Glover Playground South (Park 20) Renewal

Pre-Concept Design Stage

Shaping the playground together

Consultation closes 11:59 pm, Tuesday, 28 April 2026





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Project Information

We're renewing Glover Playground South in Park 20 Blue Gum Park (Kurangga), one of Adelaide's first and well-used playgrounds within the Park Lands.

This project will update the playground to meet current standards and create a safe, modern and inclusive space for children and families. It will also improve how people move through the space, including paths, layout and connections to the surrounding park.

This is a renewal of the existing playground, not a completely new build. Some equipment and features will be replaced or upgraded where they no longer meet current standards or have reached the end of their life.

Your feedback will help shape the design priorities and play experiences included in the updated playground.

What you can share with us

- The types of play experiences and activities
- What you like about the current playground
- What could be improved
- Features such as seating, shade and nature elements

What's included in the project scope

- The playground will remain in its current location
- The project has a set budget and scope to work within
- Some equipment will be updated or replaced to meet current safety standards
- The final design will be developed by Council, taking into account community feedback alongside technical requirements

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Why we're engaging now

We're at an early stage of the project, before any designs have been prepared.

We want to understand:

- What people like about the current playground
- What play experiences are important when visiting
- How the space can be improved for children, families and the broader community

This feedback will inform the concept design brief, which will be developed later this year.



Location

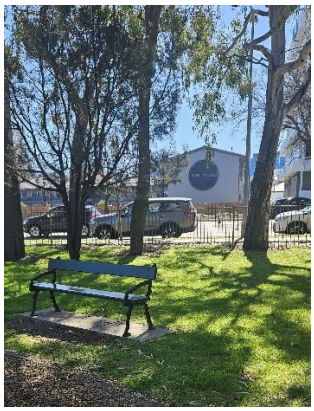


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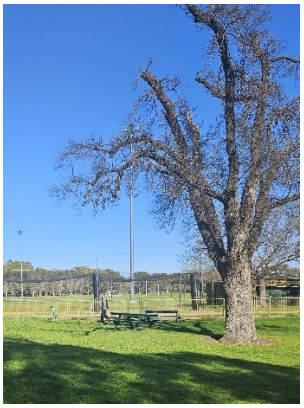
Existing playground features



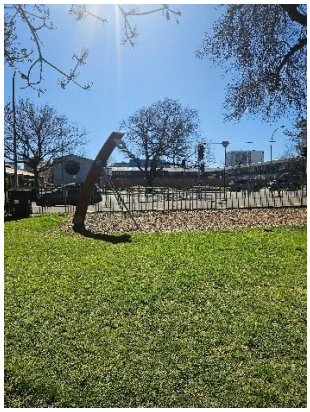
Coloured Tunnels



Benches



Picnic Tables



Fencing



Multi-play unit



Swings

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Inclusive Swing



Climbing Rope



Shade Sail

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The history of Glover Playground

The Kaurna people are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Adelaide Plains. Glover Playground South is located within the Adelaide Park Lands in Blue Gum Park / Kurangga (Park 20), with Kurangga meaning ‘blue gum place’ in the Kaurna language.

This area has long been a place of gathering and cultural significance. Today, it continues to hold importance as part of Kaurna Country.

Glover Playground on South Terrace has been a place for children and families for more than a century.



Opened in December 1918, it was the first of four playgrounds established on Adelaide’s Park Lands. The playground was initiated by Lord Mayor Glover, who recognised the need for safe, dedicated spaces for children in a growing city with a large residential population.

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Glover personally contributed funding to support its creation, helping to deliver a fully equipped and supervised playground. The concept was inspired by similar playgrounds interstate and reflected a shift in how public spaces were designed, with a focus on children's recreation and wellbeing.

Early plans of the South Terrace site show a well-designed playground with open lawns, shaded areas and a variety of play equipment. This included swings, a giant stride, see-saws and a wading pool, along with paths and garden beds.

The playground was actively supervised, with attendants on site to support safe play. At the time, access was restricted to women and children, reflecting the social conditions of the early 20th century.



Since its opening, the Glover Playground South (Park 20) has undergone a number of upgrades and changes. While the equipment and layout have evolved, it has continued to serve the same purpose as a dedicated place for play, connection and community in the Park Lands.

Looking ahead, the future playground will build on this legacy by creating a more inclusive, accessible and nature-based playspace. The design will aim to support a wide range of ages and

abilities, encourage imaginative and active play, and strengthen connections to the surrounding Park Lands.

As we look toward the future, the next design chapter for Glover Playground will honour both narratives – celebrating its pioneering role as one of Adelaide's earliest formal playgrounds, while recognising thousands of years of Kaurna connection to the Park Lands. Your voice is essential in shaping this shared future, and we invite you to provide your feedback as we bring this much-loved space into its next era.



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Timeline

April - May 2026
Community engagement to inform the design

May - June 2026
Concept design development

Late 2026
Community consultation on concept design

2027 - 2028
Place space construction (advance notice will be provided)

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the playground being renewed?

The playground is ageing, and some equipment is no longer meeting current standards. This project is an opportunity to create a safer, more inclusive space for children of all ages and abilities.

What is changing?

We are exploring ways to improve play opportunities, accessibility, and comfort. This may include new play equipment, better shade and seating, and improved paths and surfaces.

What is staying?

We understand this playground has a long history and is important to many families. As part of the renewal, we are looking at how key features can be retained, improved or reinterpreted where possible.

Some elements may need to be updated or replaced to meet current safety standards and fit within the project scope. Your feedback will help guide how these features are improved, while working within these requirements.

Will the playground be accessible for all children?

Yes. Creating a more inclusive and welcoming playground for all children is a key priority in line with Council's endorsed Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2024–2028.

The renewed playground will be designed to support a wide range of abilities, ages and ways of playing. This includes improving paths and surfaces to make it easier to move around the space,

as well as providing a variety of play opportunities that encourage physical, social, sensory and imaginative play.

Rather than separating play experiences, the design will focus on integrated equipment and features that can be enjoyed together. This means children of different abilities can play side by side, supporting inclusion, connection and shared experiences.

The playground will also include spaces for different play styles, from active and challenging elements to quieter areas for rest, observation or sensory play, helping ensure all children feel comfortable and included.

Can I choose the final design?

Community feedback will help shape the playground, particularly the types of play and features included. Council will make the final decision, taking into account feedback, budget and technical requirements.

What can I have a say on?

You can share your ideas about:

- Play equipment and activities
- Features like seating, shade and nature play
- What works well and what could be improved

When will construction happen?

Timing will be confirmed once the design is finalised. We will keep the community updated as the project progresses.

If construction impacts access to the playground, signage will be in place to let you know in advance.

Will the playground close during works?

Yes, there will likely be temporary closures during construction to ensure safety. We will provide advance notice and updates.

How can I stay updated?

You can follow the project on the Our Adelaide page and sign up for updates to stay informed.

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Feedback Form

We'd love to hear from parents and carers who use Glover Playground South (Park 20). Your feedback will help shape a space that works for children of all ages and abilities.

You're welcome to complete this survey together with your children or young people in your care, so we can hear directly from them as well.

Survey closes at 11:59pm, Tuesday 28 April 2026.

This form can also be completed online at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au.

Q1. How do you participate in city life?

a) ☐ Play (Leisure/Recreation)

b) ☐ Work

c) ☐ Shop

d) ☐ Study

e) ☐ Live (Reside)

f) ☐ Own a business

g) ☐ Tourist

Q2. Are you a City of Adelaide ratepayer? (Yes/No)

Q3. Age Group

a) ☐ Under 9

b) ☐ 10–14

c) ☐ 15-19

d) ☐ 20-29

e) ☐ 30-39

f) ☐ 40-49

g) ☐ 50-59

h) ☐ 60-69

i) ☐ 70-79

j) ☐ 80+

Q4. How often do you visit Glover South Playground?

a) ☐ Daily

b) ☐ A few times a week

c) ☐ Weekly

d) ☐ Occasionally

e) ☐ I've only visited once

f) ☐ Never (what has prevented you from visiting?)

Q5. What do you like about Glover South Playground?

Q6. Who do you usually visit with? (Select all that apply)

a) ☐ My child/children

b) ☐ Children I care for (e.g. grandparent, carer)

c) ☐ Family or friends

d) ☐ Other (please specify)

Q7. What age group(s) are the children you bring? (Select all that apply)

a) ☐ 0-2 years

b) ☐ 3-5 years

c) ☐ 6-10 years

d) ☐ 11-14 years

e) ☐ 15-17 years

Q8. What do your children enjoy most at a playground? Choose up to three (3).

a) ☐ Climbing, running and exploring

b) ☐ Swings and slides

c) ☐ Playing with other children

d) ☐ Nature play (logs, sand, plants)

e) ☐ Sensory play (water, textures, sounds)

f) ☐ Quiet or calm spaces

g) ☐ Other (please specify)

Q9. Do you or the children you care for have any accessibility needs we should consider?

Q10. What features do you consider important when visiting a playground? Please choose your top three (3)

a) ☐ Nature play (for example trees, plants, sand or natural materials)

b) ☐ A variety of play equipment

c) ☐ Climbing and active play opportunities

d) ☐ Places to sit and rest

e) ☐ Shade and shelter

f) ☐ Clear views across the playground (so you can easily see children)

g) ☐ Accessible toilets

h) ☐ Baby, child and adult changing facilities

i) ☐ Lighting for early evening use

j) ☐ Easy paths to and around the playground

k) ☐ Planting, including new trees and understorey plants

l) ☐ Artwork and wayfinding

m) ☐ Parking nearby

n) ☐ Accessible parking

o) ☐ Accessible walking loop

p) ☐ Safe drop-off areas

q) ☐ BBQ facilities, place to eat, picnic

r) ☐ Connection to the Basketball Court and Oval

s) ☐ Water feature or small waterplay

t) ☐ Maintain the fenced environment

u) ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Q11. What could be improved at Glover Playground South (Park 20) to make this playground a great place for your family and friends?

Q12. Do you have any other feedback about Glover Playground?

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Contact Details (optional)

Providing contact details in a feedback form is optional. However, we ask for this information because we want to know a little more about who you are and how you use the city to ensure we get a higher quality of data to go along with your feedback. The data will help us analyse feedback from specific groups (e.g. age, gender, City users), which in-turn will provide a richer and more valuable response to help Council make decisions.

First Name:		**Last Name:**	
Email Address:			
Address:			
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable)**:**			
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Identity	**Year of Birth:**	
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):			
☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Play *(e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)*
☐ Study	☐ Tourist	☐ Own a Business	
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):			
☐ Council Services & Programs	☐ Open Space & Recreation	☐ City Design, Planning & Development	☐ New & Future Projects
☐ Social & Community Issues	☐ Policy, Budget and Management Plans	☐ Environmental Issues	☐ Arts & Events in the City
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):			
☐ North Ward	☐ Central Ward	☐ South Ward	

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Please Note: *If you've ticked Yes, you will receive an email to your nominated e-mail address above to confirm your new account.*

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How do I provide my feedback?

Take our survey
Scan the QR Code to view the concept plan and take our online survey or visit https://ouradelaide.sa.gov.au/glover-south-playground-renewal

Drop by on our community day

Come and meet the project team, give us your ideas and ask questions.

When:

9.00 – 11.00 am
Saturday, 11 April

Where:
Glover Playground South (Park 20) (**South Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000**, near the intersection of Unley/Pulteney Road)

Written Submissions

All written submissions must be received by 5.00pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026 and should be addressed to:

Community Consultation
Glover South Playground Renewal Project
GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

How will my feedback be used?

We are committed to working with stakeholders and the community on the future of the Glover South Playground (Park 20).

Your feedback will help shape the vision and priorities to help the design team bring to life a new, integrated playspace for the City of Adelaide.

Find out more

Got questions or need more information?

Visit
https://ouradelaide.sa.gov.au/glover-south-playground-renewal

Email
infrastructureprojects@cityofadelaide.com.au

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