cemeteries



117 barbecues



7 dog parks



4,087 seats



635 tables



1,231 bins



Over **809,000** trees



2,534,210 managed shrub beds

About the Plan

- Provides an overarching framework and consistent direction for managing Canberra's urban open spaces
- Replaces five existing and outdated plans:
 1. Woden and Weston Creek's Urban Parks and Sportsgrounds
 2. Belconnen's Urban Parks, Sportsgrounds and Lake Ginninderra
 3. Inner Canberra's Urban Parks and Sportsgrounds
 4. Tuggeranong's Urban Parks and Sportsgrounds
 5. Urban Open Space and Public Access Sportsgrounds in the Gungahlin Region.
- These plans don't respond to social, cultural and environmental challenges of today, including population growth and changing climate.



Meets statutory requirements

- Meets Planning and Development Act 2007 statutory requirements
- Prepared in consultation with ACT Government land managers and agencies including:
 - Conservator of Flora and Fauna
 - Planning and Land Authority
 - Environment Protection Authority.
- It provides information about:
 - How ACT Government manages urban open space on the community's behalf
 - The land types and their values (i.e. heritage or recreational)
 - The range of facilities available in each land type
 - The range of activities anticipated for each land type
 - The role each of us can play in shaping our public open space.













Plan is a contemporary document

- It builds upon the previous five plans with an increased focus on:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and culture
 - Community participation and engagement
 - Environmental, cultural, social and economic sustainability
 - Addressing the impacts of urban development and climate change.



Plan's vision and principles

- Our vision is to create sustainable urban open spaces that:
'Enrich the lives of our community; improve the amenity of the Territory's urban environment; and protect and enhance their cultural, social, and environmental values.'
- Shared stewardship has been identified as a key principle underpinning the draft Plan. The key principles are:

 Community-centric	 Safe
 Accessible, inclusive and equitable	 Quality and value for money
 Open and transparent	 Sustainable
 Collaborative and responsive	 Continuous improvement
 Shared stewardship	 Compliant
 Valued	 Accountability

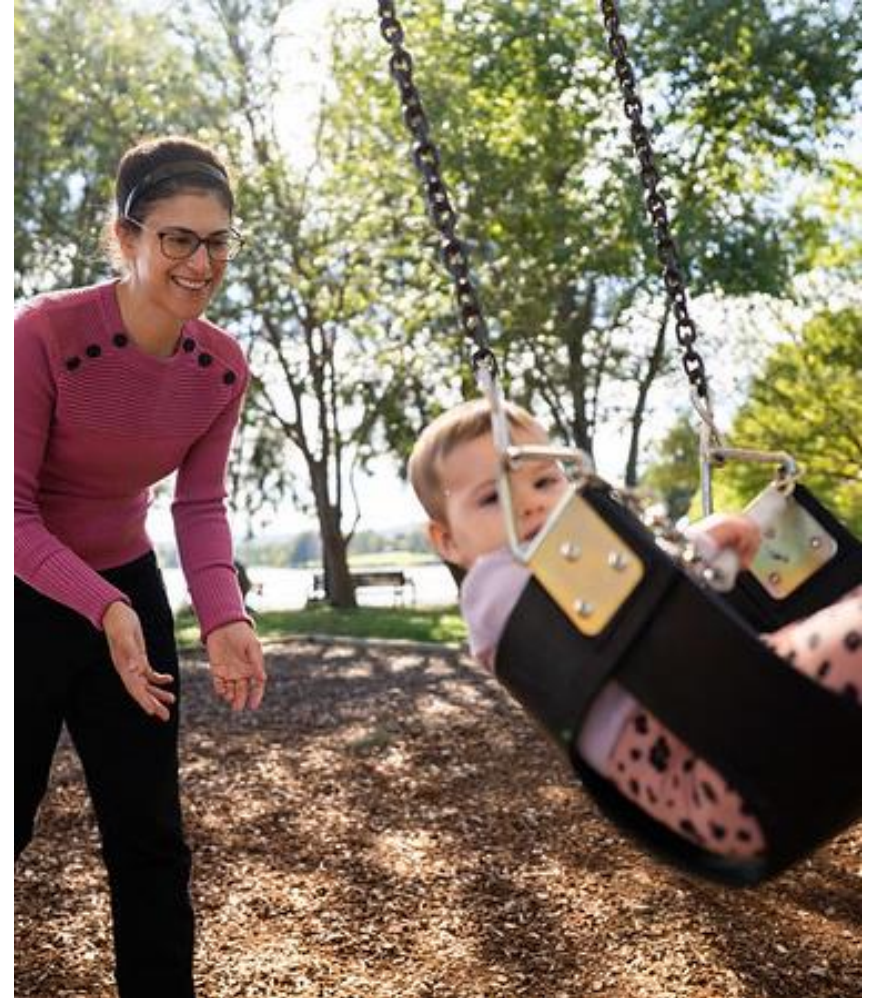
Challenges and opportunities

- This Plan recognises the challenges and opportunities associated with the ongoing planning, management and maintenance of public open spaces.

Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban open space network expansion• Increasing demands on facilities and services with population growth• Finite resources available• Impacts of urban development and densification and climate change• Balancing the environmental, social (including cultural and heritage) and economic considerations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New scientific evidence• Greater community participation• Emergence of new technologies, which can lead to more efficient and effective land management practices.

About the consultation

- As caring for urban open spaces and green infrastructure is a shared responsibility, we are now seeking community feedback on the Plan.
- The draft Plan is open for feedback until **15 August 2023**.
- The consultation now open will allow the community to:
 - Have their say on the Plan's vision, principles and strategies
 - Share ideas for optimising the use of the spaces enjoyed most.



How to have YourSay

- The community can provide feedback on the Plan via:

- 1. Visit this website**

yoursayconversations.act.gov.au to learn more the Plan and complete our short survey

- 2. Speaking with us** at one our five pop-up community information sessions

- 3. Emailing us** at

communityengagement@act.gov.au.

Submissions can also be sent to this email address.

Our five 'pop-up' information sessions:

Belconnen | 11.30am – 1.30pm, Friday
16 June | Outside Belconnen Arts Centre

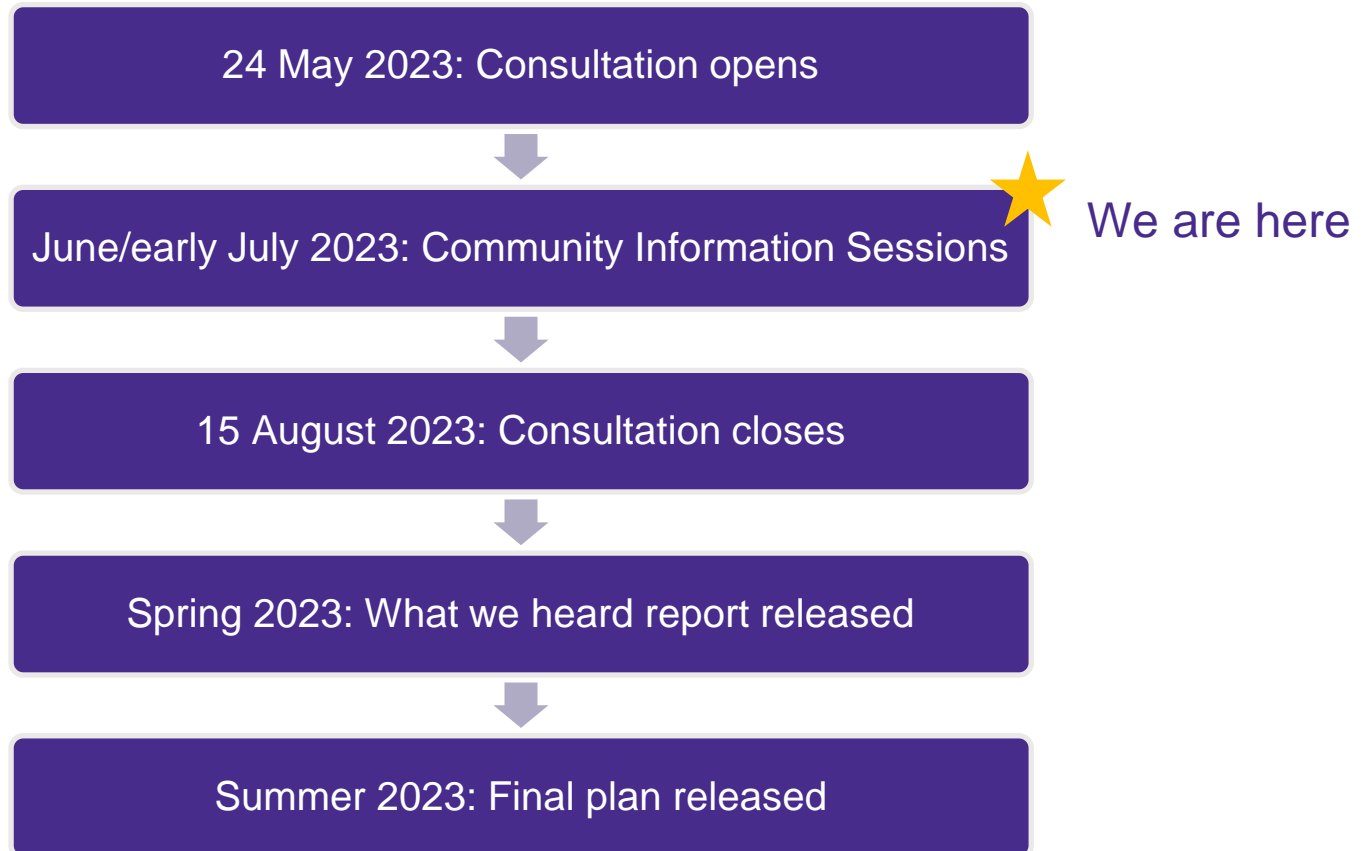
Tuggeranong | 11.30am – 1.30pm,
Thursday 22 June | Anketell St (Laneway
to Lake Tuggeranong)

City | 11.30am – 1.30pm, Friday 23 June
| Garema Place

Woden | 10.30am – 12.30pm, Saturday 1
July | Southlands – Mawson

Gungahlin | 11.30am –
1.30pm, Thursday 6 July | Gungahlin
Place Playground (Hibberson Street)

Consultation timeline



Feedback and Beyond

- To finalise the Plan and guide the continuous improvement and shared management of our public open spaces for all Canberrans
- It will become a resource for people who want to know more about how ACT's open space network is managed and how they can get involved
- The Plan's implementation will be reported on at least every five years
- It will also be reviewed every 10 years from commencement.



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Thank you



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